

**ELIOT INSTITUTE
YOUNG ADULT COORDINATOR**
(Revised November 2016)

PURPOSE: To foster continuing participation in Eliot camps for young adults and to assist in the transition from youth to adult. Young adults are those campers ages 18-25 who are no longer in the youth group.

SELECTION: If the Registrar determines that more than ten young adults will be attending an Eliot Camp, the Dean may appoint a Young Adult Coordinator.

QUALIFICATIONS: An experienced Eliot camper with excellent interpersonal and good organizational skills. Experience as a teacher or counselor is also useful. Preference will be given to a qualified candidate who has experienced the transition from youth to adult at Eliot camps and who has held staff positions at previous conferences.

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES: Responsible for organizing activities that will foster young adult integration into the adult camp.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES: [See Timeline]

**YOUNG ADULT COORDINATOR
TIMELINE**

BEFORE CAMP

- _____ Register for camp. Sign contract and Code of Ethics; return to Registrar.
- _____ Regularly check the website job description for a new Revised date.
See www.eliotinstitute.org —> Volunteers —> Camp Jobs
- _____ Consult with the Registrar to determine the number of young adults (ages 18-25) who are registered, along with their names, addresses and email.
- _____ Consult with the Dean to determine whether space can be set aside for young adult meetings in addition to the regular adult program.
- _____ Either write/email a letter of welcome to each young adult before the Conference or include information in the Dean/Registrar Letter to Campers to let them know that although they are also part of the regular adult camp, there will also be activities planned to bring the young adults together during the camp.
- _____ Submit a small article to the Newsletter Editor prior to camp so that information will be in the first newsletter.
- _____ Plan a meeting of Young Adults on the first evening at camp.

ARRIVAL DAY

- _____ Attend camp staff meeting
- _____ Facilitate an orientation meeting for the young adults.
 - foster the initial connections
 - assist the young adults in determining how they wish to participate in small group discussions. Having young adults form a separate small discussion group for the morning program is strongly discouraged.

- Some young adults may be on the youth or children’s staff. Be sure they are included in the first meeting so they may be a part of the young adult community.
- Discuss Eliot policies regarding use of drugs and alcohol.
- Review DUWOP policy and explain reasons. [See DUWOP policy below]
- Decide how often the group will meet and at what time.

_____ Any seventeen-year-old youth requesting to join the Young Adult Group must have written permission from his/her parents.

DURING CAMP

_____ Attend the Dean’s daily staff meetings during the conference.

_____ Contact any young adults who do not attend the first meeting in order to ensure they are informed. Extend a special invitation if they are new to the Eliot experience.

_____ Early in the week, determine whether the young adults wish to coordinate or participate in a Young Adult Worship Service.

_____ Determine what kinds of activities the group will do together. It is important to stress that young adults participate in other camp activities as much as possible.

_____ Plan a schedule for keeping the space tidy and useable for other camp activities.

LAST DAY OF CAMP

_____ Make sure the space used has been cleaned and restored to its original set up.

AFTER CAMP

_____ Within two weeks of the end of camp, submit a report to the camp Deans using the template they provide.

**ELIOT INSTITUTE
DUWOP POLICY
(Revised March 2017)**

In an attempt to balance this need for privacy with the desire for continued fun and connection, Eliot has instituted a policy about image sharing. This is: DUWOP – Don’t Upload With-Out Permission. Before posting photos or videos of any camper to the Internet (or transmitting it via cellphone), you must first obtain permission from the subject; for those under 18 years of age, you must obtain permission from the parents.

IDEAS, HINTS, AND TIPS

POSSIBLE FORMAT

From Report for August 2016:

TOPICS

- Day1: Introduction/what is an adult?
- Day2: Money/finances/job/career/investments(guestspeakers)
- Day3: Relationships in the virtual era?
- Day4: Children? When, what, how? (guest speaker)
- Day5: Failure/what does success look like?
- Day6: Fish Bowl with Adults

FEEDBACK RECEIVED

- Enjoyed mix of discussions and guest speakers, particularly speakers that are within the older young adults group (30-36 year range).
- Found it stimulating to discuss these topics, which they think about often but don't necessarily discuss with their peers
- Liked having facilitators that are closer to their age
- Would have liked more time to answer each questions / think more deeply about the questions (our style was somewhat "rapid fire")

POSSIBLE FUTURE TOPICS

- current events, social justice, activism (TED talks?)
- money
- possibly having some readings or a book that complements the discussion, if well executed
- Doing a "lay lead" young adult discussion where each young adult leads the discussion for the day. The facilitators would be there more for explaining the format and providing resources to the YAs if required.

FISHBOWL - YOUNG ADULTS AND ADULTS

Winter 2016-17

New ideas and things to consider

- A couple of days prior to the event, put up a piece of paper in a place where adults tend to congregate and allow them to generate questions for the young adults without being rushed;
- Continue to ask for three conversations, and ask the group discussing the questions to choose one that is the most compelling for the group to discuss for 20 minutes, as opposed to answering three questions in 20 minutes.