



ANYTOWN

A SIX DAY SOCIAL JUSTICE, COMMUNITY BUILDING AND LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE FOR HIGH SCHOOL AGE YOUTH FROM CONNECTICUT AND WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS
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Camp ANYTOWN is a nationally recognized and award winning diversity, leadership, and social justice program for youth ages 15-18. Founded in 1957, ANYTOWN is designed to educate, liberate, and empower youth participants (delegates) to become effective, responsible leaders and community builders.

For six days, a diverse group of 60 high school students come together to build a community based on respect, understanding, and inclusivity. Through interactive games, workshops, and discussions Delegates along with 25 staff members explore the thoughts, opinions and experiences we all share on topics like prejudice, discrimination, and hate. Through this dialogue, the Delegates are taken on a journey to create a model for an ideal community in which members not just tolerate, but celebrate each other's differences. It is the goal of ANYTOWN to equip the Delegates with the knowledge and skills to transform their home communities into places where individual differences are seen as positive tools that bring people together instead of keeping them apart.

Since 1999, Camp ANYTOWN of NCCJ-CT/WMA has empowered thousands of youth and adults to create inclusive, just and prejudice-free schools and communities. It is our hope that with this application you will join our ever expanding family of people who dare to imagine and work for a better world.

How to Apply:

- Complete all pages of the enclosed application form and return it to Muneer Panjwani by **June 15th, 2010 at the address listed below**. Please answer all questions in as much detail as possible.
Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Enclose a non-refundable \$25 registration fee with your application, payable to the "NCCJ of CT/WMA" with the applicants name on the "memo" line. Registration Fee waivers are granted by request only. Please contact Muneer Panjwani at 860-683-1039 to discuss financial aid.

- Have questions? Contact:

Muneer Panjwani - ANYTOWN

1095 Day Hill Road, Ste 100

Windsor, CT 06095

Phone: 860-683-1039 ext 102

Fax: 860-683-1409

Frequently Asked Questions:

Where is the camp located? Camp ANYTOWN is located on the beautiful campus of Saint Joseph College in West Hartford, Connecticut. Each participant is placed in a “cabin” of 6-8 delegates and 2 peer counselors. These cabins are located in the brand-new suites of Saint Joseph College’s student housing. Meals are taken at the College’s Cafeteria, and most of our activities take place in their large meeting rooms.

What can I do to make my application stand out? Be honest! As much as we value the professional and extra-curricular activities that applicants bring to the table, we are more interested in learning about who you are, why you want to come to ANYTOWN, what you hope to get out of it, and what you want to do with your learning after camp.

Is the information that I provide on the application confidential? Yes. Only the Director of Youth Programs and the Youth Intern look at the applications.

How will I be notified if I have been accepted into the program or not? You will receive a letter in the mail notifying you during the first week of July.

How do I know what to bring to camp? If you have been accepted into the program, you will receive an “Acceptance Packet” in the mail that will include additional forms, a list of suggested things to bring, bus schedule, and other information.

What kind of food will we get? Saint Joseph College has an internal chef that prepares delicious meals for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Each meal includes vegetarian and kosher options. Please let us know if you have any food allergies or other specifications so that we can let the chef know. You may bring snacks and other foods for yourself. (For fun, each cabin is supplied with an endless amount of snacks!)

I’m nervous to come by myself. Will I be able to make friends? Absolutely yes! Most of the delegates come alone or only barely “knowing” other students from their school or community. As soon as you arrive, you will find yourself immersed in one the friendliest, welcoming, warm, and accepting community. Our staff will do all they can, which basically means they’ll be themselves, to make you feel comfortable. We do lots of activities as soon as you arrive to get you acquainted with the staff and each other. Each delegate will be randomly placed in a “cabin” with other people staffed by two counselors and one adult advisor. This cabin will become your family within a couple of days.

Can I leave camp early? No. We expect you to attend for the entire duration of the program. If you cannot make the entire camp please do not apply and consider applying when you are able to make the entire camp.

What if I have been accepted and I cannot attend? Please let us know as soon as you know that you will not be able to attend so that we may allow the next person on our waiting list to take your spot. Each spot at ANYTOWN is valuable in cost and experience, so we plan to have each spot filled. Your camp fee minus the registration fee will be returned if you let us know by July 15th.

I just graduated high school this year can I still apply? One of the primary goals of ANYTOWN is to have the delegates return to their high schools and take actions steps to bring positive changes to their communities. With this said, depending on available spots and if you are 18 years of age or younger, we do accept applications from graduated high school students. Please send in your application and we will inform you of our decision.

I am not enrolled in any high school, can I still apply? Yes, as long as you're between the ages of 15-18 you are eligible to apply.

How can parents learn more about ANYTOWN? NCCJ will host a Parent Information Session on May 7th and July 8th at 5:30 PM at the NCCJ office. Please do not bring your children (ANYTOWN Delegates) as the information we provide will give away some secrets of the experience. ☺ Please RSVP by calling 860-683-1039.

I have more questions, what do I do? Just call us. Our office staff will be happy to answer all of your questions.

Dates to Remember:

Application Deadline: June 15, 2010 (Due to the high volume of applications, late applications will not be considered except if you have prior approval by Muneer Panjwani) Applicants are encouraged to apply early as the available spots fill up very quickly.

Camp Dates: August 1-6, 2010 (Delegates are expected to stay for the entire duration of camp. If you cannot attend for the entire week, please do not send your application.)

Delegate Acceptance Notification: July 1st, 2010

Parent Orientation Dates: May 7th, 2010 and July 9th, 2010 at 5:30 PM at NCCJ Office at 1095 Day Hill Road, Windsor, CT.

Camp Fees: Through our grants and fund-raising efforts we are able to reduce the camp cost for each participant down to \$500 from \$1,500. NCCJ must receive the entire camp fee of \$500 by **July 15th, 2010**. If you would like to set up a payment plan, please contact Muneer Panjwani to discuss options.

Financial Aid: Full and Partial scholarships are available based on financial need. Please remember to fill out the financial aid form to be considered for a scholarship.

Applicants are encouraged to apply regardless of their financial situation. NCCJ will work with your family to cover the fees that you cannot.



Camp ANYTOWN

SUNDAY AUGUST 1, 2010 – FRIDAY AUGUST 6, 2010

Please type or print legibly.

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Name: _____

Your Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Number: _____

(city) (state) (zip)

Birthday: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

School you Attend (if any): _____

Place of Birth: _____

Grade you will be in Next Year:

Have you ever applied to attend ANYTOWN before? _____

9th 10th 11th 12th GED

Have you ever participated in the BRIDGES Program? If yes, when and where? _____

T-Shirt Size:

S M L XL XXL

How did you learn about ANYTOWN? _____

To ensure diversity at ANYTOWN, please check any of the following that apply to you. It is important that you check at least one box in each section. This information is confidential and will not be disclosed or used for any other purposes.

d) RACE (please check all that apply)

- African American/Black
- Asian/Asian American
- Biracial/Multiracial
- Please specify: _____
- Indigenous/American Indian/Native American Please specify: _____
- Jewish
- Latino (a)/Hispanic/Chicano (a)
- Middle Eastern
- Pacific Islander
- South Asian (Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, Tibetan, etc.)
- White, Caucasian, European American
- Other: _____

f) SEXUAL ORIENTATION (Please check all that apply)

- Heterosexual
- Bisexual
- Pansexual
- Questioning
- Gay
- Lesbian
- Queer
- Other: _____

b) DISABILITIES

- Yes No
- If yes please list: _____

b) SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM:

- Free Reduced Not Applicable

e) RELIGIOUS IDENTIFICATION

Please use the line provided to list specific religion

- Agnostic
- Atheist
- Baha'
- Buddhist
- Christian _____
- Hindu: _____
- Islam: _____
- Jewish: _____
- Native American: _____
- Pagan/Wiccan/Druid
- Sikhism
- Other: _____

a) SOCIOECONOMIC CLASS

YEARLY INCOME:

- Below \$15,000
- \$15,000-\$29,999
- \$30,000-\$49,999
- \$50,000-\$74,999
- \$75,000-\$99,999
- \$100,000-\$199,000
- Above \$200,000

c) GENDER IDENTITY

- Woman Man
- Transgender/Gender Variant
- Other: _____

CAMP FEES AND FINANCIAL AID

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **CHECK ONE OF THE PAYMENT OPTIONS.**
2. **IF APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID, SUBMIT A "LETTER OF INTENT" WITH THE APPLICATION.**
3. **INCLUDE YOUR \$25 NON-REFUNDABLE APPLICATION REGISTRATION FEE. APPLICATIONS WITHOUT FEE WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.**

The total cost of Camp ANYTOWN is \$1,500 per delegate. NCCJ of CT/WMA works hard to raise funds and solicit donations so that we can reduce that cost to \$500 per delegate. We recognize that many families cannot afford this fee, and therefore provide full and partial scholarships for any applicant who needs assistance in paying the fee. We are proud of the fact that we are able to offer ANYTOWN at low to no cost to many of our applicants to keep this program accessible to all interested youth. These scholarships are based on need and a "Letter of Intent" is necessary to be considered. There are limited numbers of scholarships available so apply early to ensure we have the funds to cover your costs.

If your scholarship request is granted, the portion that comes from your personal financial obligation should be paid no later than two weeks prior to ANYTOWN (July 16th, 2010). We are happy to make semi-monthly payment arrangements as well as setting up other payment plans. You will be notified of the scholarship amount with your acceptance packet.

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations made prior to two weeks before the program will receive a full refund minus the application fee of \$25. Cancellations made after July 16th will not receive any refunds.

Letter of Intent: If you are applying for full or partial scholarship, please submit a brief letter indicating the amount of scholarship you are requesting, the amount your family can contribute, your family's household income, your specific circumstance and reasons for why you are requesting that amount, and why you should receive such a scholarship. **(Will be kept confidential.)**

Payment Options: Please check one of the following boxes (Make checks payable to "NCCJ of CT/WMA")

- I am not applying for financial aid. I have enclosed \$500 with this application.
- I am not applying for financial aid. I have enclosed \$ _____, and will pay the remaining balance by July 16th, 2010.
- I am applying for partial scholarship (less than \$475). I have enclosed my \$25 registration fee plus \$ _____, and am requesting financial assistance for \$ _____.
- I am applying for full scholarship (a total of \$500). I have enclosed a "Letter of Intent" with this application.
- I am being sponsored by my school/organization/agency. The payment from that agency is enclosed.
- I am being sponsored by my school/organization/agency. They will mail payment no later than July 16th, 2010.

Sponsor Information: Must be completed if applicant is being sponsored by a school or agency.

Sponsoring School, Agency, Organization: _____

Address: _____

Name of Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Contact Title/Position: _____

Donations: NCCJ works hard to be able to offer ANYTOWN as well as other youth programs at low to no cost to all of it's participants. This is only possible by the generation donations we receive from community members and leaders who support our work and envision a future free of prejudice and bigotry. If you would like to donate to the NCCJ of CT/WMA in addition to the applicants ANYTOWN fee, please check a box below. Donations are tax deductible.

- In addition to paying for the applicants ANYTOWN fee, I would like to contribute to the ANYTOWN Scholarship Fund to provide assistance for a young person who might not be able to attend otherwise. I have enclosed \$ _____.
- I will send an additional check at a later, please invoice me for \$ _____.

PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS BELOW ON A SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER TO COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION. THERE ARE NO RIGHT OR WRONG ANSWERS. BE HONEST AND PROVIDE AS MUCH DETAIL AS POSSIBLE.

1. Please describe a time when you have experienced or witnessed prejudice, discrimination, or some other "ism" (for example: racism, sexism, ageism, etc.). Provide detail.
2. Please tell us about a time when you have taken some sort of action to stop prejudice, discrimination, or some other form of "ism." If you have not taken an action, describe a time when you wish you had taken an action and why you did not.
3. What would you like to get out of your ANYTOWN experience? Why?
4. What can you (skills, knowledge, talents, etc.) add to the ANYTOWN community? Why should you be chosen to attend?
5. Please talk about one or two social issues that interest you or you want to know more about. Describe the issue, and tell us why it matters to you. If applicable, also tell us what you have done so far to learn more about it and/or take action on it.
6. Have you ever attended any other programs that address diversity, leadership, and youth empowerment? Please share what your experience was like.

We ask that each applicant obtain a recommendation from a teacher, counselor, principal, mentor, supervisor, clergy, or another non-relative adult.

By recommending this student, I agree that she/he is physically, emotionally, and mentally capable of participating in ANYTOWN which challenges participants to discuss their experiences and attitudes about diversity, prejudice, and social change.

Name: _____ Phone number: _____

Position/Organization: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

By signing below I certify that all information in this application is true and correct:

Applicants Name: _____

Applicants Signature: _____ Date: _____

By signing below I give permission for the young person named above to apply as a delegate for the NCCJ Camp ANYTOWN 2010 Program:

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Parent/Guardians Signature: _____ Date: _____