



Great Falls Youth Center Program Application

(20__ - 20__)

Our Mission:

The Great Falls Youth Center (GFYC) provides a safe environment for participants to develop: socially, emotionally, cognitively, academically and recreationally to reduce the potential for youth to engage in risky behaviors and/or activities.

Participant's Information:

First Name: _____ **M.I.** _____ **Last Name:** _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Age:** _____ **School Name:** _____

Grade: _____ **Student I.D. Number** _____

PLEASE ATTACH YOUR COMPLETE CLASS SCHEDULE WHEN TURNING IN THIS APPLICATION

Address: _____ **City:** _____

State: _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Participant's Email Address: _____

Participant's Phone Number _____ **Cell / Home / Work**

Gender: Female / Male / Gender Neutral

Ethnicity: Asian / Black or African American / Hispanic or Latinx / Native American / White / Other _____

Primary Language: English / Arabic / Bengali / Patois / Spanish / Other _____

Parent/Guardian Information:

Parent 1/Guardian 1:

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Relationship to Participant: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Email Address _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: _____ **Cell / Home / Work**

Parent 2/Guardian 2:

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Relationship to Participant: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Email Address _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: _____ **Cell / Home / Work**

Emergency Contact Information:

Name: _____ Relationship to Participant: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Email Address _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number: _____ **Cell / Home / Work**

Participant's Medical Conditions: _____

(Please include any conditions that require assistance such as heart problems, diabetes, asthma, etc.)

Participant's Code of Conduct (20__ - 20__)

We Teach Students how to Be and/or Maintain Being RAD (Responsible, Accountable, and Disciplined). One of our main goals is to teach students to be RAD in everything they do. When they exhibit RADness, they will see success! To be RAD, one must always follow the **Great Falls Youth Center Code Of Conduct Policy** which includes but is not limited to:

RESPECT:

The expectation of Great Falls Youth Center (GFYC) participants is to be respectful to the staff, other participants, themselves, and the GFYC policies and property. Respect towards the previously listed groups includes but is not limited to their ability to: listen to all of the staff members, abide by the RAD rules at all times, and to be helpful and polite at the site. Foul language including swear words and offensive language will not be tolerated. Public displays of affection (PDA) and other inappropriate behaviors will not be tolerated.

FIGHTING:

The Great Falls Youth Center (GFYC) does not tolerate verbal and physical altercations (fighting). Play fighting, rough-housing, wrestling, and slap boxing will also not be tolerated as it can lead to verbal or physical altercations. If a participant engages in a physical altercation (fighting), the student will receive an automatic three (3) day suspension. If a participant is suspended from school, the participant is also suspended from the Great Falls Youth Center.

WEAPONS:

The Great Falls Youth Center (GFYC) has a zero-tolerance policy for weapons brought near or on the GFYC property. This includes but is not limited to: firearms or imitation firearms (handguns, rifles, shotguns, ammunition, magazines, bullets, etc.). In addition, students are not permitted to carry knives including but not limited to: gravity, ballistic, or switchblades. Last but not least, students cannot bring stun guns, handcuffs, and any other destructive devices designed to explode, or cause serious and non-serious bodily harm or death. If a participant comes to the Youth Center with any of the above mentioned weapons, the police will be called and the parents will be notified. The student's membership with the center from that day forward will also be revoked.

DRUGS, ALCOHOL AND SMOKING:

The Great Falls Youth Center (GFYC) has a zero-tolerance policy with regards to drugs and alcohol. If a youth participant appears to be under the influence of or using drugs or alcohol, the parent/guardian will be contacted. Smoking of any kind on or near the GFYC property is strictly prohibited including but not limited to: marijuana, cigarettes, e-cigarettes, and/or vapes. If a participant is smoking on the GFYC property, the above actions will be taken and any

Participant's Rules of Conduct for Field Trips (20__ - 20__)

Participating in activities and trips sponsored by the Great Falls Youth Center is a privilege, not a right. GFYC members are expected to be on their best behavior in and around the GFYC property, at school, at home, and while participating in GFYC-sponsored meetings, trips, and activities. Therefore, GFYC program advisors reserve the right to exercise the disciplinary steps outlined here. When on trips, program advisors reserve the right to dismiss from the trip any student who violates the code of conduct below:

- All students are expected to comply with the rules of the bus company with regard to safe transport.
- All students are expected to follow reasonable instructions from trip chaperones, hotel staff, bus company employees, and other third-party facilitators or authorities.
- All students are expected to follow the laws of any applicable jurisdiction.
- All students are expected to follow the rules and regulations of hotels where we lodge.
- All students are expected to exercise good judgment and show respect for themselves and others at all times.
- All students are expected to fully participate in all required activities such as tours, small group debriefing activities, and entire-group meetings as designated.
- No student will be allowed to behave in a manner that unreasonably interferes with the rights of others.

Students are expected to behave in ways that enhance GFYC's good reputation and reflect positively on their peers and fellow Patersonians. The following behaviors are expressly unacceptable and will be met with disciplinary consequences:

- Repeatedly being late for the bus, thus delaying scheduled departures.
- Leaving the group without permission from a chaperone.
- Causing damage to private property at the hotel, in the bus, or anywhere else.
- Refusing to participate in required activities.
- Being disrespectful to chaperons or peers.

Any students who engage in prohibited behavior will be reprimanded and may be dismissed from the trip at the sole discretion of GFYC advisors. Return travel arrangements for the dismissed student will need to be covered by his or her parent(s)/guardian(s) at their sole financial expense.

Additional Rules for Overnight Trips

The Great Falls Youth Center will be participating in CBI (Community Based Instruction), local and away/overnight trips/outings, volunteering opportunities in the community, and we will also be exploring the possibility of taking international trips/tours! By signing below, both the student and his/her parent/guardian understand that signature substitutes a permission to participate in all LOCAL activities, trips and outings sponsored by the Great Falls Youth Center; and understand that ALL overnight/away/international trips will have a separate, detailed permission slip.

By signing below, both the student and his/her parent/guardian expressly agree to honor the rules and standards governing student conduct on any trip during the 2023-2024 school year. Additionally, they mutually agree to waive and release all claims against the Great Falls Youth Center and New Jersey Community Development Corporation for any liability or harm that could possibly arise in the absence of direct supervision by chaperones, or due to the student's failure or refusal to remain under such supervision or to comply with the rules and standards described in this document.

_____ Name of Youth	_____ Signature of Youth	_____ Date
_____ Name of Parent/Guardian	_____ Signature of Parent/Guardian	_____ Date

After School Obligations Form (20__ - 20__)

The Great Falls Youth Center has an educational initiative to ensure that students graduate from high school as the first step in the "success sequence". The goal is to significantly improve graduation rates so that students can prepare for jobs, higher education, entrepreneurship or service positions. Research demonstrates that this "success sequence" will reduce their chances of ending up in poverty to only 2%. For this reason, attendance at structured programming in addition to recreational activities is strongly encouraged to promote a balanced experience. The only exception is if the student has an after school obligation.

Please indicate what after school obligations the student has while also including their schedule below:

Please release the following records:

- Grades
 - Attendance
 - Class schedule
 - Progress reports
 - Behavior records
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Authorization to release student's records:

I, _____, have enrolled my child, _____, in the Great Falls
(Parent/Guardian Name) (Student Name)
Youth Center for 20__-20__ academic year. By signing this form, I authorize _____
(School Name)
to release the above mentioned information to the Great Falls Youth Center as part of their
programs' progress monitoring requirement.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Liability Consent and Waiver Release Form (20__-20__)

This form serves as a permission slip for transporting students across New Jersey during the field trips organized by the Great Falls Youth Center. By signing this form, you relieve the New Jersey Community Development Corporation (NJCDC) and their partners, including the Great Falls Youth Center, of any and all liability that may be asserted by a minor child or their parent(s) in connection with the child's participation in off-site trips during 2023-2024 which are listed on the attached page. Please complete and sign this form if you are the parent of a minor child participating in any of these trips.

Child's Name (Please Print)	_____ First Name	_____ Last Name	D.O.B	_____/_____/_____ Month Day Year
Your Name (Please Print)	_____ First Name	_____ Last Name	Relation to Child	

- My child has my permission to participate in off-site trips which are listed on the attached page. I understand that some of the trips will involve overnight stays and/or travel to and from another city. I also understand that these trips may involve recreational activities that may pose a risk of physical injury or other harm caused by participation in activities such as swimming, arts and crafts, basketball, archery, climbing, volleyball, canoeing, mountain biking, and others.
- I also give my son/daughter permission to use the transportation offered by the program on a space-available basis, which is a courtesy of NJCDC only for students who participate in the program for at least two (2) hours. The Great Falls Youth Center has the right to refuse to transport my son/daughter given that he/she breaks the rules of the code of conduct.
- I understand that transportation home is only offered Monday through Thursday and is not offered during large events (such as dances, Parents' Night, etc.), after field trips, or during any programs offered on Fridays and Saturdays (such as boxing, etc.).
- I understand that my child's participation in these trips is a privilege, and not a right. I acknowledge that I have spoken with my child about my child's need to comply with the specific rules and requirements established for each trip. I have specifically notified my child that the use or possession of alcohol or controlled substances and/or weapons is strictly forbidden at any time during such trips.
- In case of a medical emergency, I hereby authorize NJCDC's employee or agent thereof who is supervising my child during the overnight trip to procure and consent to any medical care, including any examinations, diagnostic processes or courses of treatment, for my child during the overnight trip. This form may be presented to the appropriate emergency medical staff at such time emergency medical care is required. Furthermore, I accept full responsibility for all medical expenses and other expenses incurred for medical care provided to my child during these trips.
- By signing this form, I, on behalf of myself and my child, hereby waive and release NJCDC as an entity and its employees, Board members, agents, representatives, and volunteers, in their respective official and individual capacities, from all claims, demands, and/or liability for any injury, harm, loss and/or damage arising in any manner from my child's participation in these trips. In addition, I agree to hold NJCDC harmless against all claims and/or other demands arising as a result of my child's participation in these trips. I further acknowledge that this waiver and release applies to all acts, and/or failure to act, whether intentional, reckless, or negligent, on the part of NJCDC. I know that by signing this waiver and release, I am immunizing NJCDC from all liability, and that such immunization is on behalf of me and my child. I further understand that because I am signing as the parent/legal guardian of a minor-aged participant, I am specifically waiving and releasing all the rights that the minor-aged participant might otherwise have had. I will not bring any legal action or assert any claims of any kind against NJCDC for any injury, harm, loss or damage arising out of my child's participation in these trips.
- I also understand that I have the ability to refuse to sign this form, and that if I refuse to sign, my child will not be permitted to participate in these trips. I sign this form voluntarily, with a full and complete understanding of its contents.

By signing below, I hereby acknowledge that I reviewed and understood the provisions above and agree to comply with them as a condition of my child's participation in the NJCDC-sponsored trips which are listed on the attached page.

Signature of the Parent/Legal Guardian

Date