# MAKE SURE STUDENTS ARE



July 17 – July 21, 2023

Regional Emergency All Climate Training (REACT) Center Volk Field ANG Base (Camp Douglas, WI)

#### What is READY?

READY (Responding to Emergencies And Disasters with Youth) helps prepare youth to respond in unexpected situations that require immediate action until additional help arrives. It also inspires youth to respond in creating resilient and positive solutions to real and local needs in their school, home, neighborhood, and community through volunteer activities and community service-learning projects. The curricula have been developed by leading educators, emergency responders, and public service providers.

#### Who should attend:

Teams of teens and an advisor from participating school or community youth organizations are encouraged to enroll. Teens can attend individually, but team involvement is preferred to promote community connection.

### Advanced READY Camper Track Option

Teens that have successfully completed a READY Camp can continue their learning by attending as Advanced READY Campers. Advanced READY Campers will assist in leading activities. Educational modules will refresh skills already learned and expand on scenario-based and hands-on activities. Visit: www.youthpreparedness.org

#### When and where is READY offered:

2023 READY Camp will be held from July 17th thru July 21st. This year's camp will again be held at the REACT Center located at Volk Field ANG Base, Camp Douglas near Tomah, WI.

#### What is the cost:

READY Camp instructional and material costs are partially supported by grant funds and private donations. READY Camp fee - \$250/camper. The registration fee includes lodging, meals, and snacks throughout the week, educational materials, and other items provided. A non-refundable deposit of \$50/camper is due at time of registration. Acceptance will be on a first come/first serve basis. Priority will be given to teams accompanied by an advisor, although unaccompanied individuals may be accepted through an interview process. READY is committed to assisting with fundraising efforts in your community to support attendance of youth and has a limited number of student attendance scholarships. Please contact us for more information or submit a letter requesting a scholarship. \* If interested in a scholarship, please contact our leadership team. \*





#### The READY program includes:

- identification and description of potential hazards
- reducing hazards in and around the home, school and community
- describing students' potential role in preventing planning for, responding to and recovering from an emergency situation
- safety and injury prevention, First Aid, CPR and Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) training
- leadership development through outdoor adventure activities and lessons
- career development with fire department, law enforcement, emergency management, and health care personnel
- community service learning projects
- multiple hands-on and interactive exercises

"READY has provided opportunities for our teens to do very important work in preparing others and our community for disaster and emergency situations."

Kimberly Schubring, READY Camp Team Advisor Milwaukee

#### Student benefits:

As a student attending READY Camp, you will be learning:

- about health, safety, and potential dangers in your community, school, and home
- fun activities while getting to know youth from different areas across the state
- skills that will help you respond such as safety and injury prevention, first aid, CPR and AED training
- how to become a resilient leader in promoting positive messages and areas of safety
- application of skills including teamwork and communication while working through emergency situation scenarios
- development in citizenship, volunteerism, leadership and advocacy
- · confidence in your new abilities and yourself.
- interactive activities that you can use daily
- mentoring relationships with doctors, nurses, fire fighters, emergency medical technicians, police officers, teachers, and emergency management directors

#### Team advisor benefits:

As an advisor attending READY Camp virtually with teens from your community, you will lead a team of teens to represent your school, family, or community organization. READY Team advisors learn how to prepare their school and community for emergencies and disasters. You will also be connected to a network of emergency response and health professionals.

#### The whole team benefits:

- Teams will be included in an international network to receive resources and information.
- READY Clubs are being developed across the state in schools, communities, and youth organizations.
- As a team connected to the READY Program, you will be offered many opportunities to remain active and involved in service-learning projects throughout the year.

## How does my school or community organization take part in READY?

- Visit youthpreparedness.org for an application.
- READY Team advisors must be qualified adults above the age of 21. A background check will be completed on all adults.
- Once accepted into the READY Camp, you will receive a confirmation packet explaining further event details.

## More questions? Feel free to contact Mary Jean Erschen-Cooke – (608) 212-5381 or mierschen@charter.net

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"I was amazed at how quickly I went into disaster mode when faced with an actual emergency situation after what I learned at READY Camp!"

 Haily Dudinski, READY Advanced Camper FEMA Region V Youth Preparedness Council

### For more information visit www.youthpreparedness.org

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