

**Youth as Partners in Civic Leadership
Conference 2026
Friday, November 13th – Sunday, November 15th, 2026**

Arrive and settle in between 1-5 pm. Have lunch on the way. Be ready to start at 5pm.

Upham Woods, N194 County Rd N, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

Emergency contact: Joe Maldonado (414) 339-4574. Camp phone number: (262) 327-8444. Cell phone coverage may be limited.

Who should attend: Teams of high school-age youth (ages 14-18) young adults (18-21) and adults (21 or older) who share decision-making roles in communities, schools and organizations. Groups are limited to 10 people with a preferred ratio of four youth to each adult.

Accommodations: The conference maximizes the camp atmosphere with a mixture of learning, fun and connection-building activities. Workshops and activities are hosted in informal meeting rooms, the lodge hall and the dining area.

Overnight lodging: Heated cabins. Up to 24 youth per cabin. Screened adult volunteers will stay in a separate area within youth cabins; other adults will be in all-adult dorms. Members of teams will be blended with other teams in cabins to promote fellowship.

What to Bring: Bedding is needed—a pillow, sleeping bag or sheets/blankets, towel, toiletries, flashlight. For open stage—bring hand musical instruments (guitar, fiddle...), poetry, etc.

Supervision: Male or female adult chaperones sleep in the common areas in cabins between units with bed checks throughout the nights. Teams are asked to designate an adult to help with supervision (this person needs to complete a Chaperone Expectation Statement.)

Special Accommodations: University of Wisconsin-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title IX and ADA requirements. Please request reasonable accommodations to ensure equal access to the conference before the registration deadline.

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2026 YPCL Conference Packing List – Upham Woods

What to Bring:

- Bedding – pillow, sleeping bag or sheets/blanket for twin bed
- Cell Phone and charger
- Water Bottle (labeled with your name)
- Bath Towel and Wash cloth
- Sense of adventure
- Warm clothes
- Rain gear
- Toiletries – shampoo, soap, toothbrush & toothpaste, etc.
- Openness to new things and people
- Flashlight
- Shoes for walking that can get dirty (there will be mud if it rains)
- Medications in original containers with name

Do NOT Bring:

- ✓ Valuables such as jewelry, electronic equipment, etc. We recommend you leave these at home or in your vehicle.

Please note:

- ✓ Limited cell phone services available on camp grounds.
- ✓ Wireless Internet access may be available, but only in the lodge
- ✓ Food should not be brought to cabins to discourage unwanted wildlife.