Young Ambassadors Program
June 19-25, 2016
Washington Week
Sample Agenda

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Sunday, June 19
Arrivals to Washington, DC

2:30 PM  Arrival, Informal Hang Time and D.C. outings
7:00 PM  Dinner and Brief Introductions to Young Ambassadors Program and Smithsonian Latino Center
8:30 PM  Team-Building Activity and Project Development Meeting

Monday, June 20
Understanding the American Experience

8:30 AM  Breakfast and Project Planning Meeting
8:45 AM  Welcome and Meet the SLC
10:00 AM  Informal Conversation: Contemporary Latino Communities
12:00 PM  Lunch and Self-Tour
1:30 PM  Informal Conversation: Our American Journey
2:30 PM  Informal Conversation: Artist Spotlight in Latino Art
4:00 PM  Hands-on Workshop: Contemporary Latino Communities
7:00 PM  Dinner and Project Development

Tuesday, June 21
Understanding and Sustaining a Biodiverse Planet

8:30 AM  Breakfast and Project Planning Meeting
10:30 AM  Interactive Conversation: Introduction to the Smithsonian Latino Center’s Virtual Museum: Mi Tierra Mi Mundo
11:00 AM  Introduction to Water Quality Study
1:00 PM  Lunch
1:30 PM  Workshop: The Terrestrial Watershed
3:30 PM  Informal Conversation: Latinos in Environmental Conservation
6:00 PM  Debrief
7:00 PM  Dinner and Project Development

Wednesday, June 22
Valuing World Cultures

8:30 AM  Breakfast and Project Planning Meeting
10:00 AM  Workshop: Our Shared Experiences; The Human Genome
12:00 PM  Lunch at the Smithsonian Folklife Festival
1:45 PM  Meet and regroup in Smithsonian Castle Gardens
2:00 PM  Slam Poetry: Our Cultural Connections
3:30 PM  Break
4:00 PM  Inside the Musician’s Studio: Afro-Caribbean Connections
6:30 PM  Debrief
7:00 PM  Dinner and Project Development

Thursday, June 23
Unlocking the Mysteries of the Universe

8:30 AM  Breakfast and Project Planning Meeting
10:00 AM  Conversation: The Inka and an Age of Discovery
12:30 PM  Lunch
1:30 PM  Informal Conversation: The Next Frontier in STEM
3:30 PM  Break
4:00 PM  Workshop: Design, Build, Test: Habitats, Modules, and Robotics
6:30 PM  Debrief
7:00 PM  Dinner and Project Development
Friday, June 24
The Next Generation

8:30 AM  Breakfast and Project Planning Meeting

10:00 AM  Latino Leaders Roundtables

12:30 PM  Lunch and Free Time

1:30 PM  Free Time
Options to consider:
  • Explore Smithsonian Folklife Festival
  • Smithsonian Museums
  • Capitol Hill

3:30 PM  2016 YAP Group Project Presentations

4:30 PM  Debrief

5:00 PM  Break

7:00 PM  YAP Closing Dinner

8:00 PM  Carnaval and Salsa Dance Workshop and Party

9:30 PM  Washington D.C. Monument Tour

Saturday, June 25
Farewell

11:00 AM-1:00 PM  Farewell Lunch

2:00 PM  Depart for Airport
Young Ambassadors Program
July 5–August 1, 2016
Sample Internship Descriptions

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Young Ambassadors Sample Internship Descriptions

The following are just sample internship descriptions for three different types of centers. They are only to give you an idea of what an intern may be doing at their sites if chosen for the program.

General:

- Usually, will work within one of the following departments: the education, public programs and community outreach, or marketing divisions of the museums.
- May assist in the research and development of activities and programs for children, families, and teens.
- May assist in the development and implementation of social media or other interactive, digital forms of outreach.
- May assist with the museum’s marketing and outreach efforts.
- May assist in local community outreach engagement.

Science Center:

- Actively participates in the planning and execution of special programs and science demonstrations (STEM or STEAM focused).
- Interacts with visitors to explain the scientific principles demonstrated in current exhibits.
- Assists visitors in their use of the exhibits, resources, and activities in the exhibit area.
- Answers visitor questions about the exhibits and the Museum, including, but not limited to, the day’s programs and events.
- Learns content of the exhibit area and the significance of the science in the exhibit components on display in order to be able to engage visitors in conversations about the exhibit.
- Works cooperatively with members of the interpretive staff and other volunteers.
- Work with children ages 4 to 14 in a classroom-based, hands-on environment.
- Assist with the general supervision of the class, including classroom management.
- Participate in all classroom activities and projects daily, as directed by the lead teacher.
- Prepare and organize supplies.

Cultural Center:

- Young Ambassadors at the Center have the opportunity to learn about and work across the multi-disciplinary programs of the Center.
- Generally, Young Ambassadors are engaged directly in ongoing programs, outreach and events.
- Young Ambassadors typically spend one week with the Education Program supporting onsite summer programs for children; this includes visual arts, performing arts, hands-on activities and theater performances.
- Assisting with programs that promote intergenerational family learning including onsite art making, interactive displays.
Museum:
- Interact with visitors.
- Explain hands-on exhibits to a wide variety of audiences.
- Facilitate science demonstrations and art activities.
- Mentor young visitors as well as peers.
- Help facilitate the Museum’s educational programs and workshops (Camps, Gingerbread, Sleepovers, Story Time, Discovery Time, etc.).
- Engage in a series of trainings that support their progress.
- Work in small groups of peers.
- Build transferable skills that can be applied to future professional and academic endeavors.