

**Youth Leadership Initiative (YLI)
2020 – 2021 Schedule of Classes and Attendance Policy**

Session	Date(s)	Time
Orientation	8/4	6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Opening Overnight Retreat*	8/7 and 8/8	Fri 4:00 p.m. - Sat 5:00pm
Exploring our Selves: Personal Development	9/11	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Classroom Session	9/14	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Exploring our Lenses: Equity and Inclusion	10/9	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Classroom Session	10/12	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Exploring Well-Being: Mind and Body	11/6	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Classroom Session	11/9	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Exploring When Resources Lack: The Ripple Effect	12/4	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Classroom Session	12/7	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Exploring Public Service: Government and Policy	1/8	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Classroom Session	1/11	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Exploring Art: Culture in our Everyday	2/5	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Classroom Session	2/8	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Exploring Economy: Business & STEM	3/5	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Classroom Session	3/8	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Snow Make-up Day	3/26	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Exploring YOU: Telling Your YLI Story	4/2	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Classroom Session	4/5	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Exploring Natural Resources: Water Quality & Climate	4/23	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Graduation Rehearsal	4/26	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Graduation Ceremony*	4/29	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 miss any portion of class.
- In extreme circumstances, an appeal may be submitted to the YLI Coordinator.

Session Locations

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

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