



# Take the **LEAP** Summit 2023

Lead, Educate,  
Advocate, with Purpose



**Parent  
Information  
Booklet**



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# Everything That's Included

## Airfare and ground transportation

Round-trip flights on major carriers (American Airlines, Southwest, United) and all ground transportation including transportation to and from activities.

## Hotel Accommodations

All students will be housed in hotel with another attendee and chaperone to ensure safety.

## Outside Activities

All excursions outside of the summit including day of play activities.

## 24-hour security safety and security

Summit is staffed with security 24/7 and our staff is prepared to handle emergency situations.

## College Fair and Professional Development Day

Students receive guidance on the college application process and professional world.

## Summit fundraising page

All students will have the opportunity to fundraise exclusively for their trip through Project LEAP's fundraiser with Double Good. Students retain 100% of their earnings.

## Attendee support and resources

Our team will assist with all questions you may have, including things like payment plans.

## Safety precautions and procedures

All staff has been fingerprinted, COVID tested, and trained in cultural competency

## College and Professional Network Opportunities

In addition to attending the summit, students will gain access to the Project LEAP network.

## All major meals

All major meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) are covered by Project LEAP.

Lead.



**Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality.**

— Warren Bennis

# Summit Goals

- 01 | Fuel collaboration that aligns student leaders to serve as the catalyst for developing solutions that are flexible and transitional.
- 02 | Maximize students' personal leadership skills.
- 03 | Develop creative problem solving skills useful for both academic and non academic settings
- 04 | Create a learn-by-asking environment to promote the appreciation, understanding, and awareness of different cultures and improve cultural competency.
- 05 | Bring awareness to the importance of civic responsibility in its relation to advocacy and public policy.
- 06 | Improve self worth by developing a consistent, positive self-image.
- 07 | Create a community where students feel most authentic when behaving as their normal selves.
- 08 | Educate students on the importance of empathy and sympathy in leadership in order to appropriately address and identify conflict.
- 09 | Aid students in acknowledging their identity, strengths, and needs through self awareness activities.
- 10 | Improve verbal, nonverbal, and written communication skills.

**Educate.**



**The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.**

— Martin Luther King, Jr.

# About the Summit

The Take the LEAP Leadership Summit 2023 is a week-long immersive summer experience for high school students designed to transform the potential leaders of tomorrow into the dynamic leaders of today. Students will participate in leadership skills and ethics workshops led by college professors, professional development, needs assessment, and a final project presentation.

## Immersive:

Students engage with others and solve problems in a contextually relevant standpoint.

## Compelling:

Students leave inspired to use their voices and innovation to create the world they'd like to live in.

## Critical:

Students contemplate real life situations and solutions that are sustainable.

Where:

**San Diego, CA**

Dates:

**July 11 - 18, 2023**



# Sample Schedule

7:30am-9am:	<b>check-in and breakfast</b>
9am-11am:	<b>seminar</b>
11am-11:15am:	<b>snack</b>
11:15-12pm:	<b>activity</b>
12pm-1pm:	<b>presentation and reflection</b>
1pm-2pm:	<b>lunch</b>
2pm-3pm:	<b>socratic seminar</b>
3pm-3:45pm:	<b>intro to project</b>
3:45-4pm:	<b>break/snack</b>
4pm-5pm:	<b>project questions</b>
5pm-7pm:	<b>topic assignments/ selection and beginning pieces</b>
7pm-8:30pm:	<b>dinner</b>
8:30-10pm:	<b>social time</b>
10pm:	<b>bedtime</b>

Advocate.



**To be an activist is to speak. To be an advocate is to listen. Society can't move forward without both.**

— Eva Marie Lewis



**Advocacy is empathy, compassion and community at work.**

— Janna Cachola



# Community: Our promise of home

Project LEAP is dedicated to creating a space where all students feel most authentic as themselves. We promise to create a community amongst students no matter their traditional identifying factors (ie. race, socioeconomic status, gender) in order to create a community of dynamic leaders.

With Purpose.



**Awareness is the power that is concealed within the present moment. ... The ultimate purpose of human existence, which is to say, your purpose, is to bring that power into this world.**

— Eckhart Tolle

# Pay Your Way! Plans for Everyone

**Price: \$3,750**

- ✓ | \$700 deposit
- ✓ | Pay online via check, debit card, or credit card
- ✓ | Pay remaining balance on before June 2, 2023

\*\*extended financing plans available.

Please email [info@leaptheproject.com](mailto:info@leaptheproject.com)  
for more information.





# Student Reviews



"I would recommend anyone interested in joining Project LEAP. You are surrounded by students and peer mentors who are always there to encourage, listen, and respect you. You have the opportunity to learn more about a leader than you have thought before. Having the opportunity to take part in this program is completely worth it."


"She knows what she is talking about, has an energetic attitude that doesn't make you sleep, you don't feel uncomfortable... She was great."

"Very unique and engaging experience. Absolutely loved my peer mentor and the friendly competition. The breakout rooms were the most fun. Additional sessions for other aspects such as college apps were super insightful and the extra activities like movie nights were a very fun, unexpected addition."

"I rated Project LEAP a 5 because it has been such an accepting, understanding, and supportive environment where you feel so comfortable. I've learned so much about being a leader and what it really means to be a leader. It has also shown me how to collaborate with others and help one another. This class has satisfied my needs. I learned more than I expected to. I believe every student at some point in high school should take this class."

"It is a reliable program for students who are interested in going to college because it replicates a college setting. The way conversations are conducted, they prepare students for college level conversations and the tutors are helpful in guiding students towards their specific path to college. Ms. Parker invests a lot of time to make sure each and every one of her students involved obtains the information necessary for their specific circumstance and situation. For instance, undocumented students who are otherwise overlooked in other college readiness programs like AVID, that disregard undocumented students and mostly cater to FAFSA-eligible students. Project LEAP has helped me, an AB540 student feel regarded and informed in the college application process. Without this program, I would not have applied or known about the opportunities a lot of schools had for someone like me."

"All you need to know is that this educational program is not like any other program. It was very open to guide me towards the right direction and I felt like I belonged. Being a first generation student, I was in need of help as my parents didn't understand the college apps, so the moment I found this program and met everyone, I was so engaged with what was going on and wanted to learn more. If I could do this again, I would!"



# Terms and Conditions

## ATTENDEE QUALIFICATIONS:

My student is between 15 and 18 years of age, or will be before July 11, 2023, is in good physical and mental health and is able to participate in all aspects of our program.

## HEALTH

For the protection of all, my student will need a physical examination prior to attendance at Take the LEAP. I will submit the Health History and Medical Release Forms provided by Project LEAP. Project LEAP provides onsite basic first aid. Project LEAP reserves the right to charge parents for medical costs related to injury or illness of students. It is understood that unless otherwise indicated, my student is in good health. Any information, which may be pertinent to my student's health and welfare, will be provided to Project LEAP in writing. I will make note on the Health History Form of all types of medications, both prescription and nonprescription, that my student may be taking. All medications to be taken at summit will be delivered, in their original pharmacy container with sufficient doses to last for the duration of summit, to a summit representative at the time of check-in. Should anyone with whom my student has been associated become ill with a contagious disease within three weeks of my student's departure, I will notify Project LEAP at once. I understand that we are in the midst of a global pandemic and that the highly contagious nature of COVID-19, and the fact that individuals infected with COVID-19 may be asymptomatic, creates a risk of infection from any activity involving contact with others. I understand and acknowledge that I am responsible for reviewing the Project LEAP safety protocols for Take the LEAP and ensuring that I and my child(ren) follow those protocols. I acknowledge that Project LEAP has implemented reasonable preventative protocols, policies and procedures designed to reduce the spread of COVID-19 during Take the LEAP. I voluntarily assume the risk that my child(ren) may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 while attending Take the LEAP. I understand that Project LEAP may exclude my child(ren) from Take the LEAP in the event that I or my child(ren) fail to abide by Project LEAP's health and safety protocols, disrupt, impede or interfere with the operations of Take the LEAP, or threaten the health, safety or welfare of other participants or Project LEAP staff, and that no refund of any fees will be made in such circumstances.

## EXPULSION

I understand that Project LEAP may, in its sole discretion, dismiss any participant for inappropriate, disrespectful, or dangerous behavior at any time. In this event, I understand that I will not receive a refund of fees for unattended days. If my child breaks or damages any property as a result of their direct or indirect behavior, I hereby agree to pay for its repair or replacement. Project LEAP further reserves the right to dismiss my student for violation of summit rules, misconduct or disruptive behavior or whose influence, in the opinion of the director, is not in the best interest of the summit. I am responsible for the expense and arrangements for sending my student home. There will be no refund.

**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION** In the event of an emergency the parent/guardian will be contacted. In the event that an emergency occurs while the parent/guardian is traveling or otherwise unavailable, the office must be able to contact an alternate emergency contact. I will provide accurate and complete emergency contact information. The person listed on the emergency contact form of the application has agreed to be responsible for my student if I am absent or unavailable.

## LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

We strongly believe that Take the LEAP is an opportunity for students to build relationships and learn to work with people different from themselves. Although we acknowledge the presence of different genders and identities, students will be housed with an additional student and chaperone of the same sex. All restrooms, showering, and sleeping rooms are to be used only by the occupants of the given room.

## PERSONAL PROPERTY

Project LEAP is not responsible for articles of clothing or personal belongings that are lost or damaged. Project LEAP does not pay shipping for returned items. Unclaimed and unlabeled items at the end of the summit are donated. I will not allow my student to bring expensive radios, cameras, etc. Project LEAP is not responsible for personal vehicles of students who transport themselves to Take the LEAP, and such vehicles are subject to additional parking fees not covered by Project LEAP. Project LEAP is committed to creating a safe environment for all students, staff, volunteers, and visitors. For this reason, there may be times when a search of a student's living space or possessions may be warranted. A staff member who has reason to suspect, or has knowledge of, contraband or potentially harmful material will present his or her concerns to the acting director, who will decide whether a search should be made. A search of a student's possessions, when warranted, may include such items as backpacks, suitcases, duffel bags, footlockers, and electronic devices. If a weapon or controlled drug is located during a search, or discovered in any other fashion, the director may be required to notify the police. Possession of contraband or potentially harmful material may also result in disciplinary consequences, up to and including dismissal.

## TRANSPORTATION

I will arrive on time for the scheduled drop-off and arrival times. Authorities will be called within one hour after the scheduled pick-up time if the student has not been picked up. When picking my student up I will check him/her out with a Project LEAP representative.

## RELEASE OF STUDENTS

To protect the safety of our students, a designated guardian will be required to sign-out each student at pickup. A student's emergency contacts will automatically be set as their designated guardians for pick-up. Written consent from the parent/guardian must be received before any student is released to anyone other than the child's Emergency Contacts. Students will not be released to anyone during the Take the LEAP unless prior arrangements have been made through the Project LEAP or the Director has made direct contact with the parents beforehand.

## PARENTAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK

I have requested Project LEAP to allow my child to participate in its Take the LEAP program. As a condition of receiving this benefit, I, the undersigned, do hereby agree to the following: I understand that my child's participation in summit activities can expose him or her to dangers both from known and unanticipated risks. I understand that the Project LEAP may, in its sole discretion, dismiss any participant for inappropriate, disrespectful, or dangerous behavior at any time. In this event, I understand that I will not receive a refund of summit fees for unattended days. If my child breaks or damages any property as a result of their direct or indirect behavior, I hereby agree to pay for its repair or replacement. I understand that the risks associated with summit activities could result in injury and/or death to my child. I hereby assume these risks and, knowing them, hereby give my child permission to participate. I understand that the Project LEAP is not liable for any injuries or other occurrences due to indoor and outdoor summit activities or related risks, and/or the actions or omissions of Project LEAP counselors, volunteers, employees, trustees, directors, officers, or any other entities being released. In consideration of my application and permitting my child to participate in this activity, I hereby: WAIVE, RELEASE, AND DISCHARGE from any and all liability, including but not limited to, liability arising from the negligence or fault of the Project LEAP, its trustees, officers, employees, summit counselors, volunteers, entities or other persons released, for my child's death, disability, personal injury, property damage, property theft, or actions of any kind which may hereafter occur to them including their traveling to and from this activity; INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS, AND PROMISE NOT TO SUE the Project LEAP, its trustees, officers, employees, volunteers, or other entities or persons released from any and all liabilities or claims made as a result of participation in this activity, whether caused by the negligence of release or otherwise. The Accident Waiver and Release of Liability Form shall be construed broadly to provide a release and waiver to the maximum extent permissible under applicable law. The Project LEAP, its Trustees, directors, officers, and all its employees, acting officially or otherwise are hereby released from any and all claims, demands, actions, or causes of action on account of any injury to my child that may occur. This release binds my heirs, executors, administrators, and/or assigns.

## Take the LEAP:



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# FAQ and Contact Page

## Where will the conference take place?

Students will spend two (2) days at each of the following campuses:

- University of California San Diego (UCSD)
- University of San Diego (USD)
- San Diego State University (SDSU)

## Where will students be housed?

Students will be housed at a nearby hotel. The official location of student housing is only given to accepted students.

## What is your cancellation policy?

Any cancellations made by the attendee result in **no refund**.

- This includes cancellations due to illness, COVID-19, family emergencies or anything unexpected.
- Attendee sent home for disciplinary reasons or because of homesickness:

**No refund.**

- Attendee sent home due to illness, COVID 19 protocols, or injury: **No refund.**
- Attendee registrations cannot be traded or exchanged.

## Can I book my student's flight?

No, in order to ensure student safety, all students will be placed on the same flight!

## Are parents required to attend?

Parents are not required to attend however, they are permitted to attend the final

presentation and recognition dinner on July 16th. Dinner is provided by Project LEAP.

## How many students attend the Take the LEAP Summit?

100 students are accepted to attend the Take the LEAP Summit.

## Are students supervised at all times ?

Yes!

## Do you provide transportation?

Project LEAP provides charter bus transportation that will pick your student up from the airport once they have arrived and will drop your student off at the airport to return home. More details are provided in a handbook for parents of accepted students.

## How will my student fundraise?

Students will be invited to participate in Double Good fundraisers. The funds a student raises will be applied directly to their individual summit fee.

Students may participate in as many fundraisers as they would like.

Please see the dates below:

- February 2 - 6
- February 9 - 13
- March 16 - 20
- March 23 - 27
- April 13 - 17
- April 27 - 1
- May 11 - 15
- May 22 - 26

# FAQ and Contact Page

## **Do you offer any scholarships or discounts?**

A \$250 discount is available to students referred by current Project LEAP students or Project LEAP alumni. If you were referred by a Project LEAP student, please list their name on the referral section of your application.

## **How much spending money should my student bring?**

Students should bring about \$150-\$200 in spending money.

## **My student dietary restrictions, are there additional options available?**

We offer a vegetarian and gluten free option at every meal. Students will sign up to be on the vegetarian list or gluten free list at the beginning of the summit. Any other dietary needs should be noted in the Medical Release Form.

## **Where do Take the LEAP Summit chaperones and students come from?**

Project LEAP currently services students in 33 of the 50 United States! It is likely that students will meet students and chaperones from other states!

## **Can parents stay in the room with their students?**

No. Parents must pay for their own room at a surrounding hotel.

## **Can I pick up/drop off my child everyday?**

No, even local students are required to stay onsite.

## **Can my student go sightseeing/leave the premises with me?**

Students must make arrangements to leave with parents with their chaperone. Any leaving of the premises is subject to approval by the Director of Programs.

## **What is the ratio of staff to attendees?**

1:4

### **Email:**

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<https://www.leaptheproject.com/>

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