



National Leadership Forum
A T H A R D I N G U N I V E R S I T Y

Sponsored By:

Alabama Central Civitan

District Clubs

2019 Information and Registration

Packet



Governor: Jerry LeVert

Chairs: Wynton and Emily Hodges



Alabama Central District

Dear Club Presidents and Leaders,

How do adult Civitans actually mold the thoughts of young people – those who are destined to take the reins of leadership within the next few years? How does any adult form the opinions, preferences, prejudices and thoughts of a young person who is to step into the shoes of his/her elders? The answer is ***YOU DON'T!***

Just as the present leadership generation formed its own opinions from available material, so will the oncoming leaders form their opinions. This has been shown by example in the results of the many citizenship seminars that are sponsored by Civitans all over the U.S. and Canada. These seminars typically provide a concentrated exposure to a wide variety of ideas and permit the young people to come to their own conclusions.

The material presented varies widely from seminar to seminar. The speakers are chosen for their depth of knowledge in some area of citizenship and leadership, and are asked to present their information, without censorship, directly to the participants.

The seminars are not only designed to stretch the minds of the participants but provide both social and recreational outlets. Planned activities are the order of the day. Good citizenship on a practical level is also emphasized. The participants are expected to obey the rules while on campus.

The seminars are not confined to the overall purpose of building good citizenship; they are also learning tools that leave the young people with new insight into the role of the citizen. And from it all, better citizens are built.

The worth of the Youth Forum is evident when the students return. The way they talked about the programs, the speakers and the fellowship it was obvious they got a lot from this experience. Most evident are the comments from parents and teachers on the obvious positive change in attitude and personal presentation of many of the students – quiet ones have morphed into leaders. Many of them gained more than new friends; they gained the confidence and knowledge to be true leaders.

In 1955 Civitans approached Harding University and requested a forum be developed for our youth. This forum has been very successful and popular that now almost 300 students attend each year. Harding University has built a tradition of quality speakers and programs and has provided excellent facilities to house and care for our student leaders. New leadership is molding a program to be relevant and engaging in our every changing society.

Our group from the Alabama Central District has grown significantly over the past few years. I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to teach the values of our country to our future leaders by sponsoring one or more students for the June 2019 National Leadership Forum.

Jerry LeVert

Governor 2018 - 2019

Alabama Central Civitan District



ALABAMA CENTRAL CIVITAN DISTRICT

2019 Harding University National Youth Leadership Forum

PARENTAL PERMISSION AND PHOTOGRAPHY WAIVER FORM

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE - This form must be completed in full.

Name of Delegate: _____ Age: _____ Gender: M F

Street Address: _____ Delegate's Cell #: () _____
City/State/Postal Code: _____

School Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Sponsoring Civitan Club: _____

School Grade in Fall 2019: 10 11 12 (Check One)

PARENTAL PERMISSION: (Delegates WILL NOT be allowed to register without this form completed)

I/We, the undersigned parent(s) or guardian(s) of the above-named delegate, give permission without reservation or restriction for the above named delegate to travel to and from and attend the 2019 National Youth Leadership Forum at Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas on June 2-7, 2019.

PERMISSION FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT: In the event of your inability to contact me/us in the case that medical attention is expedient for the above delegate, I/We, the undersigned parent(s) or guardian(s) of the above-named delegate, hereby approve and consent to emergency treatment necessary, as determined by the Medical Officer in charge at the 2019 National Youth Leadership Forum at Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas or by the Civitan Representative in charge of the delegation. I/We, in consenting to emergency treatment, do authorize and agree to be responsible for payment of, and to pay for, all expenses related to said emergency treatment. I/We, also understand and agree that it is my/our responsibility, as the parent(s) or guardian(s) of the above-named delegate, to provide medical coverage for above named delegate.

Insurance Company: _____ Policy # _____
Name of Policy Holder: _____ Company: _____

NOTE: Please list allergies (including medications), chronic ailments, disabilities, prescription medications being taken, and other information pertaining to the above-named delegate, that you feel we should know in an emergency. Please list, use reverse side of form if necessary. _____

WAIVER: I/We, the undersigned parent(s) or guardian(s) of the above named delegate, for and in consideration of the privilege extended to the above named delegate to attend and participate in the Youth Leadership Forum, do hereby hold harmless, and forever discharge Civitan International, the Alabama Central Civitan District, their successors, representatives, agents, and assigns of and for all liability, claims, and demands for on account of any injury or damage resulting which may occur at any time when the above named delegate is in route to or from the Youth Leadership Forum or attending the 2019 National Youth Leadership Forum at Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas. I/We, the undersigned parent(s) or guardian(s) of the above named delegate, further agree to indemnify and hold harmless Civitan International, the Alabama Central Civitan District, against any and all claims and demands by any other person or legal entity for damages alleged to have been caused by the above named delegate.

Photography Waiver:

I/We, the undersigned parent(s)/guardian(s) of _____, hereby grant to the Alabama Central Civitan District and Harding University, its employees, agents, assigns, and sponsors, the right to video and/or photograph my dependent, and use the video, photo and or other digital reproduction of him/her or other reproduction of his/her physical likeness for publication processes, whether electronic, print, digital or electronic publishing via the Internet and expressly waive any and all present, or future compensation rights to the use of the above stated material(s)..

(Signature of parent/guardian)

(Signature of parent/guardian)

Date: _____

Date: _____

{NOTE: If delegate lives with or is the legal custody of both parents, both should sign.}



National Leadership Forum

HARDING UNIVERSITY - SEARCY, ARKANSAS

JUNE 2-7, 2019



Full Name: _____

Preferred Name: _____ (for Name Badge and Certificate)

Street Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Male Female Your age on June 2, 2019 will be: _____

Student's Cell Phone #: _(_____)_____

Student's E-mail: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Name: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Phone #(s): _____

Parent's/Guardian's E-mail(s): _____

_____ has my permission to attend the National Leadership
(Student's Name) Forum at Harding University, June 2-7, 2019.

(Parent's/Guardian's Signature)

I agree to abide by the rules set forth by my sponsor (Civitan) and Harding University.

(Student's Signature)

Sponsored by (Civitan Club(s)) _____

Club representative's signature: _____

Preferred room-mate(s) (optional) _____



Harding University
American Studies Institute

National Leadership Forum

Medical Release Form

Attendee Name _____ Date _____

Home Address _____ City, State, & Zip _____

Telephone (____) _____

Mother's Name _____ Home Address _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Business Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

Father's Name _____ Home Address _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Business Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

Family Physician _____ Phone (____) _____

Medication Allergies _____

Food and/or Other Allergies _____

If parents cannot be reached in an emergency, please list person to contact.

Name _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Home Phone (____) _____ Business Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

I consent to the above-named student to participate in Harding University's American Studies Institute (ASI) National Leadership Forum. I further authorize the ASI personnel to sign documents permitting the performance of medical assistance as deemed necessary by legally licensed medical personnel at the time of illness or injury to the above student and will accept the financial responsibility for said medical assistance.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

Arkansas law does not require a medical release form to be notarized.

What to bring to National Leadership Forum at Harding University

- **Bedding:**
 - Pillow with pillowcase
 - Twin bed sheets, sleeping bag or light blanket)
- **Bath and Towels and bath cloth(s)**
- **Toiletries** (bath soap, shampoo, toothbrush and toothpaste, deodorant)
 - Shower shoes/flip flops
- Pajamas! Underwear and socks
- Nice shirts (no spaghetti straps, halters, or tube tops; no bare midriffs), T-shirts will be great, no inappropriate or political graphics.
- Jeans and/or skirts and/or khaki pants and/or capris – **no gym type shorts. Must be modest in length, no “sofie” of Nike gym shorts.**
- One nice outfit and shoes for final banquet (church clothes)
(Note: some of the young ladies like to wear evening wear; this is acceptable but must not be strapless or halter top. Guys, suits are very nice, yet not required if you do not own one, nice shirt and tie will do.)
- Comfortable shoes, Tennis shoes or Water shoes with backs (like Chacos)
- Light jacket, sweater or sweatshirt – auditorium is cold!
- Raincoat or poncho
- Laundry bag, Sunscreen, Insect repellent, etc.
- Spending money (Suggest \$25 - \$45 optional). There is a great bookstore for Harding University souvenirs; you may want snacks and sodas (Food Court and Star Bucks on Campus).
- Any other items you might want in your dorm room that is easy to pack in your suitcase.
- What to leave at home: All electronics should be left at home: iPads, Fitbits, smart watches, Kindles, tvs, gaming systems GoPros, etc. We also ask that nerf guns, water balloons and all practical joke material not be sent to NLF. Any of these items found in your possession will be collected and returned when NLF is dismissed on Friday morning. Cell phones will be monitored and not allowed in all sessions.
- District Chaperones request that each student/delegate bring \$20 for lunch on the trips to and from the Leadership Forum. **Please place \$10 of this in a sealed envelope labeled with delegate’s name and give to the Chaperone when boarding the bus on Sunday.** This will be held to ensure that each one has money for lunch on the return trip home.
- A small notebook or notepad might will come in handy, you will want to make notes on some of the speakers.



HARDING
UNIVERSITY

National Youth Leadership Forum

"I am thankful for the opportunity to participate in the National Leadership Forum at Harding. The speakers, programs, activities, and new friends all make the seminar worthwhile..."

- Tennessee Delegate

Seminar Facts

Check Back for information on the **63th annual National Leadership Forum** on the Harding University campus. Participants will be housed in modern men's and women's residence halls. The meals will be served in the school's cafeteria. Sessions will be held in the American Heritage Conference Center.

Through lectures, films and discussion, participating youth will become more prepared and confident, equipped with the necessary tools to preserve the traditions and ideals upon which America was founded. A wide variety of speakers will present lectures and then allow for a question-and-answer period.

Open to student leaders entering grades 10, 11 and 12

Participants should be entering either the 10th, 11th or 12th grades in September 2019. They must have excellent character and demonstrate leadership ability.

Supervised university dorm life

Adult and student counselors will provide supervision for men's and women's residence halls at all times. Seminar participants should plan to arrive Sunday afternoon. Transportation and associated costs are provided by Civitan Group sponsor.

Tuition (Covered by Sponsoring Civitan Club)

The tuition for the seminar covers all costs directly related to the seminar, including housing, meals and materials. Transportation will also be included in the sponsorship fee.

Forum Outcomes

- Leadership Development
- Understanding Free Enterprise
- Examining Foreign Policy
- Understanding Our Environment
- Building Family Values
- Examining Leadership Issues, such as Personal Growth, Aids and Drug/Alcohol Abuse, Economic issues and entrepreneurship.

More Information

Students or parents interested in more information and/or a brochure may contact District Chairs, **Wynton and Emily Hodges, 1041 Melissa Circle, Leeds, AL 35094, Phone:(205) 999-2118.**

Harding is a **Christian University** and our dress code reflects this. **Clothing is required to be very modest** which **means longer shorts and no revealing or low-cut tops for girls, waistbands at the appropriate level for guys and girls, neatness for everyone.** Please be respectful of this request and our host campus. You will want to bring comfy shoes for daily wear and a dressy outfit for the banquet on the final night – again, please keep outfits modest. (The auditorium where the sessions

are held can be cold, so *bring a jacket or sweater* just in case).

In regard to the major rules on campus, the rule which we most like to practice is the **Golden Rule**.

We are a smoke, drug, and alcohol-free campus.

Please fill out the registration forms as soon as possible. Hopefully, this year's forum will be even better than last year. We look forward to your arrival. I'm sure you will make many lasting friendships during this week!

Sincerely,

Your Forum Director and Staff

Proposed Schedule for 2019 NLF

Sunday, June 2

1:45 p.m. — Registration in the Heritage Lobby; move into dorms

5 p.m. — Dinner in Heritage Cafeteria

7 p.m. — Opening Program/orientation

10 p.m. — Room check

11:30 p.m. — Lights out

Monday, June 3

7:30 a.m. — Breakfast in Heritage Cafeteria

8:30 a.m. — Campus orientation tour/welcome

9:30 a.m. — Speaker:

10:15 a.m. — Break

10:30 a.m. — Speaker:

11:30 a.m. — Lunch in Heritage Cafeteria

1 p.m. — Speaker:

1:45 p.m. — Break

2 p.m. — Speaker:

3 p.m. — Afternoon activity

5 p.m. — Dinner in Heritage Cafeteria

7 p.m. — Evening activity

10 p.m. — Room check

11:30 p.m. — Lights out

Tuesday, June 4

7:30 a.m. — Breakfast in Heritage Cafeteria

8:30 a.m. — Group photo on Benson Auditorium Steps

9:30 a.m. — Speaker:

10:15 a.m. — Break

10:30 a.m. — Speaker:

11:30 a.m. — Lunch in Heritage Cafeteria

1 p.m. — Speaker:

1:45 p.m. — Break

2 p.m. — Speaker:

3 p.m. — Afternoon activity

5 p.m. — Dinner in Heritage Cafeteria

7 p.m. — Evening activity

10 p.m. — Room check

11:30 p.m. — Lights out

Wednesday, June 5

7:30 a.m. — Breakfast in Heritage Cafeteria

8:30 a.m. — Morning activity

9:30 a.m. — Speaker:

10:15 a.m. — Break

10:30 a.m. — Speaker:

11:30 a.m. — Lunch in Heritage Cafeteria

1 p.m. — Special presentation

1:45 p.m. — Break

2 p.m. — Speaker:

3 p.m. — Afternoon activity

5 p.m. — Dinner in Heritage Cafeteria

7 p.m. — Evening activity

10 p.m. — Room check

11:30 p.m. — Lights out

Thursday, June 6

7:30 a.m. — Breakfast in Heritage Cafeteria

8:30 a.m. — Feedback

9:30 a.m. — Speaker:

10:15 a.m. — Break

10:30 a.m. — Speaker:

11:30 a.m. — Lunch in Heritage Cafeteria

1 p.m. — Speaker:

2 p.m. — Speaker:

3 p.m. — Afternoon activity

6 p.m. — Dinner: Banquet/team competition

10 p.m. — Room check

11:30 p.m. — Lights out

Friday, June 7

7:30 a.m. — Breakfast in Heritage Cafeteria

8:30 a.m. — Check out of dorms