

Draft Proposal to the Gates Foundation

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
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Dear :

On the last day of the Presidents' Summit for America's Future in 1997, young people reported their thoughts to the U.S. Presidents and thousands of national, state, and local leaders who had assembled to work and plot together to turn the tide for millions of America's children and youth. In a speech entitled "A Call for Partnership," a youth representative called for adults to work **with** young people, not just **for** young people. This young person also made the commitment that in the year 2000 young people would hold their own Summit to explore how youth and adults were making a difference in the lives of young people and communities.

For three and a half days in June, up to 1,000 people - in youth-adult teams - will come together in Orlando for the National Youth Summit. This convening reflects both a follow-up activity to the 1997 Presidents' Summit and a unique convergence of national service-related organizations that are joining forces to place a special emphasis on fulfilling five promises in the lives of children and youth.

The National Youth Summit is being planned by 23 national organizations committed to making sure young people develop the character and competence they need to lead successful lives. Partners include: American Red Cross, America's Promise, Center for Youth as Resources, Campus Outreach Opportunity League, City Cares, Inc., Communities in Schools, Corporation for National Service, Earthforce, Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation, Minnesota Alliance with Youth, National Assembly of Health and Human Service Organizations, National Council of Volunteer Centers, National Dropout Prevention Center, National 4-H Council, National Youth Leadership Council, Points of Light Foundation, Search Institute, United Way of America, YouthLEAD, Youth on Board, Youth Service America, Youth Volunteer Corps of America, and the YWCA. The planning process is being facilitated by youth-adult teams from the National Youth Leadership Council, the Points of Light Foundation and YouthLEAD, and implementation is being staffed by the Points of Light Foundation.

We believe the special focus of the National Youth Summit will stimulate a new and expanded nation-wide force that recognizes, reinforces, coordinates, and inspires local action to benefit and engage children and youth through the full array of national and community service programs that we have at hand to address social problems. Interest is escalating, and our estimates for attendance grow daily. We now expect a total of nearly 1,000 people over the course of these activities.

The principal funders of The Presidents' Summit for America's Future, among others, are being approached by the Points of Light Foundation for support of the National Youth Summit. As of this writing, proposals are under review by the Ford and Robert Wood Johnson Foundations, and the Pew Charitable Trusts. The Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation has agreed to consider a proposal and the remaining Summit funders - the Charles Stewart Mott, David and Lucille

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Packard, and Wallace-Reader's Digest Foundations - will be contacted in the near future as well.

Enclosed for your review is a proposal for support of the National Youth Summit and its goal to highlight and ignite service - by youth-adult partnerships - to better the lives of young people in local communities. Specifically, we are asking for your support around three pieces:

1. Participant Education and Training - \$50,000
2. Challenge Scholarships - \$20,000
3. Post Summit Mini-grants - \$30,000

We believe this approach is consistent with interests expressed by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in promoting youth philanthropy. The proposed budget represents costs associated with the three and one-half days of activities of the National Youth Summit and follow-up activities to engage young people in grantmaking to support their post-Summit work. We are requesting that the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation support this project at the level of \$100,000 for a one-year period. The proposed project budget is included in Attachment A.

Also enclosed are some materials that outline the specific roles and collaborative activities of the sponsoring organizations and other sector leaders. This Attachment B should help clarify the relative national leadership role each organization plays.

You may already be aware that William Gates, Sr. has been invited to attend the 2000 National Community Service Conference in Orlando to serve as a speaker at the Philanthropy Plenary Session. The National Youth Summit has been scheduled to overlap with the Conference to link participants in the Summit with the larger volunteer and national service community. The expanded partnership of sponsors will bring together representatives of the full range of the service world. We hope you will consider joining us in Orlando too.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to present information about these activities for your review. ????? will follow this letter with a call to see if there is any additional information we can provide you, but please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely yours,

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A Proposal to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

The National Youth Summit Young People – Partners in Fulfilling the Promise

*To highlight and ignite service by youth-adult partnerships
to better the lives of young people in local communities.*

Background and Goals

It has been three years since the realization of Governor George Romney's dream of a national Summit convened by the Presidents to mobilize America to help solve some of the most serious social problems of our time. Romney wrote,

If we were threatened by external forces, our resurgence would be swift and sure...centered around a full-scale mobilization of the entire nation. Our domestic problems demand no less of a response than that same kind: a full-scale mobilization of all our creative resources from the largest corporation to the smallest neighborhood group. There are roles in this for government, business, education, religion, professional and civic organizations and youth, for each and every American. Governor George Romney

In April 1997, youth delegates at The Presidents' Summit for America's Future in Philadelphia articulated the importance of supporting and creating conditions in which young people throughout American society can flourish, and called for them to play a central role in leading the efforts to engage youth constructively. On the last day of the Summit, young people stood on-stage to share their thoughts. In a brief speech entitled "A Call for Partnership," Rasheed Newsom, then a junior in high school from Indianapolis, called for adults to work **with** young people, not just **for** young people. He ended his speech by making a commitment that in the year 2000 young people would hold their own Summit to explore how youth and adults were making a difference in the lives of young people and communities.

The National 4-H Council and the National Youth Leadership Council were inspired by these words and the initiative of other young people at the Summit, and committed to support a follow-up effort. Funded by a small planning grant from the Kellogg Foundation, these two organizations were joined by America's Promise, the Corporation for National Service and the Points of Light Foundation in supporting a series of meetings and planning sessions – led by young people – to develop a youth strategy for providing this country's children and youth with the five promises made in Philadelphia:

1. Ongoing relationships with caring adults;
2. Safe places with structured activities during non-school hours;
3. A healthy start and future;

4. Marketable skills through effective education; and,
5. An opportunity to give back to communities through service.

Since the Presidents' Summit, a group of national youth-serving organizations has been meeting to monitor and advance progress toward the fifth promise – giving young people the opportunities and inspiration to serve, and not just be served. This alliance of organizations is dedicated to engaging youth as partners, leaders, and resources in fulfilling the five promises for other young people. They've worked to make service the common expectation and experience of every young American, to fulfill the five promises for more children and youth through the service of other young people, and in so doing to change the public perception of young people from 'problems' to resources in strengthening communities.

Also during this time, the youth-led, youth-built movement – YouthLEAD – was founded to bring these ideas to reality. Following the planning-grant period, the National Youth Leadership Council and the Points of Light Foundation continued to support the work of this leadership group of young people, which has developed a number of strategies to promote service. The first strategy is represented in the *Principles for Authentic Youth Involvement* (Attachment C), which outlines how organizations, institutions and communities can work with and not just for young people. The second strategy is the National Youth Summit.

In honor of the third anniversary of The Presidents' Summit for America's Future, a series of collaborative events will be held in June of 2000. The purpose of these events is to launch the next phase of work that will direct national and community service to the resolution of serious social problems and enhance the quality of life for American citizens of all ages. The special focus of these events will be to stimulate a new and expanded nation-wide force that recognizes, reinforces, coordinates and inspires local action to benefit and engage children and youth.

The National Youth Summit

Beginning June 22nd and continuing through June 25th, 1,000 young people and adults will come together in Orlando for the National Youth Summit. The mission of the Summit is to highlight and ignite service by youth-adult partnerships to better the lives of young people in local communities. This will be accomplished through a series of educational workshops and activities that will help participants build their knowledge and skills to better their communities through service.

Building on this mission, five goals have been identified that call us to:

1. Determine how, through service, young people and adults can deliver the five promises to children and youth as called for by the 1997 Presidents' Summit.
2. Develop the knowledge and skills of young people and adults to build their communities through service.
3. Promote and highlight how young people and adults are already making their communities a better place.
4. Inspire and motivate young people and adults to give back to their communities through service.
5. Foster, practice, and model youth-adult partnerships.

The Summit is being planned by 23 national organizations committed to youth and the five promises. They include:

American Red Cross	National Dropout Prevention Center
America's Promise	National 4-H Council
Center for Youth as Resources	National Youth Leadership Council
Campus Outreach Opportunity League	Points of Light Foundation
City Cares, Inc.	Search Institute
Communities in Schools	United Way of America
Corporation for National Service	YouthLEAD
Earthforce	Youth on Board
Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation	Youth Service America
Minnesota Alliance with Youth	Youth Volunteer Corps of America
National Assembly of Health and Human Service Organizations	YWCA
National Council of Volunteer Centers	

The planning process is being facilitated by youth-adult teams from the National Youth Leadership Council, the Points of Light Foundation, and YouthLEAD, and implementation is being staffed by the Points of Light Foundation.

Event Design

The planning process now underway is helping to design the event, expectations concerning who will attend, projected outcomes, and the potential of the Summit for promoting civic engagement among young people. Our definition for civic engagement includes involvement in volunteer service and philanthropy, as well as participation in the democratic process through advocacy, voting and public leadership.

Summit participants will comprise teams of young people (age 12-22) and adults who represent neighborhoods, communities, or organizations. We believe the predominance of participants will be high school and college students, based on our experiences with the Philadelphia Summit and annual attendance at the National Community Service Conference. We expect a total participation of up to 1,000 people.

Additionally, we are specifically targeting the older youth for facilitator roles, which will bring a large cadre of young people to the Summit. We will be looking for young adults – YES Ambassadors (a Points of Light Foundation youth service program), AmeriCorps Promise Fellows, AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps*VISTA members, and COOL leaders – to facilitate the family groups and action teams.

The Summit program partners (current roster attached) represent a broad age-range of young people whom we anticipate will be involved in the Summit and its follow-up activities. Programs that result from the National Youth Summit should effectively reach a broad age-range

as they are implemented locally. Our goal is to begin educating slightly younger people to the concept of civic engagement, and to do a better job in preparing them for a more active civic life as young adults.

Plans for the National Youth Summit are being built around a series of interactive group activities that will help participants gain skills, learn about best practices in youth community service, and build action plans to take back home. These activities include:

1. **Action teams** are youth/adult teams of participants that represent a neighborhood, community, or organization. These teams will range in size, from three to ten people, and will meet throughout the Summit to share knowledge and learning, and to develop an action plan to take home and implement.
2. **Family groups** are mixed groups of about 20 participants who meet for discussion and reflection of Summit activities and experiences. These groups will represent a “home room” where participants can share and explore ideas with an affinity group that is different from the action team that represents their home communities. Their work will be facilitated by AmeriCorps Promise Fellows, YES Ambassadors, AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps*VISTA members, and COOL leaders.
3. **Large group gatherings** will provide opportunities for the whole group (up to 1,000 youth and adults) to have a shared experience. Traditionally this would take the form of a plenary, but it may be planned in a more creative way than simply having speakers. Conceivably these gatherings could include a service project or some interactive activity.
4. **Workshops**, to be offered in 90-minute blocks of time, will focus on skill-building and be content-based. We project there will be approximately 15 to 20 workshops offered concurrently, with an average of 40 to 50 participants per workshop.
5. The **Exhibit Hall** will represent an informal opportunity for participants to share and learn. It may be possible to invite each team to bring an exhibit or showcase representing their home community activities. The expectation is that this will be more than a traditional exhibit hall, and will provide interactive learning space.
6. Finally, **entertainment/social activities** will be offered as scheduled activities or options for most evenings. These will be youth-driven, and offer informal opportunities to bond, time for inspiration and motivation, and just plain fun.

Fundamentally, the purpose of this work is to help young people move along the continuum of civic engagement, from short-term and episodic activity to long-term committed action. It is ultimately about the process of enhancing young people’s self-perceptions concerning their ability to make a difference in their communities, and increasing this sense of competence and confidence as they grow to majority. Young people must be seen – and see themselves – as resources and solutions, not as problems and victims. We firmly believe that the National Youth Summit – proposed by the young people who attended the Presidents’ Summit for America’s Future – will represent an important step toward building local programs that will promote and foster action, resiliency, and growth in the next generation of leaders.

We have identified a series of strategies that focus on helping young people move along the continuum of civic engagement.

1. Before coming to Orlando, we are asking that participants do some preparatory work at home. Activities at the Summit will focus on enhancing existing programs and moving young volunteers to a deeper level of involvement, rather than initiating new programs.
2. The team approach to Summit programming will provide support for young people to encourage expanded thinking about solving community problems. Participation in the planned events will involve moving back and forth between the teams they came with and the Summit family groups – bringing new information and skills to what they will do back home.
3. The numbers in the different groups are being kept small to allow participants to engage in a more intensive planning process for community change, rather than large-scale brainstorming activities. Smaller work-groups will allow each participant to explore home community issues in more depth.
4. Participants will be required to come in teams of young people and adults to increase the likelihood of long-term youth-adult efforts in the follow-up activities initiated after the action teams return home.
5. The last day of the National Youth Summit will overlap with the 2000 National Community Service Conference to provide an intergenerational day of celebration, sharing and learning, and to link participants in the Youth Summit to the larger volunteer and national service community.

The 2000 National Community Service Conference

The 2000 National Community Service Conference will be held June 24 through 28 in Orlando, and is thematically organized around the five essential goals for children and youth carried forward by America's Promise in partnership with the public, private, and independent sectors. Many of the traditional Conference participants are now deeply engaged in the America's Promise crusade, and include Volunteer Centers, corporate volunteer leaders, nonprofit and grassroots organizations, State Service Commissions, local and national programs with AmeriCorps members, school- and community-based service-learning programs, and senior service organizations.

To achieve a broader reach, the Points of Light Foundation and the Corporation for National Service have actively engaged additional partners in planning and implementing the millenium conference. Specifically, America's Promise and the United Way of America have been invited and have joined as major partners. By focusing on the larger goals set forth at the Presidents' Summit and carried forward by America's Promise, the Conference becomes the convening ground for all streams of service to recognize and further the progress made since April 1997 and to set new goals for the future.

The National Youth Summit, the 2000 National Community Service Conference, and the other activities associated with this millenium conference will be a special anniversary celebration of The Presidents' Summit for America's Future. We are currently predicting that it will be twice as large, in terms of size and duration. We also expect this meeting will draw participants who are closer to the action of finding and engaging volunteers who are prepared to address social problems.

Evaluation Plan

The current plan, which is still under development, calls for multiple levels of evaluation.

A standard meeting evaluation will be conducted, asking participants to rate the speakers and facilitators, quality of the learning experience, and conference facilities. The management team – made up of representatives from the Points of Light Foundation, National Youth Leadership Council, and YouthLEAD – will engage in a self-assessment process that will probably take the form of a reflection exercise. In addition, the Management Team will solicit input from the other organizations that are partnering with us as sponsors for the Youth Summit. From this we will produce a report on the experience of promoting the meeting and the observed short-term outcomes.

The focus of the National Youth Summit is the work that will be done by community teams – the action plans they take home and their ability to move forward in implementing them. We plan to conduct a *post hoc* assessment, within the first four to six weeks following the Youth Summit – to provide follow-up contact, to assess forward progress, and to determine what else can be done to encourage and facilitate the work of community teams. This assessment process will collect data on team accomplishments following the Summit, vis-a-vis their action plans.

Sustainability Plan – Maintaining the Momentum in the Post-Summit Process

Following the program model used at the Philadelphia Summit, action teams attending the National Youth Summit are being asked to engage in pre-Summit exercises that will help them develop a first-draft plan of action to bring to Orlando. At the Summit's conclusion, we expect action teams will have a plan they will take home and implement to help young people and their adult partners make a difference in the lives of youth in their communities. One of the issues we face at the conclusion of the Summit is supporting these action plans that are refined and adopted in the course of this meeting.

It is critical that the momentum started in Orlando be maintained. Currently there are three strategies for sustaining the work of the Youth Summit. The first is working with Program Partners to leverage their existing resources in support of the action plans of local teams. Rather than creating a new organization to provide this support or transferring this responsibility to one organization, the Program Partners have agreed to continue providing access to their organizational resources and to facilitate ongoing action as it relates to the goals of the National Youth Summit.

Program Partners will develop strategies to use their own existing resources and programs as connecting points for participants after the Summit. The Points of Light Foundation is exploring, through its partnership with the national network of Volunteer Centers, how Centers can play a role in supporting the implementation of plans developed by action teams in their communities. Additionally, we will target Summit participants for our trainings and other technical assistance and networking opportunities to use our resources to sustain the momentum of the Summit. Another example of how program partners may use existing resources is the National 4-H Council, which provides mini-grants to youth around a variety of issues, sharing information about these opportunities with Summit participants.

The second strategy to sustain what's done at the Summit is to facilitate local action team connections. The National Youth Summit website (www.nationalyouthsummit.org) will be used to help transfer responsibility for action to local communities. The site will be maintained as a communications vehicle for sharing best practices. A listserv will be used to post opportunities and resources, to link Program Partners as resource organizations, and serve as a virtual hub. The website will be established prior to the Youth Summit, using an interactive format to encourage early use of this resource, which should encourage its use post-Summit as well.

The third strategy to sustain the work of the Summit is to provide seed funds for action teams (we expect about 200 teams at the event) to implement their action plans when they return home. We believe the success of post-Summit activities will be significantly enhanced if we can provide the teams with the "jump-start" of a cash grant. It is important that follow-up activities be launched from a strong platform to capitalize on the momentum built in Orlando and to achieve long-term, beneficial change. An expression of national interest in local activities will heighten awareness of the value of the National Youth Summit and give credibility to team members who shared this experience. And we'll require that this "outside" investment be used to leverage additional revenue from local sources that will help sustain continuation activities in the years to come.

Based on the success of our *Connecting Through Service*, *Service as Strategy*, and *Volunteer Service Initiatives*, we propose to award grants to community partnerships consisting of members of the action teams that come to Orlando and a local funder (community or family foundation, United Way, or other local grantmaker). The purpose of these grants will be to expand existing models of youth-adult partnerships to deliver – through service – the five promises for children and youth, and to stimulate innovation in the development of new opportunities to encourage and support youth philanthropy. Our goals for engaging in this process are to create new service opportunities, engage more young people and adults in volunteer activities, and build sustainable local initiatives. The Points of Light Foundation will set aside approximately 30% of the requested funds for regranteeing.

The *Connecting Through Service Initiative* provided funding to local partnerships of Volunteer Centers and community foundations in support of projects following the Presidents' Summit for America's Future. The *Service as Strategy Initiative* supports the development of AmeriCorps programs. The *Volunteer Service Initiative* funded volunteer initiatives in low-income communities through partnerships of Volunteer Centers, community foundations, and community-based organizations in low-income communities.

We would plan to award up to 25 six-month grants, ranging from \$500 to \$1,500. The local grantmaker partners will be required to provide a minimum 1:1 cash match to expand the level of resources available to participating communities. The level of funding requested by the sites will determine the final number of grants awarded.

A critical factor for a successful proposal will be documented evidence of a strong collaboration between the local partners named in the proposal, and a solid leadership role for youth partners, particularly in the process of identifying and funding local service initiatives. We will also seek to identify proposals that suggest a potential for sustainability beyond the funding period. Indicators of sustainability include a firm commitment from the grantee to continue the program with their own funds and fundraising activities, and partnerships with members of the local business community who will serve as ongoing resources.

Leadership

The development of the National Youth Summit is being facilitated by the National Youth Leadership Council, the Points of Light Foundation, and YouthLEAD. The Points of Light Foundation has responsibility for the overall execution of the National Youth Summit and serves as fiduciary agent. In addition to these organizations, over 20 program partners representing a broad range of other national youth-related organizations – including the Corporation for National Service, America's Promise, United Way, and the members of the Youth Service Compact – are assisting in developing and marketing the National Youth Summit. A current list of Program Partners is included in Attachment C.

Recognition of Funders

The organizations that provide funding support for the National Youth Summit will be recognized on prominent signage used at the events, and in programs and other written materials as is customary and designated as appropriate by the donors. News release and media materials will contain approved narrative identifying and describing donors. Every attempt will be made to acknowledge donors verbally in the context of the larger meetings for the full audience of the Conference and the Summit.

Participation at the Youth Summit and the National Community Service Conference

Donors are invited to participate in any or all activities that will take place in the course of the National Youth Summit and the 2000 National Community Service Conference. The Chief Executive Officer or designee of each donor organization will be offered special seating during plenary sessions and at the larger meetings or sessions as desired. Donors are particularly encouraged to bring members of their own youth programs and advisory councils to Orlando to participate in the National Youth Summit.

Request for Support

The goal of the National Youth Summit is to highlight and ignite service – by youth-adult partnerships – to better the lives of young people in local communities. Specifically, we are asking for your support around three pieces which we believe will assist the Summit in meeting its goal:

Participant Education and Training – \$50,000

One of the major goals of the Summit is to develop the knowledge and skills of young people and adults to build their communities through service. Summit planners have deliberately designed a variety of educational components to facilitate this including: action team meetings, family group meetings, skill-building and issue-based workshops, plenaries, and a resource hall. Each educational component provides a different way to engage participants in learning, which will assist them in developing and implementing their action plans once they return home. These components will allow young people and adults to learn specific skills and concepts (e.g. service-learning, leadership, diversity, communication, program and resource development, event management, activism/advocacy, youth-adult partnership) and develop a network of support (e.g. organizations that can be resources, successful programs, information on specific social issues).

Challenge Scholarships – \$20,000

Challenge scholarships provide a unique way to support teams attending the event. They will assist those who need help in getting to the event and challenge young people to practice some of those skills they need to be successful, such as fundraising. Based on the average cost of \$4,000 for a four person team (including registration, accommodations, travel, food, and ground transportation), we would offer twenty \$1,000 challenge scholarships to teams attending the Summit (about 10% of the 200 teams participating in the event). Teams would be challenged to raise the additional funds, providing a 3:1 match.

Post Summit Mini-grants – \$30,000

Post summit mini-grants will help the youth-adult teams sustain their momentum back home. We would make available approximately 25 mini-grants ranging in size from \$500 to \$1,500 to teams who attend the National Youth Summit. Grant requests would need to show a 1:1 match from local resources (community foundation, United Way, local business etc.). These grants would help fund specific service efforts developed by youth-adult teams to help provide one or more of the five promises for young people. The grant-making process, like the development of the Summit, would adhere to the *Principles of Authentic Youth Involvement*, e.g. the RFP would be developed by a youth-adult partnership, the review would be done by a youth-adult partnership and the *Principles* would be integrated into what is expected of successful grantees.

We believe this approach is consistent with interests expressed by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in promoting youth philanthropy. The proposed budget represents costs associated with the three and one-half day activities of the National Youth Summit and follow-up activities to engage young people in grantmaking to support their post-Summit activities. We are requesting that the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation support this project at the level of \$100,000 for a one-year period. The proposed project budget is included in Attachment A.

Conclusion

The National Youth Summit represents an extraordinary opportunity to inspire and mobilize people across the country – young and old alike – through the full array of national and community service programs. This country – and indeed this world – needs to focus the attention of young people on bringing us to a new and better place through their own service. We need to recognize young people’s unique potential to direct their energies, talents, and ideals to the critical problems we are facing. The organizations that support this Summit will place themselves in the forefront of those who believe in the power and potential of American citizens – particularly young Americans – to help solve community problems and meet community needs.

**The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
The National Youth Summit
Proposed Budget Allocation**

<u>Line Item</u>	<u>Proposed Expenditure</u>
Personnel Costs	\$7,500
Event Production Expenses ¹	42,500
Scholarships	20,000
Grants	30,000
General & Administrative, Overhead ²	13,850
<u>Project Total</u>	<u>\$113,850</u>

¹Includes Other Direct Costs of Event Production: Office Operations, Communications and Marketing, and Meeting Costs

²The Points of Light Foundation employs a total cost accounting system that allows us to calculate the precise costs associated with the conduct of each of our programs. This includes such things as rent, depreciation, accounting, information technology, human resources management, and office operations. Each program shares in a 15% overhead allocation and a 2.75% general and administrative allocation that has been approved by the federal government for use as an expenditure against any federal support we receive. This 17.75% figure is applied equally to all sources of program support.

NATIONAL YOUTH SUMMIT

YOUNG PEOPLE:
PARTNERS IN FULFILLING THE PROMISE
JUNE 22-25 IN ORLANDO, FL

On the last day of the Presidents' Summit for America's Future, a group of young people issued a call for adults to work **with** young people and not just **for** them. Included in that statement was a promise to hold a Youth Summit in the year 2000.

Attend the National Youth Summit and:

- determine how, through service, young people and adults can deliver on the Five Promises to children and youth
- develop knowledge and skills to build your communities through service
- promote, highlight, and celebrate how young people and adults are already making their communities better places
- be inspired and motivated to give back to your communities through service
- foster, practice, and experience models of youth-adult partnerships

Each day in communities across America young people and adults are working in partnership to provide services that better the lives of young people and deliver on the Five Promises made at the 1997 Presidents' Summit for America's Future. The National Youth Summit will highlight and ignite service provided through such youth-adult partnerships. Teams of youth (ages 12-22) and adults from local communities will develop action plans to take home to their local communities.

Registration:

\$150 per person
(youth or adult)

Hotel:

Rates are \$125-\$155/night
For details call **Disney's
Coronado Springs Resort** in
Orlando, FL., 407-939-1020, and
say you are with the National
Youth Summit.

Official Summit Travel Agent:

For discounted flights call
Mitchell/Fitzgerald Travel
at 800-228-0861, or
American Airlines,
800-221-2255 (code: 8060UH)
United Airlines,
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www.nationalyouthsummit.org.
Registration brochures will be
available in spring 2000.

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SUMMIT**

NATIONAL YOUTH SUMMIT

June 22-June 25, 2000

Orlando, FL

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- Determine how, through service, young people and adults can deliver the Five Promises to children and youth as called for by the 1997 Presidents' Summit;
- Develop knowledge and skills of young people and adults to build their communities through service;
- Promote and highlight how young people and adults are already making their communities a better place;
- Inspire and motivate young people and adults to give back to their communities through service;
- Foster, practice and model youth-adult partnerships.

The Summit is being sponsored by the National Youth Leadership Council, the Points of Light Foundation and Youth LEAD (Leadership, Education, Action & Development), in partnership with some of the major youth serving and youth service organizations in the country. The Summit is being held in conjunction with the National Community Service Conference.

How we got to the National Youth Summit

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This leadership group of young people, called Youth LEAD, developed a number of strategies. The first being the "Principles for Authentic Youth Involvement." These principles outline how organizations, institutions and communities can work with young people and not just for young people. The second being the National Youth Summit. Post the planning grant period the National Youth Leadership Council and the Points of Light Foundation have continued to support the work of Youth LEAD and the development of a National Youth Summit.

Youth LEAD:
Leadership, Empowerment, Action
& Development

Created by ***Youth LEAD***, 1998. Resources for the development of this document include: "Youth Voice Tip Sheets" from the Washington Youth Voice Project, "Values and Beliefs" from the National 4-H Council, "Principles for Developing Youth Leadership" from the National Youth Leadership Council, and the experiences of young people across the country.

NATIONAL YOUTH SUMMIT FRAMEWORK AND SCHEDULE

TITLE:

National Youth Summit: Young People: Partners in Fulfilling the Promise

SUMMIT MISSION:

The Summit will highlight and ignite service by youth-adult partnerships to better the lives of young people in local communities.

SUMMIT GOALS:

- Determine how, through service, young people and adults can deliver the Five Promises to children and youth as called for by the 1997 Presidents' Summit;
- Develop knowledge and skills of young people and adults to build their communities through service;
- Promote and highlight how young people and adults are already making their communities a better place;
- Inspire and motivate young people and adults to give back to their communities through service;
- Foster, practice and model youth-adult partnerships.

SUMMIT PARTICIPANTS:

Teams of young people (12-22) and adults from communities, neighborhoods or organizations (up to 1000 people). Participants will choose to come, there will be no pre-selection process.

HOW PEOPLE WILL GATHER:

1. **Action teams** - youth/adult team that participants came with home (these will range in size probably 3-10 people); will meet throughout event to share knowledge and learning and develop action plan to "take it back home"
2. **Family group** - a mixed group of about 20 participants who meet for discussion and reflection related to conference activities and experiences; these groups will be facilitated by AmeriCorps promise fellows, YES Ambassadors, AmeriCorps Leaders, ViSTA leaders, COOL Leaders etc...
3. **Large group gathering** - . Opportunity for whole group (800 youth and adults) to have a shared experience; traditionally termed a plenary, but want to be more creative than just speakers, could be service project could be interactive activity, scavenger hunt etc....
4. **Workshops** - 90 minute blocks of time that are skill building and content based; assuming about 15-20 workshops at a time (that's an average of 40-50 people per workshop)
5. **Exhibit hall** - informal opportunity to participants to share and learn (maybe each team can bring an exhibit/showcase if they want; open space time?) more than traditional exhibit hall; interactive learning space
6. **Entertainment/social activities: need to provide scheduled activities or options for most evenings; should be youth driven; informal opportunity to bond; time for inspiration; motivation and just plain fun☺**

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	Wednesday, June 21	Thursday, June 22	Friday, June 23	Saturday, June 24	Sunday, June 25
8:00am			Registration open Exhibit hall open	Exhibit hall open	Family Group
9:00am		Participants arrive	Family Group	Family Group	Overlap day with NCSC
10:00am			Large group activities	workshop	
11:00am					
12:00pm		Registration open	Action teams/Lunch	Lunch/Large group activity	
1:00pm			Workshops	Action teams	
2:00pm				Workshops	Action Team
3:00pm					Family group
4:00pm					
5:00pm			Action teams	Action teams	
6:00pm		Dinner/Evening kickoff event	Dinner/Entertainment	entertainment	
7:00pm					
8:00pm					
9:00pm					
10:00pm		Family group	Family groups	Family group	

**Youth Statement to the Participants of
the Presidents' Summit for America Future
read at the Closing, Tuesday, April 29, 1997
by Rasheed Newsom, Delegate Indianapolis, IN**

Youth of the Summit have committed to fulfilling the five fundamental Summit goals, but we feel we have not been given the opportunity to fully participate.

Recognizing the great intentions of Summit adult leaders and following in your example to stand up and be heard, we, the youth leaders of the Summit, have emotions that we have come to express.

We appreciate your insight and compassion into our plight. We applaud your inclusion of youth in the Summits' deliberations.

We welcome your efforts at the Summit and we lovingly embrace a partnership with you in solving the social ills of our country.

We believe you are sincere. Yet, in Summit focusing on the needs of youth, many of the youth feel underrepresented, and, in some cases, unheard.

This Summit must be by youth, not just for youth, empowering youth to recognize the issues we are all facing.

This movement can only work if we unite, youth and adults together.

We remain committed to the five Summit goals. These goals cannot be met without equal representation and a partnership between adults and the youth they intend to serve.

Therefore, in the spirit of the Presidents' Summit for America's Future, we the youth leaders have been inspired by the Summit goals to organize and execute our own vision of a Youth Summit by the year 2000. Dedicated to the fifth goal, giving youth the opportunity to give back to the community, we call on you, the private sector, politicians and community leaders to support our effort with your time and resources.

Youth leading and empowering youth is the best way to achieve our goals. Our Youth Summit could be a constructive vehicle through which our ideas may be heard. We want to do our part to make sure America's Promise is kept. The youth are asking you, America, to keep your promise.