



**Youth Leadership Initiative (YLI)
2019 – 2020 Schedule of Classes and Attendance Policy**

| Session | Date(s) | Time |
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| Orientation | 8/6 | 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. |
| Opening Overnight Retreat* | 8/9 and 8/10 | Fri 4:00 p.m. - Sat 5:00pm |
| Experience Day 1 | 9/6 | 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. |
| Classroom Session | 9/9 | 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. |
| Experience Day 2 | 10/4 | 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. |
| Etiquette Dinner | 10/7 | 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. |
| Experience Day 3 | 11/1 | 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. |
| Classroom Session | 11/4 | 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. |
| Experience Day 4 | 12/6 | 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. |
| Classroom Session | 12/9 | 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. |
| Experience Day 5 | 1/17 | 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. |
| Classroom Session | 1/20 | 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. |
| Experience Day 6 | 2/14 | 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. |
| Classroom Session | 2/17 | 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. |
| Experience Day 7 | 3/6 | 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. |
| Classroom Session | 3/9 | 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. |
| Snow Make-up Day | 3/27 | 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. |
| Experience Day 8 | 4/3 | 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. |
| Classroom Session | 4/6 | 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. |
| Experience Day 9 | 4/24 | 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. |
| Graduation Rehearsal | 4/27 | 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. |
| Graduation Ceremony* | 4/30 | 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. |

*Indicates required session

Attendance Policy

- Be sure you can commit to all the class dates and have discussed these with your parent/guardian, as well as other commitments (work, school activities, etc.).
 - Once selected we will work with your school to ensure the absence is excused. The student will need to make up classroom assignments.
- A student will miss no more than two experience days to be eligible to successfully complete the program. All absences must be made-up by completing an approved make-up session and/or service hours. This list will be provided to you at orientation.
- Opening retreat and graduation are required sessions. If you are unable to attend these sessions, we ask that you withdraw your application from consideration.
- Participants will need to complete a make-up if they arrive 1 hour after the class has started or leave 1 hour prior to the official dismissal.
- In extreme circumstances, an appeal may be submitted to the YLI Coordinator.

Session Locations

- Experience Days begin and end at the Greater Des Moines Partnership Office, 700 Locust St. Suite 100, Des Moines, IA 50309.
- Classroom Sessions are held at the Greater Des Moines Partnership Office unless otherwise communicated.