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YWCA Hartford Region Teaches Young Women to “Make the Most of Me!” with the YWLC Summer Institute

YWCA Now Accepting Applications for the YWLC Summer Institute



Participants from the 2009 YWCA Hartford Region's Young Women's Leadership Corps (YWLC) Summer Institute.

Hartford, CT-YWCA Hartford Region announces it is accepting applications for their Young Women's Leadership Corps (YWLC) Summer Institute, a free program that gives young women grades 7-12 in the Greater Hartford area the power to persevere both personally and academically. The Summer Institute will run Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., from July 12 through August 13 at the YWCA Hartford Region.

Preparing for a rewarding college experience or career, and managing money are just two of the skills young women gain from participation in the YWCA's Young Women's Leadership Corps (YWLC). This year the summer program includes trips, fun activities and engaging educational workshops to build leadership skills, make better decisions, learn to set goals, and enhance personal wellness.

“We give young women the tools to succeed and become successful and independent women all while having fun and forming relationships with their peers,” said Susan Dawson, Youth Development Director YWCA Hartford Region.

The young women will participate in non traditional sports such as rowing on the Connecticut River, yoga and horseback riding. They will also participate in a community service project with Foodshare to encourage community involvement. Trips include a college planning trip to St. Joseph College and a trip to Madame Tussauds Wax Museum in New York City. In addition, the young women will have the opportunity to get certified as a Safe Sitter.

In its ninth year, YWLC has taught young women that all things are possible and has helped over 400 young women reach their goals and dreams. The goal of the program is to create a multi-strand experience that focuses on practical, life based, interactive and fun activities. YWLC has a high success rate with past graduates demonstrating increased personal and academic success.

For registration materials and more information, please call Susan Dawson, Youth Development Director at (860) 525-1163, ext. 317 or go to www.ywcahartford.org.

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Established in 1867, YWCA Hartford Region is the third oldest affiliate YWCA USA, a women's membership movement dedicated to **eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all**. YWCA Hartford Region provides programs and services in the greater Hartford area including child care, supportive housing, teen leadership development, racial justice awareness, financial literacy, and economic empowerment. For more information, visit www.ywcahartford.org.

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