

**GAHRA
YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

**July 14-16, 2017
Epworth By The Sea
St. Simons Island, GA**

Theme: The Game of Life: I Play to WIN



Dear Executive Director:

The GAHRA Youth Committee has begun planning for the Annual GAHRA Youth Leadership Conference. The conference will be held **July 14-16, 2017**, at Epworth By The Sea in Saint Simons Island, GA. Registration for the conference will be **\$140.00** per person. This fee includes conference expenses and participant amenities.

“Almost everything that is great has been done by youth.” Benjamin Disraeli

The purpose of the conference is to provide opportunities to enhance leadership skills and personal development of public housing youth. During the conference, professionals in their field of expertise present information to students. The conference is designed to allow young people the opportunity to explore lifelike situations and their consequences without real life permanency.

We are planning a conference that will provide excellent leadership training for our youth (**ages 13-18**), as well as encourage them to develop strategies for a successful future. Complete the attached registration documents and return them along with payment by **June 23, 2017**, so that we may finalize our plans. **Registration received after June 23, will be returned. There will be no on-site registration. The cost for this conference is a feasible expense, using your Resident Participation Funds.**

We look forward to the participation of your youth and adult chaperones at this conference. If you have any questions or suggestions, contact **Danita Wiggins at (229) 434-4505 ext. 220 or Shanicki Burton at (770) 957 – 4494 ext. 2.**

Sincerely,

Danita Wiggins, Chair

Joe Thomas, Co-Chair

GAHRA YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

July 14-16, 2017

**Epworth By The Sea
1197 S. Lumpkin St.
ST. Simons Island, GA 30602**

**Conference Registration Enclosed
Deadline: June 14, 2017**

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TENTATIVE Schedule

***Chaperones will be notified of changes.**

Friday, July 14, 2017

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| 4:00 p.m. | Hotel Check In – Front Desk 1197 S. Lumpkin St. St. Simons Island, GA 30602 912-638-8688 |
| 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Conference Registration (Location TBA) |
| 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | Evening Entertainment SPECIAL GUEST TBA |
| 7:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. | Conference Overview |
| 7:15 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. | HA Meet & Greet: Youth Spotlight |
| 10:00 p.m. | Lights Out |

Saturday, July 15, 2017

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| 7:00 a.m. – 7:15 a.m. | Chaperone Meet and Greet |
| 7:15 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. | Breakfast |
| 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. | Opening Session |
| 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. | Session 1 |
| 9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. | Break |
| 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. | Session 2 |

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Break

11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Session 3

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch

1:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Session 4

2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Break

2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Session 5

4:30 p.m.

Summer Waves Water Park
210 S Riverview Dr, Jekyll Island, GA 31527

Sunday, July 16, 2017

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast

9:00 a.m.

Closing Session

Proposed Session Topics & Descriptions

- So Fresh and So Clean – 2 classes, one for males, one for females – Personal Hygiene
- Law & Order – class will provide information on social media safety and being a law abiding citizen, etc.
- What's Next? – youth will learn the importance of their GPA, valuable study skills, how to apply for college, available scholarships, etc.
- What's Up at Home? – youth will enjoy an open dialogue with other youth from different authorities; discussing age appropriate activities and concerns, etc.
- 1, 2, 3 REDLIGHT – setting short term and long terms goals, avoiding failure, utilizing resources, etc.
- #ME – character building

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Complete (print or type) enclosed registration form for **ALL** attendees. Duplicate sheets are acceptable.
 2. **Conference Registration is \$140.00 per attendee (*youth and chaperones*). A check for the full amount must accompany your registration form.**
 3. **Make check payable to: GAHRA**
 4. **On-site registration WILL NOT be available.**
 5. **Registration fees are NON-REFUNDABLE. (Substitutions may be made for residents who are registered but unable to attend.)**
 6. **The deadline for registration is Friday, June 23, 2017.**
 7. **Registration is limited to 200 participants. First come, first served!**
 8. **Indicate T-shirt size on the registration form.**
 9. **Send the following documents:**
 - a. **Registration Form(s)**
 - b. **Check**
 - c. **Hold Harmless Waiver (for each participating minor)**
 - d. **Code of Conduct- Acknowledgement (for each participating minor)**
 - e. **Photography and video authorization and release form**
- To: Albany Housing Authority
Attn: Danita Wiggins
P.O. 485
Albany, GA 31702**
10. **If you have any questions concerning registration, please contact or Danita Wiggins at (229) 434-4505 ext. 220 or (229) 344-5337, Email: dwiggin@albanyha.com or Shanicki Burton at (770) 957 – 4494 ext. 2, Email: sburton@mcdonoughha.org**

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HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

Meal Plan: FRIDAY SUPPER – SUNDAY BREAKFAST

RATES ARE PER PERSON, BASED ON THE NUMBER OF ADULTS STAYING IN THE ROOM TOGETHER, AND INCLUDE LODGING FOR 2 NIGHTS, 5 MEALS, MEETING ROOM APPROPRIATE FOR THE SIZE OF THE GROUP AS DETERMINED BY EPWORTH, AND TAXES.

Rates (Per Person):+ \$5.00 PROCESSING FEE WILL BE ADDED TO EACH INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP RESERVATION.

RATES WITH TAXES:

| BUILDING | 1 ADULT PER ROOM | 2 ADULTS PER ROOM | 3 ADULTS PER ROOM | 4 ADULTS PER ROOM |
|---------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| TURNER LODGE | \$325.35 | \$223.98 EACH | \$187.92 EACH | \$171.04 EACH |
| ROBERTSON INN | \$302.38 | \$205.64 EACH | \$167.28 EACH | \$159.56 EACH |
| PITTS/BOOTH | \$381.71 | \$191.88 EACH | \$155.80 EACH | \$150.38 EACH |

TAX EXEMPT RATES:

| BUILDING | 1 ADULT PER ROOM | 2 ADULTS PER ROOM | 3 ADULTS PER ROOM | 4 ADULTS PER ROOM |
|---------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| TURNER LODGE | \$294.96 | \$203.86 EACH | \$171.44 EACH | \$156.26 EACH |
| ROBERTSON INN | \$274.46 | \$187.46 EACH | \$153.00 EACH | \$146.00 EACH |
| PITTS/BOOTH | \$256.00 | \$175.16 EACH | \$142.74 EACH | \$137.80 EACH |

**Cut-off Date
For Making
Reservations:**

**Wednesday,
June 14, 2017**

**Check-In
Time:
4:00 pm
Check-Out
Time:
11:30 am**

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HOLD HARMLESS WAIVER

I am expressly aware that the GAHRA Youth Leadership Conference schedule of events will include classroom activities, instruction, tours recreational programs, swimming, fishing and group outings. Inherent in these activities is the possibility of certain physical risk that can cause injury. I understand that participation will require travel to and from the program site. I also understand that my child is voluntarily participating in this activity with knowledge of the potential risk and potential injury involved and I hereby agree to accept any and all inherent risk of property damage, personal injury, or death.

I understand that this waiver is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted and agree that if any portion is held invalid, the remainder of the waiver will continue in full legal force and effect.

In consideration of my child's participation in the GAHRA Youth Leadership Conference, **I hereby release and hold harmless** the PHA/GAHRA and/or any of their employees, instructors, or **agents from any injury and all present and future claims, actions, or suits**, for property damage, personal injury, or wrongful death, arising as a result of my child engaging in any youth leadership activities or any activities incidental thereto, whatever, or however the same may occur. **I also voluntarily waive the right to pursue any and all such claims, actions, suits** that may be made by me, my family, estate, heirs, or assigns.

I have read this form and fully understand that by signing this form, I am giving up legal rights and/or remedies which may be available to me against the PHA/GAHRA, its employees, instructors, and agents.

Name of Participant (please print)

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Note: This form must be completed for each participating minor. The completed "HOLD HARMLESS WAIVER" is to be submitted along with registration form and payment. Also, the committee must have a completed form for any last minute substitutions to allow for their participation in the conference.

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CODE OF CONDUCT

- Be courteous and respectful towards other. Use language and manners that will bring respect to the PHA/GAHRA Youth Leadership Conference and yourself. Be responsible for knowing what language is appropriate.
- Value and respect others' ideas whether or not they are the same as your own.
- Attend and actively participate in all sessions and activities sponsored by the GAHRA Youth Leadership Conference. Only the most extenuating circumstances will excuse a member from activities.
- Conduct yourself in a professional manner at all times. Treat program areas, lodging areas, and transportation vehicles with respect and care when participating in any GAHRA sponsored event. Be responsible for any damage, theft, or misconduct.
- Dress appropriately at all times. Revealing clothing or apparel featuring alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and other inappropriate message is prohibited.
- Clothing with profanity, inappropriate imagery, or sexual or racial innuendo is strictly prohibited. Pants should not sag to expose undergarments. See-through or revealing clothing should not be worn. Attire that exposes the midriff or has spaghetti straps is inappropriate at the conference.
- Tattoos depicting inappropriate imagery (i.e. sexual or racial) may not be visible during the conference.
- Chaperones have discretion to decide what is considered inappropriate and may direct participants take corrective action.
- Be in your assigned area at the prescribed curfew time each night during the conference, unless scheduled activities extend beyond this time. Girls are prohibited from being present in the boys' sleeping area and boys are prohibited from being in the girls' sleeping area.
- Do not use or possess alcohol, tobacco, or drugs at any time during the conference, to include travel time.
- Use of cell phones only during personal time and not during conference meetings.

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CODE OF CONDUCT-ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Please acknowledge your pledge to the PHA/GAHRA Youth Leadership Conference Code of Conduct by signing below.

As a participant of the PHA/GAHRA Youth Leadership Conference, I represent not only myself, but also PHA teens throughout the State of Georgia and pledge to uphold this commitment. I understand that if I violate any provisions of this Code of Conduct that I may be sent home from this conference at my parent's or guardian's expense.

Signature of PHA/GAHRA Youth Leadership Conference Participant

Date

I have witnessed the pledge made by my son/daughter and will support him/her in carrying out the duties. I understand that if my son/daughter breaks any of the commitments stated in this Code of Conduct, I will be notified and that my son/daughter will be sent home from the conference at my expense. Any unpaid expenses for return will be considered a debt owed by me to the PHA/GAHRA and may be collected as provided for by law.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

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**PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO AUTHORIZATION AND
RELEASE FORM**

I/We _____ ("Parent/Guardian"), as parent(s) or legal guardian (s) of _____, give permission for the Georgia Association of Housing and Redevelopment Authorities (GAHRA) to publish on the internet or media still photographs or moving images, including, if applicable, any sound recordings accompanying the images ("Images") taken of my child at the 2016 GAHRA Youth Leadership Conference on Friday, July 14, 2016 – Sunday, July 16, 2017, without payment or any consideration and without notifying me.

I/We understand and agree that these images will become the property of the GAHRA, which shall have complete ownership of the images. I hereby irrevocably authorize GAHRA to publish or distribute these Images for the purpose of publicizing the GAHRA Youth Leadership Conference, or for any other lawful purpose. In addition, I/we waive any right to inspect or approve the finished product wherein my/our child's likeness appears. Additionally, I/we waive any rights to royalties or other compensation arising out of or related to the use of the images.

I/We hereby hold harmless and release and forever discharge GAHRA and any of its officers and members; employees; members; representatives; agents; and assigns from any and all claims, costs, suits, actions, judgments, and expenses which my child, his/her heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on his/her behalf have or may have by reason of the use of the Images. This release specifically includes, without limitation, a complete release and discharge of any liability by virtue of any editing, distortion alteration, or optical illusion, whether intentional or otherwise, that may occur or be produced in the taking of or editing of said Images, unless it can be shown that such was maliciously caused, produced and published solely for the purpose of subjecting my child to conspicuous ridicule, scandal, reproach, scorn and indignity.

I/We hereby certify that I/we are the parents/guardians of _____ and do hereby give my/our consent without the reservation to the foregoing on behalf of my/our child.

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| E. Parent/guardian signature | |
| I have read and understand the authorization and release form above, and agree with all components therein. | |
| Parent/guardian signature | Date |

Saturday July 15, 2017
4:30 pm – 8:00 pm



***CHAPERONES PLEASE MAKE SURE SWIMMING ATTIRE IS
APPROPRIATE.**