MAKE SURE STUDENTS ARE **READY**

Enroll in READY CAMP

A summer camp for youth escorted by advisors

READY (Responding to Emergencies And Disasters with Youth) is a five-day summer camp that provides training to middle and high school youth, age 13 – 18, escorted by advisors. READY helps prepare youth to respond in unexpected situations that require immediate action until additional help arrives. It also inspires youth to take action in creating resilient and positive solutions to real and local needs in their school, neighborhood, and community through volunteer activities and community service learning projects. The curricula has been developed by leading educators and emergency responders.

Who attends:

Teams of students and an advisor from each participating school or community youth organization can enroll. Youth are allowed to attend individually, but team involvement is preferred.

Advanced READY Camper Track Option

Youth that have successfully completed either a READY Camp or READY Class can continue their training by attending as Advanced READY Campers. Advanced READY Campers will assist the READY Camp Counselors in leading activities. Educational modules will refresh skills already learned and expand on scenario-based and hands-on learning. Visit citizenpreparedness.org for more information.

When and where is READY offered:

2012 READY Camp will be held on **June 25-29** at Bethel Horizons, Dodgeville, WI, next to Governor Dodge State Park in collaboration with the UW-Madison Police Department, UW-Madison Emergency Department, UW-Madison Med Flight, and American Family Children's Hospital. **Registration deadline: June 1**.

If interested in registering after the deadline date, please call or email to see if space is available. Registration will be limited to 80 youth. If READY Camp fills, the planning team will consider holding a second camp experience.

What is the cost:

READY Camp instructional and material costs are supported by grant funds and private donations.* READY Camp fee totals = $215/camper – of that total, $100/student non-refundable deposit is due ASAP to save spot at the camp with $115/camper remaining due prior to the June 1 deadline. The registration fee is to cover lodging, meals, and transportation costs for the week along with American Heart Association First Aid, CPR and AED certification. READY is committed to assisting with fundraising efforts in your community to support attendance of youth, and also has a limited number of student attendance scholarships. Please contact us for more information or submit a letter requesting a scholarship.**

* *READY Camp may be cancelled if funding is not received. If the READY Camp that you are registered for is cancelled, the full deposit will be refunded.*

** *If interested in a scholarship, please send a letter explaining why the young person is interested in attending READY Camp and the reason they are not able to raise funds to support the registration fees.*

Find a list of past READY Camper activities at www.citizenpreparedness.org

The READY program includes:

- identification and description of potential hazards
- reducing hazards in and around the home, school and community
- describing students' potential role in preventing, planning for, responding to and recovering from an emergency situation
- safety and injury prevention, First aid, CPR and Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) training and certification
- leadership development through outdoor adventure activities, lessons, Leadership Development Course, Zip Lines and Outdoor Ropes Course
- career development with fire department, law enforcement, emergency management and health care personnel
- community service learning projects
- multiple hands-on mock disaster exercises

"READY has provided opportunities for our teens to do very important work in preparing others and our community for disaster and emergency situations."

— Kimberly Schubring, Family and Youth Program Director, Bay View Community Center, Milwaukee

Student benefits:

As a student attending READY Camp, you will be learning:

- about health, safety, and potential dangers in your community, school and home
- fun activities while getting to know youth from different areas across the state
- skills that will help you respond such as safety and injury prevention, first aid, CPR and AED training
- how to become a resilient leader in promoting positive messages and areas of safety
- application of skills including teamwork and communication while working through emergency situation scenarios
- development in citizenship, volunteerism, leadership and advocacy
- confidence in your new abilities and yourself.
- interactive activities that you can take home
- mentoring relationships with doctors, nurses, fire fighters, emergency medical technicians, police officers, teachers and emergency management directors

Team advisor benefits:

As an advisor attending READY Camp you will select a team of students to represent your school or community organization. READY Team advisors learn how to prepare their school and community for emergencies and disaster, and earn professional development credits. You will also be connected to an international network of emergency response professionals.

The whole team benefits:

- Teams will be included in an international network to receive resources and information.
- READY Clubs and Student Emergency Response Teams (SERT) are being developed across the state in schools and youth organizations.
- As a team connected to the READY Program, you will be offered many opportunities to remain active and involved in service-learning projects throughout the school year.

How does my school or community organization take part in READY?

- Visit citizenpreparedness.org for an application.
- READY Team advisors must be certified teachers or other qualified adults above the age of 21. Advisors must include a letter of recommendation from their school or organization stating their qualifications. A background check will be completed on all advisors.
- Along with the application, you must send a $100/student non-refundable deposit. If the READY Camp that you are registered for is cancelled, the full deposit will be refunded.
- Once accepted into the READY Camp, you will receive a confirmation packet explaining further event details.
- Payment of the full registration fee must be received at least one week prior to the beginning of camp. Payments can be made by mail or on-line at citizenpreparedness.org.

"READY Camp was a blast! We learned so much, are working on emergency preparedness activities in our school and community, and keeping in touch with kids from across the state!"

— Allie Walsh, President, READY Club - Greendale High School

For more information visit www.citizenpreparedness.org

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