



May 3, 2017

Re: Youth Advisory Council Application-Due September 30, 2017

Dear Educators and Parents:

Longview World of Wonders is a community organization dedicated to our mission to inspire a life-long love of learning by giving children the opportunity to imagine, create and explore in a hands-on educational environment. Since opening in August 2016, we have successfully hosted field trips, weekend events, birthday parties, and the general public.

To assist us as volunteers and visionaries, we would like to recruit talented, creative, and volunteer-minded youth from our local area. We would like teens who can provide young energy, curiosity and ideas to our project. We are also looking for organizational and inspirational skills.

This will be our fifth year with a youth council. Last year the students assisted several large community-wide events including *Mathpalooza* and *Walk Among the Giants with Dinosaur George*. Youth Advisory Council members volunteered as **Playologists** and **Professor WOWs** assisting and leading educational activities during the regular operation of the museum. They also researched, designed, and built a light spectrum cart exhibit filled with child-centered hands-on activities.

Creative, enthusiastic students entering grades 8th through 12th are encouraged to apply. Students currently serving will be given first priority based upon their participation. Commitment, reliability, enthusiasm, a desire to serve, and leadership skills are attributes we seek when selecting new Longview World of Wonders Youth Advisory Council members.

If you have any questions or are interested in applying to the Longview World of Wonders (LongviewWOW) Youth Advisory Council, please contact info@longviewwow.org.

Sincerely,

Lynsey Lack

Lynsey Lack, Program and Education Director
Longview World of Wonders

For more information look at our website www.longviewwow.org or call 903-212-4969.

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Longview World of Wonders Youth Advisory Council

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2017-2018

Checklist of Application Requirements for members:

- Read overview of organization/ review website
- Complete Membership Application Form
- Complete Officer Application/Information form if you are interested officer post.
- Commitment Pledge
- Hold Harmless Agreement
- Two References (can be sent separately)
- Postage If sending more than five or six pages by mail, it may require additional stamps!

For the 2017-2018 school year, Longview World of Wonders plans to select up to 15 representatives from junior high and high school campuses to help serve the community through hands-on education. We would like representatives from all of the school districts in the area as well as home *school groups*. **All Council members must be able to attend at least 80% of monthly meetings and volunteer at least 12 hours per year during regular business hours at the museum.** Members are selected to represent their peers, school, and community.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS

Name: _____ Gender: ____ Birth Date: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ School: _____ Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian's Names: _____

Parents email _____

Best phone number to reach you (i.e. home phone, cell phone): _____

TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF

Please prepare answers to the following questions. If you are unable to submit a typed copy, a hand-written copy in print will do. You can attach a separate paper if needed.

1. What are you involved with both within your school (interests groups, school sports teams, etc.) and outside of school (interests, work, music, etc.)?

List all activities within and outside of school in order of importance (include awards, honors, leadership positions, etc) and how you will balance your time between various activities.

2. What personal strengths/skills and activities will help you contribute to the success of Longview World of Wonders Youth Advisory Board?

3. If you were told to make Longview World of Wonders better, what event(s)/ ideas would you add to improve it?

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OFFICER/COMMITTEE INTEREST FORM

Check here if you are a returning member.

INTEREST FORM / OFFICER APPLICANTS: (Interview Required)

YES, I am interested in being an officer for the 2017-2018 Youth Advisory Council.

Officer Positions – check one

- President:** Keeps meetings on track; facilitates discussion; writes agenda before the meeting
- Vice-President:** Co-facilitate discussion, perform duties of the President when absent or asked
- Secretary:** Takes minutes at meetings, particularly to record decisions, types and distributes minutes to rest of the YAC and makes sure everyone is informed
- Fundraising Chair:** Organizes small events where YAC raises money, eg: restaurant night fundraisers
- Marketing Chair:** Gathers content and pics for Facebook, Instagram, etc. and posts on behalf of the group, oversee video creating process

All Youth Advisory Council Member serve on the various committees. Committees will be formed for the programs chosen:

Committees include:

- Marketing / PR** - social media campaigns, handing out flyers, taking pictures
- Programs** – works with LongviewWOW programs committee to enhance visitor experience
- Fundraising** - plans fundraising events or campaigns

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COMMITMENT PLEDGE

Applicant: While it is true that being a part of the Longview World of Wonders Youth Advisory Council might “look good” on a resume or college application some day, we strongly discourage anyone who is joining solely for this reason. There is a time and effort commitment involved. We are a group of youth who are committed to making a difference in our community, who want to have fun, to learn about museums, discovery, and provide hands on educational excitement.

Parent/Guardian: Your student is applying to become a member of the Longview World of Wonders Youth Advisory Council, a group of Longview area students committed to making a difference in the community. This commitment will take dedication and time on the part of the applicant, and support from you, as well. Your student is committing to the following:

Youth Advisory Council Requirements:

- At least one, one-hour Youth Council meetings per month. Members are expected to attend at least 80% of meetings.
- At least 12 hours per year during regular business hours at the museum, averaging 2 hours per month.
- Represent the interests of my school, my community, and myself.
- Actively participate in meetings and projects (everyone’s ideas are important!).

Your signature below constitutes a pledge that your responses to the questions in this application are accurate and entirely your work. In addition, you understand and will follow the requirements of the Longview World of Wonders Youth Advisory Council if you are selected to represent your school, social group, community, and the Longview World of Wonders. You agree that you have read and agree to the requirements noted above.

Student Signature

Date

Parent /Guardian Signature

Date

DUE: September 30, 2017

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Hold Harmless Agreement Clause:

I, the undersigned, assume all risks and hazards incidental to participating in Longview World of Wonders activities, and do hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnify, and agree to hold harmless the Longview World of Wonders, employees, supervisors, participants, and instructors, for any claim arising out of any injury, damage, or personal loss incurred to myself or my child(ren) in connection with the activities sponsored or co-sponsored by Longview World of Wonders. I, the undersigned, am fully aware of the potential dangers and risk inherent in these activities, including physical injury, death, or other consequences that may arise or result directly or indirectly from participation in these activities.

By participating in Longview World of Wonders activities, I agree that any images of myself or my child(ren) may be used by Longview World of Wonders and may be included in promotional or informational brochures, newspaper articles, and/or newsletters relating to Longview World of Wonders.

Student's Printed Name _____

Student's Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Parent Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

Please mail or email to:

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Reference: You were given this form because the applicant below is applying to join the Longview World of Wonders Youth Advisory Council. Your input and support of this person can help them in their efforts to join the Youth Advisory Council.

Reference Name:

Applicant Name:

How long have you known the applicant?

What is your relationship to the applicant?

Please comment below on why you think this person should be a member of the Longview World of Wonders Youth Advisory Council. Consider what unique qualities and talents this person can bring to the organization.

Signature of Reference _____ Date

Printed Name of Reference _____

Phone Number of Reference _____

Feel free to write additional comments on the back! Please return this form by mail, email or fax. Mail to: Longview World of Wonders, Youth Advisory Application, PO Box 2647 Longview, Texas 75606, email to info@longviewwow.org.

Questions Phone Lynsey Lack: 903-212-4969

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