

CHILDREN VOICES CAMP 2014



MAKUTANO SECONDARY SCHOOL
26th April –3rd May 2014



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Background

Majority of pupils go through education and at the end of the primary education they have not discovered who they are and their potentials have not been discovered and fully exploited and most of them resign to fate. Surprising at the end of the primary school, most of the children are still struggling to discover who they are especially if they don't proceed to secondary education.

About TYSA

TYSA is an NGO, committed to working with children and youth who are marginalized and vulnerable, those that slip through already weak social safety nets and those most vulnerable to abuse, violence, illiteracy, exploitation and disease.

TYSA started as a community based group in 2001 with focus on mobilizing young people in communities through sports for social transformation. What started as an idea of a few young and committed individuals has today transformed in to an NGO. From a humble beginning of six founder members and six beneficiaries in 2001/2002, TYSA has grown to a membership of 15 and serving well over 5000 children and youth accessing our services directly and indirectly annually. By formulation of strategies for social and economic development, TYSA has managed to harness the little resources at its disposal to transform thousands of lives in the local communities where it operates.

Our Vision

"TYSA envisions Responsible, actively empowered, and positively transformed Youth"

Our Mission

"To inspire and empower marginalized and vulnerable young people in Trans Nzoia County, Kenya, through value Based sports".

Core values

1. Team work
2. Respect
3. Honesty
4. Community focus
5. Tolerance & Fair play
6. Transparency
7. Responsiveness

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:

The following are the strategic objectives of TYSA:

Long term objectives

1. Improved equitable access to holistic Education, career guidance and livelihood opportunities for youth
2. Increased protection and integration of children (boys and girls) in families, schools and communities
3. Increased empowerment and participation of youth in Leadership, governance and development processes
4. Improved organisational effectiveness and performance of TYSA to achieve the strategic objectives

The Camp

This camp aims to unlock potential and set new horizons for 60 children This is a camp for boys and girls, who want to enhance their leadership skill, Football skills, improve on hygiene and puberty related issues ,build their self esteem to live their dreams. The children are challenged on discovering what they are good at and ride on their passion. The participants will have a rare opportunity to share their experiences and dreams with their peers and receive inspirations from their peers, teachers, coaches, mothers, parents. The camp will be facilitated by experienced trainers and offers unique blend of theoretical, practical and football!

Participants

Participants for this camp are boys and girls aged 13-16 years from 10 primary schools where TYSA is implementing Football For Hope project. These are 60 children 30 boys and 30 girls. The participants have been selected by their respective schools and given consent letter by their parents/guardian. Participants without consent letter from the parent will not join the camp. Other participants are children from diverse schools where TYSA works! Some are from partnering organization

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Activities

The camp will have the theoretical sessions which will cover topical issues on reproductive health for boys and girls, and Practical session which will cover: football and life skill coaching course, football for education matches and career talks. Jioni ya msaani is an interactive forum where participants express their feelings, talents and have fun. An excursion into the community is always an exciting experience for the participants. It's where the participants learn what the community offers, opportunities and relaxation. This camp will organize visit institutions around the venue

Where will the Camp Be?

Makutano secondary school will provide us with girls and boys dormitories. These are simple facilities including a classroom where workshop will be conducted, kitchen where food will be pre-pared, water, security and field where outdoors activities will be conducted. TYSA will provide simple lunch that is Githeri for lunch, ugali and sukuma wiki/cabbages for supper and breakfast a cup of tea with two mandazi.

What to carry

We ask that each participant to carry the following things plate, cup, spoon, blanket and bed sheet, toothpaste, toothbrush, washing soap, bathing soap, towel, slippers and sports clothes

Camp Dates

Participants arrive from 2pm-4pm Saturday 26th April and depart on 3rd May 2014. Participants coming beyond 4pm will not be allowed to join the camp.

Camp rules

To ensure that the camp runs smoothly and that everyone fully enjoys the experience, it is important that a participant abides by the camp rules.

Please ensure that you go through the rules in person to departure to ensure that they fully understand the rules. If necessary, please translate the rules into the language spoken by your delegation. Upon checking in at the camp accommodation, the rules will be communicated again and each member of the camp will be requested to sign that they have understood and will follow these rules. They are:

1. Treat everybody with respect and ensure that your behavior does not disturb or irritate your fellow participants.
2. Leave all facilities tidy and clean.
3. The Camp will bring together participants from different schools, ethnic languages and backgrounds. Participants should avoid separating into their own language groups, thereby isolating those who do not understand. All participants should make an effort to support the integration process by involving everyone in games, activities, etc.
4. Sexual relations between the participants are strictly prohibited.
5. Wear your accreditation card at all times except on the pitch.
6. Be punctual. As a Festival participant you are expected to take part in and be on time for all Festival activities.
7. Curfew is at 10.00 pm. Show your fellow participants and staff respect by being in your room and quiet.
8. Equipment and materials used during the camp should be treated with respect and returned to their appropriate place after use. Their use shall be restricted to camp activities and any loss or damage should be reported immediately to the camp staff.

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9. Turn off your mobile phones during the workshops.
10. Do not leave the camp accommodation or Venue unless this is part of the official programme or under the supervision of camp staff. The camp staff and your delegation coordinators are responsible for your welfare and need to be able to ensure your safety/whereabouts in an emergency.
11. Smoking, alcohol, drugs and other intoxicants are not permitted at any time during the camp.
12. Rooms are only to be used for sleeping, resting and changing. Visitors are not permitted in the rooms. All social gatherings are to take place in designated areas of the venue/school.

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13. The camp staff takes theft extremely seriously and anyone caught stealing may be expelled immediately. Remember, some people have far less than you and sometimes temptation induces opportunistic thieving. Lock or store away your personal belongings where possible and do not temptingly display them to encourage stealing. Hand over money, passports and valuable items to your coordinators for safekeeping. Borrowing of any personal items may only be done with permission of the owner and your agreement to return it at a set time and replace it in case of loss or damage. Do NOT borrow, ask or lend money from other participants!
14. The religious beliefs of camp participants must be respected in such a way that everyone feels free to practice their individual beliefs according to their denominations.
15. Embrace the spirit of the Camp! Be sensitive and considerate to those around you. If you see a fellow participant or staff member who requires assistance then offer your help. This is your camp and its success will depend on your contribution.
16. Please report any problems immediately to your coordinator or to the Camp staff.

Remember that you are representing not only yourself at the Camp but also your school, Organization/ your community and your country. Make sure that your behavior reflects the trust that they have placed in you.

If any of these rules are abused, it is possible that individual participants will:

- receive a warning (repeated warnings leading to a suspension)
- be suspended from the camp
- be sent back home immediately

The decision regarding any disciplinary action will be taken by the Camp staff in close consultation with the respective delegation coordinators. In the case of a serious breach of the rules and criminal activities may be reported to the local police according to Kenyan legislation.

Draft Camp programme

The camp is far more than just a coaching course and the programme includes a variety of activities designed to promote cross-cultural understanding, knowledge exchange and enjoyment. The programme will be developed further over the coming months and is subject to change but the current version includes the following main elements:

Young Leader Preparatory Meeting (April 25- 26th)

Immediately prior to the start of the camp, from April 25th to 26th, 2 Young Leaders (Boy and Girl) from each of the 10 participating schools will come together for a two-day workshop to prepare their contribution to the Camp. Particular focus will be on the training of the Young Leaders for their roles as Coordinators during the Camp. Other elements will include the preparation of integration activities (jioni ya msanii among others), the participant exchange and the tournament methodology workshops.

Camp (April 26th -3rd May)

The Camp will kick off on Sunday 26th. The camp will have three major sections: Coaching Course conducted by Coaches Across Continent (CAC). This will be running from 9am to 12.45PM every day. The second part of the camp will run from 2pm to 5pm every day. This will cover cross cutting life skills thematic areas as reproductive health, leadership, career, etc. The third section will cover excursion/community outreach and Football for education matches. This is where the participants will visit selected community initiatives to learn and develop their career dreams. The 20 Young Leaders will act as coordinators and mediators during the camp, playing a crucial role in the implementation of the camp.

Coaching and life skill Course:

Every day 8.00 AM- 1.00PM, Participants will be engaged in coaching and life skills sessions organized by Coaches Across Continent, further strengthening integration and fair play between the participants.

Capacity Building Session:

In the afternoons, the participants will be involved in lively, interactive and informative theoretical capacity building sessions. These sessions will cover diverse topical issues including career, reproductive health, leadership, etc

Partnership Development:

Beyond the camp, participants will be able to take part in a variety of cultural and educational activities. All these contribute to the participants' capacity to utilize the available opportunities to contribute to their well being. The participants will be visit institutions and individuals who will inspire them towards their career dreams.

Camp: Closing Ceremony

On the afternoon of Friday 2nd May, the camp will be officially closed in a ceremony in the school. The ceremony will celebrate the contribution all 70 participants made to the camp.