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Subject: National Youth Convention-2017

To:

Dear Member,

Greetings from Youth Hostels Association of India (YHAI).

We are pleased to inform that YHAI will be hosting National Youth Convention-2017 programme from 12th to 16th September, 2017 at International Youth Hostel Mysuru, Karnataka for the youth between the age group of 18 to 25 years. Detail of the programme is attached herewith..

You are requested to forward the application in the attached Performa, of the participants by 10th July, 2017 positively.

With regards,

Yudhisthir Sharma
Chief Executive Officer

Date: 24.06.2017

To

National Council/National Executive Committee/State Branches/Units through State Branches/HDC/APC/EPC/Trustees of NYHT

Dear Member,

Subject: **National Youth Convention - 2017**

We are pleased to inform you that Youth Hostels Association of India will host “**National Youth Convention - 2017**” in Mysuru, Karnataka from **Tuesday, 12th September to Saturday, 16th September 2017**. YHA of India would like to invite youth from all the states braches.

The National Youth Convention will promote “**Unity in Diversity**” wherethe following topics will be taken up for discussion:

- A) Understanding and Accepting Diverse cultures around the country
- B) Importance of Adventure and Sports in life
- C) Becoming Friends
- D) Women Empowerment
- E) Global Warming
- F) Ethics and Moral Value
- G) How the Youngsters can promote YHAI Globally as an organization working for the betterment of the society and help in developing youth as the future leaders of the Nation.

The Opening of the programme will be on 12th September, 2017 evening at International Youth Hostel Mysuru.

During the event, there will be speakers from YHAI who will be narrating the importance of “**Unity in Diversity**” to our young participants. Then the youth will work together to come up with ways to incorporate and implement the Goals as well as on the topics given above to make our nation a better place to live in.

Who can participate

Six young participants between Eighteen to Twenty five years of age from every State can participate in the programme. Selected participants should work for the development of YHAI at Unit and State levels.

Venue

The programme will be held at International Youth Hostel Mysuru, Karnataka. YHAI will offer accommodation and meals for all participants during the program. The maximum number of participants **from each state is SIX**.

Registration and Fees

There is no registration fee.

Boarding & Lodging

YHA will provide four nights and five days boarding & lodging at IYH, MYSURU from 12th September to 16th September 2017.

Travel Expenses

Participants will be reimbursed one way sleeper class train fare from their hometown to IYH, Mysuru by National Office, YHAI. Return fare will be paid either by individual/Unit/State so as to get commitment from participants.

How to Apply

You are requested to send the names of suitable candidates who will represent their States effectively in the above programme in the enclosed Proforma (attached) along with a passport size photograph so as to reach National Office by not later than 10th July, 2017.

Selection Procedure

Each State Branch of YHAI is requested to send the names of **SIX PARTICIPANTS** to the National Office. Selection will be done by National Office.

All the participants would have opportunity to interact with the youth from different parts of the country through Hostelling Forums and other various other activities.

Detailed programme information is attached herewith.

If you need any further clarification, please feel free to send an e-mail at info@yhaindia.org.

With regards,

Yudhisthir Sharma
Chief Executive Officer

Summary

1. Period : September 12-16, 2017 - 5days 4 nights
2. Host : Youth Hostels Association of India
3. Subject : Unity in Diversity
4. Participant : Total 150 participants Youth Hostellers
5. Age Limit : Eighteen to Twenty Five years
6. Language: English will be languages during the event.
7. Venue & Accommodation : International Youth Hostel, B-1 5th main, 15th Cross GokulamInd Stage, Mysuru, Karnataka 570 002Mysuru, 0821-2511442,2511542,



1. How to apply: Through respective State Branch of YHA. Fill up the attached proforma
2. Registration Fee : There is no registration fee
3. Boarding & Lodging: YHA will provide 4 nights and 5 days accommodation and meals.

Our Mission

The mission of this event is to educate the youth towards inculcating a sense of belongingness, peace and understanding for each other for growth of the nation and to inculcate the spirit of adventure sports in them.

Why We Must Educate Our Future Generations

India is facing many problems because of diverse culture, language, caste, creed and cuisine etc. Reason behind may be political or geographical. Unity in diversity means oneness in the varieties. India is a best country to prove this concept. India is a country where people of many religion, race, culture and tradition live together. Unity in diversity focuses on the existence of unity even after lots of differences of cultural, social, physical, linguistic, religious, political, ideological, psychological, etc. More number of diversities makes more complex unity. People in India are highly spiritual and God fearing in nature so we have to teach them to give respect to everyone's religion for the growth of the country. Our future generations will have a stronger impact and ability to protect our country due to the development of research and technology. We must work as a whole because this is a global problem that must be dealt with together in order to sustain our efforts in protecting and making our country a better place to live.

Importance of Unity in Diversity:

- Unity in diversity boosts morale of people at workplace, organization, and community.
- It helps in enhancing esprit de corps, relationships, teamwork among people thus improving performance, quality of work, productivity and lifestyle.
- It makes communication effective even in difficult situations.
- Keeps people away from social problems and help to manage conflicts easily.
- Improves healthy human relations and protects equal human rights for all.
- Unity in diversity in India provides source of tourism. People of diverse cultures, traditions, cuisines, religions and clothing attract more visitors and tourists from all across the world.
- It promotes national integration among people of the country even after being diverse in various ways.
- It gives value to the rich heritage of the country as well as strengthens and enriches the cultural heritage of India.
- It helps to be rich in agricultural area through different crops and thus helping economy growth.
- Source of skilled and advance professionals in various parts of the country

How to Educate our Future Generations

Hostelling, Adventure and other activities conducted by Youth Hostels Association of India has the best tools in educating young students, who will play a large role in shaping and changing our society/country in the near future.

YHAI's Core Philosophy

“TO HELP ALL ESPECIALLY THE YOUNG, GAIN A GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD AND ITS PEOPLE THROUGH HOSTELLING AND ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES”

Characteristics of Hostellers

Hostellers have the ability to deliver powerful messages via Social Networking System (facebook, instagram, Twitter etc.) by making new friends from various states that they meet through Hostelling and adventure activities. Hostellers can actually change their behavior and thought processing through their experiences that they have while Hostelling and sharing this information with others by actually communicating and naturally sharing opinion with people. Hostellers who travel around the country are more likely to be important leaders in future society because of their open-minded and culturally competent thinking.

National Youth Convention-2017:Purpose

This event will create a learning platform for the participants, from all over the country, to learn about the Indian Culture and to come up with ways to protect our culture through teamwork and collaboration. The event invites approximately 150 hostellers from various states and lasts four night and five days.

National Youth Convention-2017: Mission**1. Delivering three messages that young people, known as Hostellers, should know in the present age, as a future leader**

- a. As a Youth, we have a responsibility for the growth of India
- b. Importance of traditional culture developed by ancestors
- c. Even if we are different, we can be one by being friends

2. Educating Hostellers about the Philosophy of Hostelling

- a. "To Help all, Especially the young, GAIN A GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD AND ITS PEOPLE THROUGH HOSTELLING AND ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES"
- b. 'As everyone becomes friends through Hostelling, conflicts and wars will be less and peace will come sooner`.

3. Introducing Culture of your State to Hostellers in other States

- a. By participating in activities and travelling throughout the city and countryside of India, the hostellers from other states can learn about the culture, language and cuisine of other states through direct exposure.
- b. Throughout their travelling, the hostellers collaborate to come up with ways to protect our country's culture through understanding each other's culture and learning how to work as a team.

SCHEDULE OF THE NATIONAL YOUTH CONVENTION-2017
Programme Details

Time	Description	Place
12TH September, 2017 - Day 1		
10.00 a.m.	Check-in and Participants Registration	International Youth Hostel (IYH), Mysuru
12.00 – 1.00 p.m.	T-Shirt Distribution	Reception of IYH
1.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m.	Lunch Time	Dining Hall
2.00p.m. – 4.00 p.m.	Free time for interaction between the participants	Conference Hall
4.00 p m -6.00 p.m.	Get-together, orientation and team building from different States (Youth Forum), Selection of Group Leaders by the Teams	Conference Hall
6.00 p.m.- 8.15 p.m.	Inauguration of the National Youth Convention-2017 followed with cultural programmes	Conference Hall
8.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m.	Dinner	Dining Hall
13th September, 2017 - Day 2		
7.30 a.m. to 8.30 a.m.	Breakfast	Dining Hall
9.00 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.	Speech by the Experts	Conference Hall
9.30 a.m. -1.00 p.m.	Presentation by participants about their State (Culture, Cuisine etc)-7 minutes for each state	Conference Hall
1.00 p.m. - 2.00 p.m.	Lunch	Dining Hall
2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.	Continue Presentation by participants from their State (Culture, Cuisine etc)	Conference Hall
4.00 p.m. – 4.15 p.m.	Tea Break	Dining Hall
4.15 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.	Role Play/Games (Extempore)	Conference Hall
7.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.	Fun Time	Hostel Premises
8.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.	Dinner	Dining Hall
14th September, 2017 - Day 3		
7.30 a.m.- 8.30 a.m	Breakfast	Dining Hall
9.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.	Talent Show by the Groups	Conference Hall
1.00 p.m. - 2.00 p.m.	Lunch	Dining Hall
2.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.	Dialogue about Youth Hostelling	Conference Hall
3.00 p.m. - 7.00 p.m.	Visit to Cultural and Historical Palace of Mysuru and Virndhavan Garden	
7.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.	Fun Time	Hostel Premises
8.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.	Dinner	Dining Hall
15th September, 2017 - Day 4		
7.30 a.m. to 8.30 a.m	Breakfast	Dinning Hall
9.00 a.m to 1.30 p.m.	Flash Mob and other Activities	Outside Hostel
1.30 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.	Lunch	Dining Hall
2.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.	Gift Exchange and Colour Pen Writing(exchanging views with other participants in writing)	Conference Hall
4.00 p.m. – 4.15 p.m.	Tea Break	Dining Hall
4.15 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.	Preparation by the participants for Cultural programme	Conference Hall
6.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.	Formal party with traditional costume depicting specialty of their State,	Conference Hall
8.30 p.m.- 10.00 p.m.	Closing Ceremony following with dinner	Dining Hall
16th September, 2017 - Day 5		
7.30 a.m. to 8.30 a.m	Breakfast	Dining Hall
10.00 a.m.	Check out	

For Growth of India: As a Youth, we have a larger responsibility for the growth of India

a. Youth Forum

Hostellers have diverse ideas about a topic due to the fact that they come from various parts of the country. They are raised and cultured into individuals from different environments that shape their minds and thoughts in different ways. By talking and working with participants from various states, one's mind can also grow and expand. The participants can learn from each other and through collaboration they can come up with ideas that are innovative and creative. Through National Youth Convention, participants can learn and listen to the stories of the participants as they travel together.

b. Youth Life Plan

The growth potential in our Youth is unlimited. After the Forum, each group will prepare a program for the participants to generate and discuss life plans/goals for themselves and for the well-being of our country. The process of writing and expressing life plans will inspire each other to think about what we can do for our future and for the country's Hostellers with well-organised life plans that will have the opportunity to present their plan to others, which can help build confidence levels and presentation skills in these individuals.

For Culture: Importance of traditional culture developed by ancestors

c. Cultural Performance

Cultural diversity can be further explored and learned through the arts/music and traditional dance performances showcased by each State. This is a fun and easy way to be exposed to the uniqueness of each culture. Each State participating in the National Youth Convention has to prepare a performance that represents their culture and traditions passed on by ancestors. This will be a night where they can represent their State's traditional culture with pride.

d. Cultural Night

Cultural night will be held on the last day of the programme. Trying on traditional clothing from various States is another activity which allows the participants to learn about each other's culture and traditions. The team leaders will divide the participants into groups. Each group is then assigned a state so that they can try on the traditional clothing brought by the corresponding state. With this event, the participants can learn to respect and accept the diverse cultures from all over the country. They can also capture memories by taking photos so that they can later look back and remember the good experiences they had during the National Youth Convention-2017.

For Friend: Even if we are different, we can be one by being friends

e. Flash Mob

We come from different cultural backgrounds and may look different from each other, but we can be one by becoming good friends and collaborating with one another. Flash Mob is a good performance based activity where the participants come up with dance moves that everyone can participate in. They then film a short video clip in front of a public place with the performance they come up with together. They are scattered in the beginning, come together for the performance and go back to what they were doing right before the performance. The process teaches the participants how to work together to create an overall wonderful performance.

f. Gift Exchange

Participants prepare/bring small gifts to give to their team members on the last day of the Programme. They are also given time to write letters to pass on to one another. Most promise to write letters to each other or to meet again one day after the programme. With our advance social networking communication through SNS occurs naturally and frequently, we truly believe that peace can come with communication and becoming friends with one another.

For Hostelling: Educating Hostellers about the Philosophy of Hostelling

g. Dormitory Talk

Discussions in the dormitories are one of the core activities of Hostelling. Before the participants go to bed, the Hostellers take a moment to share what they were thankful for that day. For example, thank you for nice arrangement or thank you for the new friends you have met during the programme. With this activity, the participants can share each other's thoughts and feelings that they had throughout the day and can reflect on the past and plan for the future.

For Mysuru: Introducing Karnataka State Culture and History to Hostellers from other States

h. Team Tour :

The purpose of the team tour is to teach and expose the Hostellers of other state about the culture and history of Karnataka, specially Mysore, a city of palaces. Well trained volunteers and staff will try to guide and give information to their groups in the best way possible.

Materials
For State Teams

1. Cultural Performance (Duration maximum allowed 5 minutes)

Team– 1 preventative/performance from each State. This is the chance to show off your inner talent. Make unforgettable memories.

(All States have to perform within specified time limit so please keep it within 5 minutes)

It will held on Day 15thSeptember, 2017

2. Things Youth Hostellers can do for Presentation on “Unity in Diversity” (Maximum duration7 minutes)

Needs to be delivered in English, Max. 3 presenters per State

“Topic - Youth Hostellers responsibility for “Unity in diversity”

3. Photos and Videos of your state (HD video preferred)

To be used in Opening/Closing programme video

- 5-6 scenery/pictures that represent the culture/life style of state you are from
- Video with participants shooting out their states in English/and, or with a selfie-stick, doing a 360° degree turn of the surroundings of your state

After the National Youth Convention-2017 is over, we will send the Programme Videos to all of you for keeping memories for long.

For Individuals

Must-Bring List

1. **Cultural Gift** (10 gifts that represent your State/to be given to people in your group)

2. **Colorful Pens/Sketch Pens**(to be used for writing letters to other participants)

There is a programme schedule where every participant will write letters to other participants and make unforgettable memories.

3. **Traditional Clothes** (Cultural Party where participants will be dressed in traditional dress or personality clothes)

**YOUTH HOSTELS ASSOCIATION OF INDIA
NEW DELHI**

PROFORMA

Name of the State Branch : _____

1. Name
2. Address (Residence)
(Office)
3. Telephone No. (Res.) (Off.)
- E-mail ID :
4. Membership No.
5. Date of Birth Age :
6. Educational Qualification
7. Profession
8. Designation and Rank in Youth Hostel Movement and Experience/Achievement at :
 - (a) Unit Level
 - (b) State Level
 - (c) National Level
 (PLEASE USE EXTRA SHEET)
10. Please give a brief (not more than 200 words) how you will contribute in the "National Youth Convention-2017" and after participating how do you intend to help YHAI in further spreading the philosophy of YOUTH HOSTEL MOVEMENT. Please attach the brief separately with the proforma.

Signature _____

Name _____

Recommended by

State Chairman
_____ State Branch

State Secretary
_____ State Branch

Date :