

Youth Business Adventure

SOUTH DAKOTA'S PREMIER BUSINESS CAMP

***For 30 years –
Real world
experience –
Life-changing
results!***

These South Dakota high school juniors enjoyed Youth Business Adventure 2008. Experience it for yourself!



Two great weeks to choose from:

June 7-12, 2009 at Black Hills State University, Spearfish

June 21-26, 2009 at Dakota State University, Madison

By attending YBA you can:

- receive 2 college credits for attendance and participation.
- compete for one of a dozen \$500 post-secondary scholarships.
- have fun while learning about the business world from the “insiders” (business executives).
- add YBA attendance to your resume. It impresses business people in future job applications and looks great on your college application.
- spend a week on a college campus, making new friends from all over the state.
- spend your free time swimming, bowling, dancing, or just “hanging out” with new friends.

Apply for an adventure

YOUTH BUSINESS ADVENTURE 2009

YBA is sponsored by the South Dakota Chamber of Commerce & Industry and
The Greater SD Education and Research Foundation, Pierre, South Dakota
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QUESTIONS ABOUT YBA

WHAT IS YBA?

YBA is an exciting program that will definitely give you the “business advantage” when planning your future career.

WHO SPONSORS THE YBA PROGRAM?

YBA is sponsored by the South Dakota Chamber of Commerce & Industry. The YBA office is located in Pierre.

The program has been held annually since 1980, with 5,468 students and 400 educators having attended the program.

AM I ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND?

Yes, if you are a junior in high school, are endorsed by your school as a responsible individual, and are sincerely interested in actively participating in a program geared toward planning for a future in business. **Remember...nearly every profession in America is a business, that includes doctors, lawyers, engineers, etc.**

WHEN AND WHERE WILL YBA BE HELD?

The thirtieth annual sessions of Youth Business Adventure will be held the week of June 7-12, 2009 at Black Hills State University in Spearfish and the week of June 21-26, 2009 at Dakota State University in Madison, with registration from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM on Sunday and adjourning by 12:00 PM on Friday. (All times local.)

IS YBA ALL WORK?

Absolutely not. YBA is a co-ed program with various recreational and social activities such as a dance, bowling, karaoke, and swimming, to name a few. There will be many opportunities to meet and make new friends from across the state. At YBA students will be assigned to groups of 10-12 juniors, guided through the week by a business executive. Your learning experiences include competitive games, speakers, panel discussions, films, on-site tours of local businesses, and group skits as well as other learning activities. Ask around your high school to see if a senior attended YBA last summer. They will be able to tell you how great an experience YBA is.

WHAT WILL YBA COST ME?

If you are accepted into the program, YBA will cost you a \$150 nonrefundable registration fee. Students who have limited financial resources can request that the registration fee be reduced. Requests will be honored, depending upon circumstances. Your food, lodging, materials, and activity expenses will be paid for by a South Dakota business contribution of \$500. However, sponsors do not pay your \$150 registration fee.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Complete this application form, and have a parent and your school representative sign it. Attach a recent photo and return the form to your counselor/teacher/principal by February 13, 2009. Your school will send the application forms to the YBA office. If you are selected to attend YBA, you will be notified by mail on or about March 15, 2009.

WHAT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS THE GUIDANCE OFFICE CAN'T ANSWER?

If you have further questions about YBA call 1-800-742-8112 between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM (central time). Ask for Sylvia Moisan, YBA Director or Charlotte Conway, Executive Assistant, or send an e-mail to sylviam@sdchamber.biz.

PROGRAM SAFETY GUIDELINES

Due to the number of students involved in Youth Business Adventure, you should be aware of staff expectations. This is a special program for special students. These guidelines are to ensure your safety and enjoyment of the YBA program. Please read them carefully so that you understand what will be expected of you as a program participant.

Transportation to and from the program is your responsibility. Please be sure that travel arrangements are made well in advance of the program to ensure your timely arrival for registration.

- Dormitories are supervised by trained counselors. You will be required to comply with all dorm rules and cooperate with dorm counselors.
- You will be required to stay on campus from the time you register on Sunday until the time you check out on Friday.
- If you bring your car, you must park it in a designated lot and leave your keys with the YBA staff for the length of the program.
- Because the program is vigorous, you will be expected to observe “lights out” each evening at the specified time.
- **As a participant, you will be required to attend and participate in all YBA activities, beginning with registration and concluding with the closing ceremonies at noon on Friday.**
- Absolutely no drugs (including all tobacco products and alcohol) are permitted.

**Keep this portion of the application form for future reference.
Tear off and return the application form portion
to your guidance office/business teacher/principal.**

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THREE-STEP APPLICATION FORM

1. To be completed by the student and parent or guardian:

Fill out parts 1 and 2 and return the form to your counselor by February 13, 2009, for processing. Please type or print legibly, in ink, not pencil. (Address, phone, and e-mail will be included in a participants' directory)

_____	_____	M ___ F ___
first name	last name	gender
_____	_____	_____
home mailing address	city	state zip
_____	_____ / _____	_____
parents or guardians names	home phone	/applicant's cell phone
_____	date of birth _____ / _____ / _____	Yes ___ No ___
applicant's e-mail address	(month) / (day) / (year)	currently a junior
_____	_____	_____
high school name	high school city	
name of local newspaper _____	_____	_____
(YBA strives to recognize all participants within their local communities)		town

_____ I prefer to attend YBA at **Black Hills State University** in **Spearfish** the week of **June 7-12, 2009**.

_____ I prefer to attend YBA at **Dakota State University** in **Madison** the week of **June 21-26, 2009**.

T-shirt (**run large**) check one
S _____ XL _____
M _____ XXL _____
L _____ XXXL _____

*I understand that if I am selected to attend YBA, I will submit a nonrefundable \$150 registration fee to the YBA office. **(Do not send money with this form.)** I have read and agree to abide by the program safety guidelines. I understand this program is challenging as well as fun.*

X

signature of student

X

signature of parent/guardian

2. To be completed by the student:

Please explain in one paragraph why you would like to attend YBA. This statement will be used in selecting participants. If left blank, applicant will not be considered.

Scholastic and extracurricular activities (Indicate activity with number of years involvement):

3. To be completed by the teacher, guidance counselor, or principal:

This student has shown a sincere interest in this program, is academically capable of participating in a challenging program, and will be a fine representative of our school. Evaluate (circle) this student's:

- leadership skills - (excellent, above average, good, fair, poor)
- attitude/team player - (excellent, above average, good, fair, poor)
- character - (excellent, above average, good, fair, poor)
- communication skills - (excellent, above average, good, fair, poor)
- creativity -- (excellent, above average, good, fair, poor)

teacher/counselor/principal name (please print)

title

X _____
teacher/counselor/principal signature

