



OASL SUMMER LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

June 22-26, 2025 | The Ohio State University
INFORMATION PACKET

This event is not sponsored by the school district.





Your students won't want to miss this!

OASL is looking for motivated middle school and high school students ready to further develop as leaders and change-makers

OASL Summer Workshop is a 5-day, 4-night experience that empowers students to discover their strengths and passions, develop meaningful connections with peers, and create positive change in their schools & communities. Summer Workshop has been OASL's signature program for over 50 years with continually updated, innovative curriculum designed by educators with and for student leaders. It's an experience that makes a lasting impression, and YOU can help your students be a part of it!

This information packet includes:

- 1-Page Promotional Flyer
- "Is OASL Summer Workshop for Me" Participant Expectations
- Advisor Checklist
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Sample Schedule

There is no better way to help your students learn to serve, connect, and inspire their peers, families, schools, communities, and the world. We hope you will support your students to register and attend OASL Summer Workshop.



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Middle School & High School Students

Middle Level (ML) is for students entering grades 7-9. Senior High (SH) is for students entering grades 10-12.

Workshop Design

OASL has been offering summer leadership workshops since 1953. This 5-day, 4-night experience includes hands-on team activities along with personal growth and reflection opportunities. Students participate in small council groups, large group sessions, meet with local community leaders, and connect 1-on-1 with student leaders from across the state.

Register by June 6th

Students can complete a Registration Planning Form (optional) and/or visit **OASL-OH.org** to register. From there, we'll handle the rest! Scholarships are available!



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Grow as a Student Leader

Summer Workshop helps develop vital people skills, leadership skills, and communication skills so students can hit the ground running at the start of the school year. Students will discover their own ability to be a more inclusive and empathetic leader!

All Students Welcome!

No "leader" title or role needed! Summer Workshop is a great fit for students who strive to set a positive example for others, keep an open mind, take positive risks, and embrace learning and reflection. OASL students connect and collaborate with new people, listen to and empathize with others' stories, and strive to make their schools and communities more inclusive and equitable places for all.

LEARN MORE AND REGISTER NOW!

**Join student leaders from across Ohio
June 22 - 26 at The Ohio State University.**

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Is OASL Summer Workshop for me?



If you're not sure if the Summer Workshop experience is right for you - please see our participation expectations below! You will be required to sign and agree to them (and additional rules/guidelines) during the registration process for OASL events.

If a student is not willing to abide by the expectations below, please do not attend.

Please note: If a student is only interested in spending time with their friends from their home school and/or playing on a device, OASL events are not a good use of their time, energy, and/or finances.

Participate and try new things!

Participating means you will take part in all activities, even if it means taking a positive risk and stepping outside of your comfort zone! A willingness to participate and engage in activities is required.

Interact with those you don't know, or don't know well!

We intentionally place students into small groups and in residence hall rooms with students from different schools, as this adds to all students' learning experience. While we love for our participants to come with a friend, our programs are meant to connect you to new friends from other schools. Group assignments are final.

Be where you are assigned to be at all times.

Students need to be with their group. Students cannot be lingering back in unsupervised areas creating worry for staff members that someone is missing.

Cooperate fully with Directors and staff members.

We are here to help you have the best experience! Committing to an OASL event and serving as a student leader means modeling positive behavior, and complying with the requests of the event leaders, including the lights out time at night.

Be on time and engaged for each activity, session, meal, etc.

Our programming schedules are jam packed! We keep students engaged and busy, while also providing breaks. Students should utilize breaks to use their phone, check in with families, and use the restrooms, so they are not late or excusing themselves from sessions.

Students should not use headphones/earbuds during sessions. These may be used during breaks and residence hall quiet time.

We hope you make new friends, learn a lot, and have a great time!

Advisor Checklist



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Get Administration and/or School Board approval.

School districts have varying procedures and timelines for getting overnight trips approved. Work directly with your administration to make sure you have completed any necessary steps to get the trip approved. A tentative agenda is available in this packet to help. This might not be needed as it occurs in the summer and parent/guardian will take them to Summer Workshop.

Encourage students to attend!

No leader title or position needed! OASL Summer Workshop is for all students who:

- strive to set a positive example for others
- keep an open-mind
- take positive risks
- are excited to learn, grow, and self-reflect
- like to connect and collaborate with new people
- are eager to listen to and empathize with others' stories
- strive to make their schools and communities more inclusive and equitable for all

Have students register.

Students should go to the OASL website (www.oasl-oh.org) to register. If advisors are registering their student(s), then having students complete a [Summer Workshop Registration Planning Form](#) may be helpful.

Have students complete the health form.

Students and families will receive a registration confirmation and information packet via email. The packet will include a link to the required health form. This must be completed prior to arriving to Summer Workshop.

Pay the registration fee.

Students should work with their advisor to determine the expectations for the registration fee. Most common registration fee arrangements include 1) the student/family paying the whole fee 2) the school paying half and the student/family paying half, or 3) the school paying the whole fee. Ultimately who pays what part of the registration fee is most often a decision between the student and their school.

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FAQs



Who can participate in Summer Workshop?

Any middle or high school student can participate in Summer Workshop! Students entering grades 7-9 participate in our Middle Level Program, while students entering grades 10-12 participate in our Senior High Program. We welcome back our returning summer workshop students and are excited to bring new students into the OASL family this summer!

Who should attend Summer Workshop?

Many teachers, advisors, and counselors send their new student organization officers and team captains to OASL Summer Leadership Workshop for the chance to bond and prepare for the upcoming year. This is a great opportunity for students to network with others from across Ohio to gather new ideas and hit the ground running. Even if a student isn't in a formal leadership position, this is a perfect opportunity to develop the leadership potential in any student!

What Summer Workshop level do I sign up for?

Middle Level participants attending for the first time should select "Delegate", second time should select "ALT," and third time should select "ML3." Senior High participants attending for the first time should select "Senior High 1," second time should select "Senior High 2," and third time should select "Senior High 3."

Who runs Summer Workshop?

OASL volunteer staff members serve as our group leaders for the week. Workshop directors are career educators and workforce professionals with a background in leadership development, and our small group "council" staff are OASL program alum. All volunteers have undergone extensive training to ensure students have the best week possible filled with new learning, skills, and inspiration. For more information about our team, please visit oasl-oh.org or contact our Executive Director, Connie Miley, at connie.miley@oasl-oh.org.

Can I be roommates with my friend?

In most cases you will have one roommate. We intentionally house students in a room with someone from another school. We do not make exceptions to this policy. We recognize that students may feel unsure at first, but interacting with others is central to our workshop objectives. We encourage parents to assist their students in overcoming any anxiety associated with this component of our workshop.

Can I arrive late or leave early, or leave and come back to Summer Workshop?

The Summer Workshop experience is driven by the connectedness of participants to one another. In order to maximize the student experience, it is imperative for the group to be consistent throughout the week. Therefore, students that register commit to the full 5 days. We do not allow students to arrive late, leave early, or leave and return.

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What does my registration fee cover?

Your registration fee includes all activities and supporting materials, meals for the week, on campus housing and facilities, workshop guidebook, and a workshop t-shirt!

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What is the refund policy?

If you are unable to attend the workshop, please notify Connie Miley via email at least 10 days in advance or as soon as possible: connie.miley@oasl-oh.org. We have a limited number of spots for our workshops, so please allow someone else the opportunity to go if you can't make it. No refunds will be issued unless we receive notice of cancellation in writing at least 10 days prior to the start of the workshop. Note well that the \$200.00 deposit is non-refundable.

What is an OASL Summer Workshop Scholarship?

OASL Summer Workshop Scholarships are available through the generous giving of our corporate sponsors and committed OASL Alumni. These partial scholarships are intended for those whose current financial circumstances would otherwise not allow them to attend an OASL Summer Workshop. Scholarships will be granted in the amount of \$150.00. You will be required to pay a \$100.00 deposit in order to register and accept your scholarship. The balance will be due upon arrival to the workshop. The [OASL Summer Workshop Scholarship Application](#) must be submitted by May 15th, 2025, at 11:45 p.m.

Are there any additional details I should know about?

After students register, they will be emailed a [Confirmation Packet](#) that includes a link to the Summer Workshop Digital Forms, a packing list, and drop-off/pickup reminders.

Summer Workshop Tentative Schedule



Time	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
8 AM		Breakfast			
9 AM		Opening Session			
10 AM		Small Group Activity	IMPACT SESSION	Large Group Activity	Small Group Activity
11 AM					
12 PM	Check-In	Lunch			Closing Session
1 PM		Large Group Activity			
2 PM	Opening Session	Small Group Activity			
3 PM	Small Group Activity				
4 PM		Residence Hall Quiet Time (RHQT)			
5 PM	Dinner				
6 PM	Small Group Activity	Small Group Activity	Large Group Session	Large Group Session	
7 PM		Talent Show		Workshop Celebration!	
8 PM			Dance/Game Time		
9 PM	Closing				
10 PM	Prep for Bed				

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