



## YPI 2024 Week I&II

**TO:** Participants of the YPI – July 28 - August 10

**FROM:** Jeff Ostroff, President & Director

To help you better prepare for YPI; we have compiled some helpful information about travel, classes and what to bring to YPI. Hope this helps. **IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS** please email me at [jeff@ypicamp.org](mailto:jeff@ypicamp.org) or call 860-918-3155.

**WHERE:** YPI 2024 will be held at Suffield Academy, a private preparatory school in Suffield, CT about 30 minutes north of Hartford, CT, and 20 minutes south of Springfield MA.

**ARRIVAL:** You should plan to arrive Sunday, July 28, in time to complete your registration and meet your counselor in Kotchen quad in front of the dorms between 4:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M. Dinner will be served at 5:30 P.M. *sharp*.

**CLASSES:** Classes will be held in Visual Arts Center, Performing Arts Center, Gutag Music Center, and the Student Union beginning Monday, July 29 at 8:30 A.M. and end on Friday, August 11 at 3:00 PM. We Jazz will be held all day on Friday. A visiting day for families will be on Sunday, August 4. (more information later.) We will hold a simple goodbye ceremony on Saturday morning at 9:30 on the steps of Kotchen quad (weather permitting) or in the Performing Arts Center theater.

**HOUSING:** Arrangements have been made with Suffield Academy to occupy the dormitories Sunday evening, July 28 through Saturday, August 10. Pick-up time on Saturday is at 10:00 AM. Please pick up before 11:00 but please come watch the certificate ceremony at 9:30 on the steps of Kotchen (weather permitting) or in the theater.

**MEALS:** Meals will be served in the dining room beginning with dinner on Sunday, July 28 at 5:30 P.M through Saturday breakfast on August 10.

**CALLS:** There are no public phones, but you can reach campers by calling the YPI cell number at 860-918-3155 to leave a message. Cell phones are permitted *but* campers are asked not to use them during activity or class. PLEASE NOTE. The best time to call, if necessary, is early morning or late evening before curfew.

**MAIL:** Personal mail may be addressed to camper at:  
Suffield Academy c/o YPI, 185 North Main Street Suffield CT 06078

## TRAVELING to SUFFIELD ACADEMY

**AUTOMOBILE:** The best way to get to YPI is by car. Suffield Academy is located off I-91. The school website shows connecting roads to the school or use a GPS

Suffield Academy  
185 North Main Street  
Suffield, CT 06078

<http://www.suffieldacademy.org/podium/default.aspx?t=113736>

**PLANES:** Planes arrive at Bradley International Airport Hartford/Springfield, which is located in Windsor Locks, CT about 10 minutes from the school.

**PICKUP SERVICE:** We can arrange transportation direct from the airport at no charge.

Please let me know if you need a ride to the school. Send me flight information including day and time of arrival, airline and flight. Confirm your plans at least five days in advance of your arrival.

## SOME THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

Since the dormitories are *not* air-conditioned, I recommend that you bring a portable fan. Blankets, sheets, pillows, pillowcases and towels **ARE NOT** provided. Please bring at least one set per week (*Linens (single extra-long) and towels, a favorite pillow, and a blanket*). I suggest you also pack a few hangers. Some rooms may not have lots of available closet space but will have plenty of drawers. The rooms have overhead lighting, so you may wish to have a reading lamp, flashlight or night-light.

**WHAT TO BRING:** Comfortable clothing is the dress for YPI. Bring shorts, jeans, favorite T-shirts, sneakers, comfortable shoes, bathing suits, a sweater, a jacket and rainwear. Include enough clothing for seven days. There are laundry facilities in the dormitories. Counselors will assist younger students with laundry, if necessary. Bring enough toiletries, soap, toothpaste, etc., to last your stay. On Wednesday evenings, YPI holds an informal dance. Feel free to bring your fun dancing clothes. If you are in the Photography workshops, you will need a DSLR camera or if you want to use the darkroom, we can provide a manual camera. Musicians, please feel free to bring any instruments. Writers can bring their own laptops.

**SPENDING MONEY:** Suffield Academy has a school store with limited hours for students to purchase souvenirs and other supplies. The local pizza shop & Chinese restaurant deliver, however, students may only order at designated times. Parents may wish to provide students with a limited amount of money for their stay. I will be happy to supervise or hold any money parents wish to provide for their children. Quarters are used for the laundry room and vending. If you need change, small bills help.

**MEDICAL CARE:** YPI will provide medical services for the young people while they are with us at camp. A trained medical professional will be on call 24 hours a day. To help us provide the best care, please fully complete the enclosed medical forms, and make sure they are with us before camp begins.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Neither the **YPI, Inc** nor the Suffield Academy will assume responsibility for damage to, nor loss of personal property brought to YPI by students. YPI reserves the right to use photographs and student work for advertising purposes. If you do not wish YPI to use photos or student work, please

request in writing that your sons/ daughter's photographs, writing or artwork may not be used.