

Youth Ambassadors for Wilderness FAQ

Q: What is the YAW program?

A: The program is a ten-day summer program for Teton area high school students designed to expand participants' knowledge about Wilderness through the two program pillars of advocacy and stewardship. YAW is a program of the Wyoming Wilderness Association (WWA).

Q: When is the YAW program?

A: The YAW program starts Monday, August 3rd and lasts until Wednesday, August 12th, with an evening celebration on August 14th.

A: What do participants do in the program?

Q: Participants will explore wild places in their own backyards, go backpacking, assist in trail maintenance, shadow professionals in the field, and work alongside WWA staff to learn the ins and outs of public land management.

A: How do I apply?

Q: You can apply by going to the YAW [website](#) and filling out an application. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until the program starts, but don't wait, apply today!

A: Is the YAW program free?

Q: Yes, the YAW program is completely free to accepted applicants!

A: Do I need to have all my own outdoor gear?

Q: YAW wants all student to be able to participate in this program, regardless of what gear they own. So, if there is gear you need to participate, from a tent to a backpack, or anything in between, YAW will find a way to get it for you. Just let us know ASAP.

A: Is transportation provided?

Q: Participants will need to meet at a daily location in the Jackson area. Participants may drive themselves, with other students (with guardian permission), or be dropped off at the location.

A: How does the COVID-19 virus affect the YAW program?

Q: Our number one priority is the safety of our Teton area communities. We are closely monitoring the situation and will make program decisions accordingly. Currently, we are still planning to hold this summer's YAW program.