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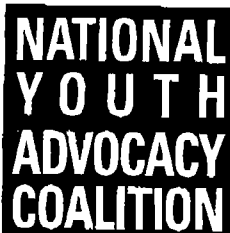
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*Improving the lives of
gay, lesbian, bisexual
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VIP REGISTRATION RESPONSE FORM
NYAC'S NATIONAL SUMMIT
Washington, DC ▼ 2121 P Street, NW
May 2-4, 1998

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☒ **YES!** I will be attending the **NYAC Board of Director's Reception** from 7:00 - 8:00pm on Friday, May 1 at the Radisson Barcelo Hotel.

☐ **YES!** I will be attending the **NYAC Summit** (or a portion of the Summit). Please reserve materials for me.

☐ **No,** I'm sorry I will not be able to attend the Board Reception or the Summit, but thanks for the invitation.

RETURN THIS FORM VIA FAX TO REA CAREY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, 202/319-7365 NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, APRIL 30TH.

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**NATIONAL
YOUTH
ADVOCACY
COALITION**

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and transgender youth*

April 21, 1998

Dear Colleague:

I am writing to invite you to attend (or just stop by!) the National Youth Advocacy Coalition's Second Annual Summit in Washington, DC, May 2-4, 1998. The Summit brings together over 250 gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) youth and representatives from national and community-based organizations from across the country.

We would also welcome your presence at our Board of Directors Reception, on Friday, May 1 from 7:00 - 8:00pm at the Radisson Barcelo Hotel, at 2121 P Street (all Summit activities take place at the hotel). This reception will provide the opportunity to meet NYAC's board and staff as well as funders, youth and their advocates.

I have enclosed information on the Summit schedule, including the list of topics to be discussed. The Summit is different from most national conferences in that youth and adults participate in discussion groups on issues faced by GLBT youth (rather than "talking head" workshops). From these discussions, Summit participants make program and policy recommendations to NYAC, government agencies, funders, youth-serving agencies and researchers. Everyone is an expert at our Summit!

As the only national organization solely focused on advocacy, education, and information on the broad range of issues affecting the lives of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) young people, NYAC is in a unique position to host this gathering. By attending even a portion of this event, I believe you would gain a greater understanding of the issues faced by young people.

If you are able to attend the Board Reception and/or a portion of the Summit, please return the enclosed RSVP form so we can have materials waiting for you at Summit registration. If you have any questions about NYAC's National Summit, please contact NYAC staff member M'Bwende Anderson at 202/319-7596, ext. 14. We hope to see you at the Summit!

Sincerely,



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Suggested Networking Lunch Groups

- ☺ Student Leaders
- ☺ Community Youth Activists
- ☺ Transgender Youth Network
- ☺ Community-Based Service Providers
- ☺ Rural Community Organizers
- ☺ Researchers
- ☺ Mental/Physical Health Service Providers
- ☺ Educators/School Administrators
- ☺ And More!

▼ YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE! ▼

NYAC values youth involvement in all areas of its work. To this end, NYAC wants to make the Summit as accessible for young people as possible. If you are 22 years or younger and are interested in applying for NYAC's Youth Travel Scholarship, please complete the enclosed application and return it to NYAC's office by March 6, 1998.

▼ REGISTRATION INFORMATION ▼

▼ LIMITED PARTICIPATION

Summit participation will be limited to 250 people. NYAC reserves the right to refuse registrations. Participation for all organizations is limited to six (6) individuals. NYAC encourages all organizations to include a majority of youth in their Summit participant group.

▼ EARLY BIRD RATES

To benefit from our reduced registration fees, please register by March 6, 1998.

▼ FOOD

Your registration fee includes three continental breakfasts, two lunches, and refreshments.

▼ HOW TO REGISTER:

- ✍ Complete both sides of the enclosed registration form (one registration form per person, make copies as needed); Reserve your participation today!

- ✉ Mail it with your check (made payable to **National Youth Advocacy Coalition**), or, mail or fax it with credit card information.

▼ SUMMIT HIGHLIGHTS ▼

▼ Discussion Groups

Summit participants will have the opportunity to share their expertise through roundtable discussions on issues affecting the lives of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) youth.

▼ Skills Building Sessions

Skills building sessions will be provided to support youth and adults in their work to improve the lives of GLBT youth.

▼ Youth Coffee House and Talent Night

DC's very own Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League (SMYAL) will welcome you to town Sunday night with an evening of (discounted) hot drinks, sweet confections and an open microphone so that you can show off your talent. This event will take place at Soho Cafe (across the street from the hotel). Come prepared to perform!

▼ Executive Director Meeting

A special breakfast and meeting session have been designated for people who run community-based agencies, (whatever your title) to discuss the unique issues you face in your work and to share strategies. Please pre-register by checking off the appropriate area on the registration form.

▼ Hill Visits

NYAC Summit participants will meet with their elected officials and Clinton Administration representatives to educate them on the issues affecting GLBT youth and the agencies and schools that serve them. (See enclosed information on setting up visits with your representatives). There will be an option to make team visits.

▼ Youth Visioning SpeakOut

Youth will close our Summit with the ever popular SpeakOut!

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NATIONAL YOUTH ADVOCACY COALITION

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Second Annual Summit

**Saturday, May 2
through
Monday, May 4
1998**

**Radisson Barcelo Hotel
Washington, DC**

***Don't delay...
Best Hotel Rates By
March 10th!***

▼ WHO WE ARE ▼

The **National Youth Advocacy Coalition**, sponsored by the Hetrick-Martin Institute, was established in 1993 to address the need for a national organization dedicated to improving the lives of young people facing discrimination based on their sexual orientation and gender identity. The Coalition has represented the concerns of national organizations and youth-serving agencies to government agencies, researchers, and educators. NYAC's **Bridges Project**, the national information clearinghouse on GLBT youth issues, provides information resources, assistance and referrals. NYAC is the only national organization solely focused on advocacy, education, and information affecting the lives of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) youth and their allies.

▼ WHO YOU ARE ▼

NYAC's summit is for you if you are:

- ▼ A NYAC Participating Organization,
- ▼ A young person interested in GLBT youth issues and organizing, or,
- ▼ An adult ally to GLBT youth, including service providers, educators, advocates, funders, researchers, & representatives of national & community-based organizations.

▼ SECOND ANNUAL NYAC SUMMIT ▼

We're growing! The continued success of the National Youth Advocacy Coalition (NYAC) has allowed us to add staff; increase outreach, education, and advocacy activities; and expand our annual meeting, resulting in our *Second Annual Summit*. The establishment of an annual National Youth Advocacy Coalition Summit represents the **only** national summit held by a national organization to focus entirely on the mental and physical health needs and advocacy trends for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender youth.

▼ WHAT IS A "SUMMIT"? ▼

NYAC's Summit is unique. Unlike national "conferences," NYAC's Summit represents our philosophy that expertise on these issues lies with youth, service providers, and advocates across the country. **You will be expected to actively participate in all sessions you attend.** NYAC expects all Summit participants to draw upon and share their expertise and perspectives. **To make this a productive event, participation will be limited to 250 people. NYAC reserves the right to refuse registrations. Participation for all organizations is limited to six (6) individuals. NYAC encourages all organizations to include a majority of youth in their Summit participant group.**

▼ SUMMIT MISSION ▼

The mission of the Second Annual National Youth Advocacy Coalition Summit is to continue to create a forum where youth and adults can exchange cutting edge information; develop local, state and national advocacy strategies; and advance the field of services and advocacy for and with gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender youth through participation in discussion roundtables and skills building sessions.

▼ SUMMIT LOCATION ▼

The **Radisson Barcelo Hotel Washington** is the official hotel for NYAC's Second Annual Summit. All scheduled events will be held at the hotel except where otherwise indicated. The Radisson Barcelo is located at 2121 P Street, NW in the Dupont Circle neighborhood, the heart of DC's lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender communities. The hotel is three blocks from the Dupont Circle Metro Station (on the Red Line), and is nearby many affordable restaurants, shops, and entertainment.

▼ ACCOMMODATIONS ▼

NYAC strongly encourages participants needing hotel accommodations to reserve rooms at the Radisson Barcelo. The hotel offers discounted rates to NYAC Summit participants. Please contact the Radisson Barcelo to make your reservations today: **(800) 333-3333. Mention that you are with the National Youth Advocacy Coalition to guarantee your discounted room rate of \$115.00 per night for single, double, triple, or quad rooms. After March 6, that rate cannot be guaranteed.**

▼ SUMMIT AGENDA ▼

Friday, May 1

Noon-6pm	Early Registration/Meet and Greet
7:00-8:00pm	Meet NYAC Board and Staff Reception

Saturday, May 2

8:00-10:00am	Continental Breakfast Buffet/Registration
10:00am-Noon	Opening Plenary Session
Noon-1:30pm	NYAC Regional Lunches
1:30-3:30pm	Discussion/Skills Session 1
4:00-6:00pm	Discussion/Skills Session 2
9pm-Midnight	Groovy Disco Dance

Sunday, May 3

9:00-10:15am	Continental Breakfast Buffet
9:00-10:15am	Executive Director Breakfast
10:30-12:30pm	Discussion/Skills Session 3
12:30-2:00pm	Caucus Lunches
2:00-4:00pm	Discussion/Skills Session 4
4:30-6:30pm	Discussion/Skills Session 5
4:30-6:30pm	Executive Director Meeting
4:30-6:30pm	Youth Activists Roundtable
9pm-Midnight	Soho Coffee House and Talent Night for Youth

Monday, May 4

8:00-9:00am	Continental Breakfast Buffet
9:15-11:15am	Discussion/Skills Session 6
11:30-1:30pm	Youth Visioning SpeakOut
1:30-2:30pm	Lunch on your own
2:00-5:30pm	Visits to Capitol Hill
6:00pm	End of Summit

▼ Please identify your interest in the following discussion/skills building groups. For each of the six sessions you must indicate your first (1), second (2), and third (3) preferences in the spaces provided:

Session 1:

- ☐ HIV/AIDS/STD's: So You Think You Know It All
- ☐ Body Image and GLBT Youth: Stop the Insanity
- ☐ Anti - Violence Work: Where's my Peace?
- ☐ Research: A Critical Piece in GLBT Work
- ☐ Youth/Adult Interactions: Policies and Paranoia
- ☐ Fundraising: A Diverse Approach for Your Agency

Session 2:

- ☐ Gender: Says Who?
- ☐ Rural GLBT Youth Issues: More Than Metropolis
- ☐ GLBT Youth & Public Policy/Legislation
- ☐ Activism through Art and Performance
- ☐ Gay/Straight Student Alliances
- ☐ Mentoring: Relationships for Healthy Development

Session 3:

- ☐ Really Understanding Sexuality
- ☐ Volunteer Issues: Policy, Training, and Retention
- ☐ Class Issues: GLBT Youth Don't Come Cheap
- ☐ LBT Young Women Roundtable: You Go Grrrl
- ☐ Youth Fundraising
- ☐ Safer Schools Coalitions

Session 4:

- ☐ Fighting and Using the Radical Right
- ☐ Substance Use: Addressing Current Trends
- ☐ Starting/Sustaining A GLBT Youth Group
- ☐ Youth/Adult Partnerships: Making It Work
- ☐ Bisexual Youth Issues: BI The Way
- ☐ "Gender Identity Disorder" and Youth

Session 5:

- ☐ The Internet: Where It's @
- ☐ Homeless/Street Youth and Host Homes: A Place to Go
- ☐ Religion and Spirituality: Keeping The Faith
- ☐ Coming Out: Is Your Door Partially Open, or Partially Closed?

Special Roundtable Sessions

- ☐ GLBT Youth Activists
- ☐ Community-Based Organizations Executive Director Meeting

Session 6:

- ☐ Identity Politics and GLBT Youth: Are We Ready to Move On?
- ☐ Meeting With an Elected Official: You Know More Than They Do
- ☐ Family Issues: I Got All My Sisters and Me
- ☐ Youth to Youth Dialogue: Healthy Sexuality, Healthy Activism
- ☐ GLBT Youth of Color: It Ain't All About the Rainbow
- ☐ Creating a Program With Youth: Why Youth Don't Get Involved

DON'T MISS OUT, GET YOUR REGISTRATION IN NOW !!!

➡ Due to limited space we strongly discourage on-site registration. Your registration should be received by the NYAC office **no later than March 6, 1998.**

➡ Don't forget that you can only receive the discounted registration rate if your organization has paid it's NYAC member dues for 1998 (see enclosed Dues Renewal Form and Dues Structure Guidelines for more details).

➡ Organizations who are not currently **NYAC Participating Organizations** are invited to contact M'Bwende Anderson, Outreach and Education Coordinator at (202) 319-7596 to obtain new member sign-on information.

Demographic Information: This information is optional, but it is very helpful to us.

Age (on May 1, 1998): _____

Sex and/or Gender: _____

Race/Ethnicity: _____

Sexual Orientation: _____

Describe your community (i.e., national/urban/suburban/rural): _____

Anything else you want us to know about you? _____

Please check any of the following situations that apply to your life:

Middle School ☐ High School ☐ College ☐
Not in School ☐ Working ☐

SPECIAL NEEDS:

☐ Vegetarian Meal ☐ ASL Interpreter
☐ Other: _____

If you have other needs, please contact the NYAC office, (202) 319- 7596, and we will do our best to accommodate you.