

Students, SROs, and Sponsors,

We're going on an adventure to save teen lives! Join us on a journey around the world and train to be a leader for safe teen driving at the 2017 YOVASO Summer Leadership Retreat:

**June 19 - 22, 2017**  
**James Madison University,**  
**Harrisonburg, VA**

(Check in begins at 10 a.m. on Monday, June 19.  
Retreat ends at 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 22.)



The 2017 "Around the World with YOVASO" Retreat promises four days of exciting, motivational, and educational activities that will prepare teens and their adult sponsors to lead effective peer-to-peer clubs. All teens (rising freshmen through graduating seniors) who are interested in advocating for safe teen driving are encouraged to attend.

All activities and sessions will have an *Around the World* theme throughout the week. Students and sponsors will attend multimedia presentations, participate in hands-on activities, and enjoy a variety of speakers, workshops, and interactive sessions.

Highlights and new features for 2017 include motivational speaker EJ Carrion (<http://eicarrion.com/>), YOVASO Lip Sync Battle, and the Amazing Race around the globe! Social events will also be held nightly, including a dance party, talent show, and other fun activities. Special training sessions for school sponsors and SROs will be held daily, and schools will also have time to meet and begin action planning for the upcoming school year.

The retreat also features YOVASO's annual Awards Banquet honoring schools, students, sponsors, SROs, and volunteers for outstanding teen safe driving initiatives during the 2016-2017 school year. The banquet is scheduled for Wednesday evening, June 21.

The four-day, three-night retreat includes overnight accommodations, meals, sessions and materials. The dorm rooms, meeting rooms, and activity areas are all located on the campus of James Madison University and provide a safe environment for all participants.

### **Registration:**

**Each school may register a team of up to 6 students\* and at least 1 adult sponsor. An adult sponsor and/or SRO must attend with each student team** and participate in retreat activities and sessions. Registered schools will be allowed to sign up additional students if the retreat is not full by the deadline. We suggest you keep a waiting list of interested students and their completed registration forms in case space is available. Students and adults are required to stay overnight in the dorms.

\* The 6 students do not include Retreat Youth Leaders from your school.

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Registration forms are attached, and information is posted on the website at [www.yovaso.org](http://www.yovaso.org) (click on Retreats tab) for online registration and for downloading additional forms.

### **Registration Fee:**

**YOVASO will be charging a small \$25 registration fee\* per person, or a discounted team fee of \$125 for a team of 6 students and one sponsor.** This fee helps to offset the cost of retreat materials that aren't funded under our grant and increase attendance accountability for those who register. This will enable us to continue providing t-shirts, backpacks, and lanyards and help us recover some of the dorm room and meal costs for any no shows.

*\* Retreat Youth Leaders will not be charged \$25 fee.*

**Please also note: School sponsors should provide instructions to students and parents on how to handle the registration fee, specifically addressing whether they turn their fee into you or if they are to mail their check directly to YOVASO. There is no online payment option. Payments will only be reimbursed if registration is cancelled prior to June 2. Please refer to the adult and student registration forms for more specific information on payment.**

**The deadline for registration and payment is Friday, April 28.**

If registration is completed online, you will be notified immediately after that we have received your information. Once BOTH registration and payment is complete, each school and participant will receive a confirmation email indicating that his/her spot has been reserved. Fully registered participants will receive their final retreat packets in **early June** with maps, directions, packing list, and other retreat details.

Please encourage your school and students to join us for this exciting Retreat. It is an excellent way to gain leadership skills, train for peer-to-peer work, and learn key behaviors and skills for safer and more responsible driving.

If you have any questions about the retreat or registration, please call me at (804) 674-8026 in the Richmond office or Mary King at (540) 375-9581 in the Salem office. You can also email me at [sarah.westphal@vsp.virginia.gov](mailto:sarah.westphal@vsp.virginia.gov).

YOVASO looks forward to seeing your school at the retreat this summer!

Sincerely,

Sarah Westphal  
YOVASO Marketing and Training Specialist



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Enclosure:

Adult Registration Form

Retreat Flyer

Student Registration Form (email [sarah.westphal@vsp.virginia.gov](mailto:sarah.westphal@vsp.virginia.gov) to request print copies)

*In an effort to save paper, we recommend registering online at [www.yovaso.org](http://www.yovaso.org) (click on Retreats tab)*