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In today's world, young people are able to choose from many varied career paths. What decisions will you need to make to achieve your goals? The goal of establishing a **Youth Action Forum** is to engage you and other youth from area high schools in career exploration and civic participation. During the Youth Action Forum sessions, you will explore different career options by meeting professionals in the fields of medicine, law, industry, public relations and media, among others, as well as have the opportunity to learn more about the legislative process.

You and other students will participate in field trips, discussions, and presentations by professionals in several different career areas. You will learn about higher education decisions, the importance of internships, civic participation, and other choices that can help you achieve your goals. The whole experience is culminated in the spring of 2010, when selected participants are invited to Baton Rouge for a day at the Legislature. We will meet with elected officials and tour the Louisiana Senate and House of Representatives.

Mandatory Parent Orientation October 12, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. Place: The Leadership Center for Youth 2517 Ryan Street

TRACK I: COLLEGE PREP

Session 1: Leadership Kick-off @ The Leadership Center October 17, 2009, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Session 2: Communications, Marketing and Public Relations November 11, 2009

Session 3: Medical and Forensic Practice December 7, 2009

Session 4: Law and Order January 18, 2010

Session 5: Industry and Engineering February 15, 2010

Session 6: Banking and Finance
March 15, 2010

Session 7: Entrepreneurship: Lake Charles Goes Global April 6, 2010 TRACK II: VOCATIONAL/ TECHNICAL

Session 1: Leadership Kick-off @ The Leadership Center October 17, 2009, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**Session 2: Resort Operations** November 11, 2009

Session 3: "Saving Lives"
Becoming a First Responder
EMS Academy
December 14, 2009

Session 4: Choose a Trade for Life (plumbing; carpentry; electrical)

January 25, 2010

Session 5: Industry and the Process Technician. February 15, 2010

Session 6: "Meet the Geek Squad" Computer Technology March 22, 2010

Session 7: Entrepreneurship: Lake Charles Goes Global April 6, 2010

## **Understanding the Legislative Process**

Trip to Baton Rouge for Day at Legislature ...by invitation. Exact date in May to be announced.

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All regular meetings will include valuable information on **Career Exploration** and **Civic Participation**, particularly relating to youth. Special guest speakers are scheduled.

**Youth Action Forum** offers a scholarship opportunity. To be eligible, members must attend all sessions, resulting in 100% participation.

Youth wishing to take advantage of this experience please contact Dana Forrest, Director of The Leadership Centers at 337-433-4533.

Name:		
Address:		
City:	_ State:	Zip:
Home Phone:		
Cell Phone:		
Parent Name:		
School Name:		
Track I:	Track II:	
Participant MUST provide valid email address to receive application package. Email:		

Please complete the registration form above and return it to:

The Leadership Center for Youth Attention: Dana Forrest, Director 2517 Ryan Street Lake Charles, LA 70601