

Youth Frontiers

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Description of Services:

Youth Frontiers is a nonprofit organization that delivers powerful retreat programs for elementary, middle, and high school students to strengthen student character and create positive school communities. For more than 20 years, our programs have been challenging and inspiring students to think about what they are doing, what they are saying, and how they are treating one another.

Our Character Education Programs:

Youth Frontiers works to build positive school communities through retreat programs that help young people realize the importance of living a life of character.

- Through interactive daylong retreats geared developmentally for each age group, we teach such timeless values as kindness, courage, responsibility and respect. The result is that students treat each other better, bullying and discipline incidents decline, and school climate improves.
- Our programs create what we call a “catalyst for change” by challenging students to think critically about the impact of their everyday choices and how they treat themselves and others. We engage the silent majority of students to take positive action on behalf of others and sustain educators in their critical work with young people.
- We also offer varied supplemental programming, including Advisory Curriculum for each age level and a variety of online resources, all designed to extend the impact of the retreat experience and enhance character development.
- Our program strengthens and supports other character education programs, such as

Character Counts!

Retreat Descriptions:

The Kindness Retreat is designed for 4th or 5th graders. The program helps build a more caring school community by engaging students in activities that demonstrate the painful effects of bullying and emphasize the value of kindness.

The Courage Retreat, for 6th, 7th or 8th graders, helps build a more inclusive school community by encouraging students to accept others for who they are, resist following the crowd, and act with moral courage despite their fears.

The Respect Retreat, for 9th and 10th grade students, reinforces a message of respecting yourself, respecting others, and standing up for the value of respect. Students realize they may not be friends with everyone, but they do not have to be enemies.

The Wisdom Retreat, for graduating seniors, helps facilitate positive closure to students' high school years and guides a positive transition into life beyond high school. The program gives seniors a chance to learn from their past experiences in order to make good choices for their future.

To Contact Youth Frontiers:

For more information on Youth Frontiers, visit www.youthfrontiers.org, or contact the Arizona Outreach Representative, Chris Moss at cmoss@youthfrontiers.org.