

Welfare Association's Youth 2009 Summer Program

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About
the 2009 WAY Summer Program:

Youth from Arab and Palestinian descent share common challenges, dreams, and aspirations as they make their transition from childhood dependence to adult independence, and from being recipients of society's services to becoming contributors to national economic, political, and cultural life. The contribution of these youth in support of the Palestinian cause can make a great difference and perhaps determine how Palestine will remain on the future map of the area.

The young are able, willing, and eager to play their full role in support of the Palestinian cause and sustainable development. Welfare Association (WA) recognizes that while youth are the leaders of tomorrow, they have until recently been largely ignored by development planners and implementers.

To address the above, and recognizing the need to move away from programming for youth to programming with youth, and adopting the SOS (Services-Opportunities-Support) model for youth programming, WA began a process of creating a platform (named Welfare Association's Youth - WAY) where youth, particularly from Arab and Palestinian descent, can find an available vehicle to channel their interest and passion to help Palestine and the Palestinian people.

The goal of the WAY program is to create a platform where youth, particularly from Arab and Palestinian descent, can find an available vehicle to channel their interest and passion to help Palestine and the Palestinian people. Towards that overall program goal, the project aims at raising the awareness of youth regarding the Palestinian cause, its roots, current issues and challenges, and future perspectives through hands-on experience in Palestinian camps in Lebanon.

Specifically, and through voluntary work and positive exposure, the project is expected to achieve the following results:

- An enhancement of participants' knowledge of issues related to the Palestinian cause and the state of Palestinian refugees in camps in Lebanon, particularly youth.
- An enhancement of participants' knowledge of the Welfare Association programs as well as of other active civil society organizations providing services to Palestinians in Lebanon.
- Connecting youth from Diaspora and Palestinian youth in refugee camps in Lebanon, and to better understand the challenges they face, and their needs.
- Building awareness on ways to help Palestinians, and nurturing a self enhanced commitment towards philanthropy in the future

Project Description

The 1st WAY Summer Journey is an educational and participatory project designed to raise awareness regarding the Palestinian cause, its roots, current issues, challenges, and future perspectives through a program designed for teens that would come through a hands on experience in Palestinian camps in Lebanon. Participants will engage as volunteers and participants in a multiple well planned interactive educational workshops for 8 days during the month of July 2009 with the WA supported projects in three selected Palestinian camps: Nahr el Bared, Beddawi, and Mar Elias camps.

The activities for the 8-day visit will include, but are not limited to:

- Learning visits to the 3 Palestinian camps
- Volunteering with

the WA's partner organization: Kanafani Foundation

- Outdoors and indoors interactive workshops focused on building the seeds of philanthropy
- A hands-on experience to cultivate future community services and fundraising
- Team building activities, reflection sessions, group discussions and games
- Cultural, and Entertaining events with Historic site visits to Lebanese landmarks: Jeita grotto, Harissa, Beit Din and Byblos Festivals, Eddé Sandsbeach and the Eco-Village.

The participants will arrive on Sunday July 12th and the last day of the program will be Monday July 20th 2009. Participants are accepted on the recognition that they will participate in the duration of the summer program.

Expenses:

Participants are responsible for their own travel fees to and from Beirut.

The registration fee is \$2,000 per participant, which covers accommodation, food, transportation, events, workshops, and Historic Site visits.

Eligibility
for participation:

WAY is seeking Arab youth from various backgrounds. The participants' must be between the ages of 16 and 19. Exceptions to the age range will be made on a case-by-case basis. participants' must demonstrate a high level of desire to participate in this program, and excepted to interact with their team in all activities, and experience the diversity of all participants, regardless of gender, , geographic, linguistic, or cultural differences. The participants are expected to have a take-home value and knowledge that will allow them to appreciate what the program has to offer, but also becoming better persons and develop their sense of giving.

Registration is limited to 12 teens,

and due to limited space, the acceptance will be on first come first serve basis.

Registration shall close on July 6.

Arrival/Departure:

The WA will arrange for airport pick-up and drop off of all participants. Such information needs to be sent to the Program Director on or before July 9.

Safety and Security:

The WA has made all necessary arrangements to safeguard the wellbeing of all participants and the selection of the locations and field trips has taken into consideration such aspect. Locations are carefully selected, to insure the participants will all have a positive learning experience. All activities shall be fully supervised by WA Program Coordinator and designated counselors.

Special Needs/ Medical:

Should any participant have any special needs, whether dietary and or medical, please advise the Program Coordinator prior to the start of the program.

Hotel Accommodations:

Participants will reside in the May Flower Hotel located in Hamra. Each two participants will share one twin size room. http://www.mayflower.com.lb/MF_din_blue.htm. Single room reservations could be arranged upon request.

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