

Region 10 Youth Preparedness Council (R10 YPC)



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Preparedness Council**

Modeled after National YPC

- Purpose:

- Formed in 2012 to bring together youth leaders across the country who are interested in supporting disaster preparedness
- 15 members (1-2 per Region), 8th-11th graders
- Manage/execute projects with both local & national-level objectives
- Serve as preparedness ambassadors in their communities
- Share their unique perspective on emergencies with FEMA and other preparedness organizations
- Attend the annual YPC Summit in Washington D.C. each summer



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Current National YPC members with FEMA Administrator Brock Long, in Washington DC.

R10 YPC

- Purpose:

- Bring together youth leaders from across Region 10 who are engaged in advocating preparedness
- Candidates are selected based on:
 - Dedication to public service
 - Impact on their communities
 - Potential impact as regional advocates for youth preparedness
- R10 YPC members will be drawn from National YPC applicant pool
- Two-year term for students in grades 8 through 11



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Other benefits of the R10 YPC

- Provides opportunities for project planning, teamwork, public speaking, building leadership and youth empowerment in community engagement activities
- Experience on the R10 YPC can strengthen resumes and college applications
- FEMA staff may provide letters of recommendation and act as professional references, to support students' future endeavors
- YPC members can provide youth perspective on preparedness and public outreach efforts



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Photos of current National YPC member from Region 10, Lathan, speaking at various preparedness events in WA.

YPC Member Responsibilities

- Attend kick-off meeting (August 14-15, 2018)
- Complete a preparedness project that benefits community
- Participate in bi-monthly conference calls
- Update monthly progress report / activity log
- Communicate with Region 10 YPC Mentors
- Individual projects must be executable by August 1, 2019
- Complete a group capstone project



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Month	Planned Activities
Plans for August 2018	
Plans for September 2018	
Plans for October 2018	

Snapshot of Project Timeline

National Preparedness Staff Responsibilities

- **Oversee program and mentor YPC members**
 - Host calls
 - Approve projects
 - Answer questions and provide guidance



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Individual Preparedness Projects

- Must be preparedness related
- Targets identified gap(s)
- Creative
- Process
 - Project worksheets
 - Coordinate and approval from mentor
- Group Capstone: Summer 2019 Preparedness Camp



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Project Examples

- Form and develop an emergency preparedness club in their school or community
- Produce and distribute an emergency preparedness video or video series
- Develop a disaster preparedness exhibit for children in a local museum with hands-on, interactive activities
- Plan a leadership conference for young people, including a session about disaster preparedness



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Timeline / Moving Forward:

- Recruit additional members for R10 Council by June 8
 - Needed: 2 members from ID, 1 from OR, 1 from AK
- Start sharing invitational letters by late May, with selected members
- Host initial kick-off conference call during the last week of June
- In person meeting in August (mid to late August); teamwork, skill building, and project identification and planning
- Schedule for conference calls
- Keep States updated on YPC progress



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