

# CYL 2011

CO-OPERATIVE YOUNG LEADERS

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## A fantastic summer camp experience!

Develop leadership + communication skills, gain self-confidence and find out about co-ops and co-operative principles.



## Sessions

### JUNIOR First-time participants 14–15 years old

Discover more about yourself and others. Learn how to become a leader, a co-operator and a team player. Activities about co-op history and the principles of co-operation spur new ways of thinking.

#### SPONSOR

A July 2–9	Alterna Savings
B July 9–16	Gay Lea Foods Co-op
C July 16–23	CHF Canada

### INTERMEDIATE Junior graduates or 16–17 year olds participating for the first time

Take your leadership and communication skills to the next level. Explore co-operatives and the community.

#### SPONSOR

A July 23–30	The CUMIS Group
B July 30–August 6	UPI Energy LP

### SENIOR Intermediate graduates or 17–18 year olds participating for the first time

A challenging yet fun program that further develops team-building, facilitation and co-operation. Hone your communication and life-balance skills.

#### SPONSOR

A August 6–13	GROWMARK, Inc.
B August 13–20	Ontario Student Co-op Association

## Program Fees

Participant contribution: \$200

Sponsor contribution:  
before May 27 – \$610  
after May 27 – \$710

Non-member sponsors add \$100.  
See [ontario.coop/cyl](http://ontario.coop/cyl) for full details.

All fees are subject to 13% HST.

## A camp like no other

Every summer, Ontario credit unions and co-ops give 200 young people a chance to attend Co-operative Young Leaders.

This week-long camp brings young people from all across Ontario together to learn, grow and have fun. Along the way, amazing things happen – a touch of magic you'll only find at CYL.

CYLers develop new support networks and peer groups. They have the opportunity to learn more about themselves and their world. They discover new ideas and perspectives.

CYL has all the traditional things that make summer camps fun – hikes, campfires, swimming, sports and hanging out – but CYLers also

participate in activities that emphasize teamwork and group development. They even create and operate their own co-op store called The Snack Shack! CYL is all about exploring new possibilities in a safe, supportive environment.

CYL is organized into three sessions. CYLers who enrol in all three levels sequentially over three to four years will get the most out of the program.

Since its inception in 1967, more than 2800 young people have experienced and been changed by the CYL program.



LOOK INSIDE TO LEARN ABOUT THIS YEAR'S ONLINE-ONLY APPLICATION PROCESS. REGISTRATION BEGINS MARCH 1.

### 2011 Partners



CYL is a program of the Ontario Co-operative Association.



## Leadership starts from within

CYL participants are *guided* by adult facilitators, not *directed* by counselors. CYLers learn leadership skills by doing. They are encouraged to share in the day-to-day leadership and management of their CYL experience.

The program is facilitated by trained volunteers from Ontario's diverse co-operative and credit union sectors, including CYL alumni. They have diverse backgrounds and skill sets but share a common passion for engaging and working with youth.

CYL facilitators come from all walks of credit union/co-op life – they are staff members, managers, volunteers, board members, CYL grads and others who support the belief that young people are our future.



## Applying to CYL

**NEW!**

CYL application procedures, fees and payment policies have changed.

**EARLY BIRD DEADLINE MAY 27**

CYL links credit unions and co-operatives with young people in their communities. Co-ops and credit unions can recruit participants from their membership, their families or anywhere in their co-op community.

Participants must first meet any co-op/CU admission requirements, such as writing an essay,

completing an application or meeting with staff, before applying to CYL through On Co-op.

Once qualified by the sponsoring organization, the participant (or family) will apply to CYL online.\* Paper forms will not be accepted. Prior to applying online, gather medical records, health card, sponsoring organization's contact information, session applied for and other details. (More info at [ontario.coop/cyl](http://ontario.coop/cyl).)

Participants may pay the participant contribution fee by credit card while registering online or may send a cheque separately. **Registration cannot be processed, nor a spot in your preferred session reserved, until the participant portion of the payment has been received by On Co-op.**

The online registration system will acknowledge receipt of the application. On Co-op will contact participants directly to confirm their application has been accepted or to request additional information.

An information and welcome package containing waivers, important information and last-minute updates will be sent to participants by On Co-op approximately two weeks prior to each session.

\*Qualification by a co-op or credit union to apply does NOT automatically guarantee admission by On Co-op into the CYL program.

Develop your presentation, teamwork and leadership skills while sharing your talents and passion with a great group of youth. Become a CYL facilitator!

### Become a Facilitator

CYL education doesn't end with the participants! We provide personal and professional opportunities for our amazing volunteers, who contributed more than 150 hours to CYL last year.

A series of workshops held in the spring provide facilitators with opportunities to build their presentation and communication skills. They will emerge with new leadership abilities, with the kind of team-building experience rarely found in an office, and with a confidence born of making a tangible difference in the lives of other people.

If you are interested, check out the facilitator pages at [ontario.coop/cyl](http://ontario.coop/cyl). **Deadline to apply is April 1, 2011.**

*The 2011 Facilitator Training Program is generously sponsored by Meridian Credit Union.*

### Thanks to our 2010 Facilitators

Michelle Ainsworth, Teacher  
Erin Aldred, GROWMARK, Inc.

Michael Barrett, Gay Lea Foods Co-operative  
Bruce Betzner, CYL Alumni  
Julia Buchan, On Co-op  
Kerry Bullock, CYL Alumni  
Céline Carrière, LSM Services

Sonja Carrière, CYL Alumni  
Kathleen Eaton, Superior Credit Union  
Candice El-Kholy, CYL Alumni  
Max Fine, CYL Alumni  
Carol Fleming, Momentum Credit Union  
Daniel Giammarino, Gay Lea Foods Co-operative

Joe Giasson, Gay Lea Foods Co-operative  
Tanya Gracie, Canadian Co-operative Association  
Denyse Guy, On Co-op  
Kim Jesson, Gay Lea Foods Co-operative  
Shirley Kennedy, Teacher  
Chrissy Klassen, United Communities Credit Union

Dana Lewis, Peoples Credit Union  
Danny Luceno, Gay Lea Foods Co-operative  
Erin Lundberg, Provincial Alliance Credit Union  
Matt McAusland, CYL Alumni  
Jeff McCallum, North Wellington Co-operative Services  
Courtney Meloche, CYL Alumni

Teresa Moroney, Gay Lea Foods Co-operative  
Linda Nadeau, The Co-operators  
Scott Piatkowski, Beechwood Co-operative Homes  
Sandy Schiestel, Student  
Kelsey Scobie, CYL Alumni  
Gary Seveny, CYL Facilitator  
Jeannie Shore, The Co-operators  
Kerr Smith, On Co-op

Craig Steven, CYL Alumni  
Lynette Stradeski, The Co-operators  
Sam Styczynski, CYL Alumni  
Breanne Sullivan, CYL Alumni  
David Trojan, CYL Alumni  
Danielle Vanhie, CYL Alumni  
Kaitlyn Veitch, Student  
Lewis Versteeg, CYL Alumni  
Yee-Guan Wong, Central 1 Credit Union

## Put your image on the 2011 CYL T-shirt



Get out your pencil and pad, or boot up your computer: this is your chance to create a t-shirt design that will be worn by more than 200 CYLers this summer.



- Think of an image or design that best represents CYL. Check out the CYL webpages or look back at your CYL photos for inspiration.
- Design must be two-colour (plus black) and submitted in AI or EPS format.
- **Deadline to submit is Friday, April 1.**

The top five designs will be posted on the CYL Facebook site from April 4 through April 15, during which time you and your friends will have the chance to vote for your favourite design!

More details at [ontario.coop/cyl](http://ontario.coop/cyl).

## Become a CYL Sponsor

CYL is an investment in youth and the future of your co-op or credit union.

Developing leadership and communication skills within your organization's youth will benefit both your co-op and your members. Make CYL part of your youth engagement strategy!

Invite On Co-op to present a lunch-and-learn or short workshop on the basics of CYL for your staff, board or members.

On Co-op has a number of resources for helping you spread the word about CYL, including a tip sheet called *7 Absolutely Easy Steps for CYL Recruitment*.

Download the information from the sponsor pages of the CYL website or contact us at [youth@ontario.coop](mailto:youth@ontario.coop) or 1.888.745.5521.

### 2010 Sponsors

CYL is almost totally funded through participant fees, participant sponsors and corporate partnerships. Our 2011 program sponsors are listed on the front cover, and our 2010 supporters are shown at right and above.

#### Participant Sponsors

These 51 co-operatives, credit unions and sector supporters played a vital role in identifying and funding 199 CYL participants.

AGRIS Co-op\*  
 Alterna Savings\*\*  
 Auto Workers Community Credit Union\*\*  
 Beaver Creek Housing Co-op  
 Brighton Yards Housing Co-op  
 Carpenters Local 27 Housing Co-operative

Central 1 Credit Union\*  
 Co-operative Housing Association of Eastern Ontario\*  
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 CYL Facilitators  
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 Gay Lea Foods Co-operative\*\*

Golden Horseshoe Co-operative Housing Federation  
 GROWMARK, Inc.  
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 Health Care Credit Union\*  
 Hensall District Co-operative  
 Huron Bay Co-operative  
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 Lavender Lane Co-operative Homes  
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Motor City Community Credit Union  
 Neill-Wycik Co-operative College  
 North Wellington Co-operative Services\*  
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 Organic Meadow Co-operative  
 Peel/Halton Co-operative Housing Federation  
 Peoples Credit Union\*\*  
 Peterborough Co-op Homes

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 Teachers Credit Union\*  
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 Twin Oak Credit Union\*  
 Unigasco Community Credit Union\*  
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 Alterna Savings, Junior A  
 The CUMIS Group, Junior B  
 Gay Lea Foods Co-operative, Junior C  
 UPI Energy LP, Intermediate A  
 CHF Canada, Intermediate B  
 GROWMARK, Inc. Senior A  
 Ontario Student Co-operative Association, Senior B  
**Printing Sponsor**  
 The Co-operators

### 2010 Special Partners

**Alterna Savings** sponsored Junior A week, four participants, and made a generous donation to the program.

**The Co-operators** printed the participant and facilitator manuals, sponsored three participants, and provided three facilitators.

**CYL Alumni** provided 15 facilitators.

**Gay Lea Foods Co-op** sponsored Junior C week, 26 participants and six facilitators.

**Libro Financial Group** sponsored 61 participants.

**United Communities Credit Union** sponsored 13 participants and one facilitator.

**The Ontario Credit Union Charitable Foundation** partnered with Ontario credit unions to send 32 participants. In the last eight years, OCUCF has sponsored more than 230 participants as part of its youth-involvement and community-building programs.

\* Sponsors who sent two or more participants in 2010.

\*\* Sponsors who sent five or more participants in 2010.

## Shout Outs

To **Alterna Savings** for its very generous donation in support of developing the program;

To **CGI and its partner credit unions** – through their generosity, 40 young members will be able to attend camp in 2011/12;

To **Delta Synergy Group** for its significant contribution to the CYL program through the donation of team-building services;

To **Julia Buchan**, who hit the ground running, having joined the CYL administration team days before Facilitator Training;

To **Allie Speers**, CYL alumni, for her efforts in taming some of the CYL paperwork last summer;

To **Candice El-kholy, Max Fine, Courtney Meloche, Samantha Styczynski, Breanne Sullivan, David Trojan and Lewis Versteeg** for successfully making the jump from CYL graduate to Intern Facilitator;

To the **many CYL alumni** who demonstrated their new skills by volunteering at the Co-op Conference and Gala, the Directors' Forum and various co-op and credit union events across the province; and

To **Scott Piatkowski**, CYL facilitator and co-ordinator at Beechwood Co-operative Homes, on receiving the Co-operative Spirit Recognition Award for Youth Mentorship.



## International Year of Co-operatives

In less than 10 months, the world will be celebrating IYC 2012: the International Year of Co-operatives. IYC is an opportunity to celebrate, develop, and promote co-ops around the world, and to let people know about the great things co-ops are doing and will do in the future.

IYC is an opportunity for the entire co-operative movement to take one huge step forward, and young people are leading the charge.

**NEW!**

**We're saving paper. One copy of this CYL newsletter is being sent to each co-op and credit union branch in Ontario. Additional paper copies are available upon request as quantities permit, or electronic copies can be easily downloaded from [ontario.coop/cyl](http://ontario.coop/cyl).**



Got a project that you or your co-op/credit union can take on as part of IYC 2012, or have some ideas on how to promote the co-op difference? Let us know and we can help! E-mail [youth@ontario.coop](mailto:youth@ontario.coop).

To find out other ways you can get involved in IYC 2012, visit [ontario.coop/iyec](http://ontario.coop/iyec).

### Warm Fuzzy

An enormous thank you to Sonja Carrière. Before becoming a high school teacher in early 2010, Sonja's tireless efforts as On Co-op's Education Manager were instrumental in making CYL the life-changing program that it is today. And while we are saddened by her departure last year, we are excited for her new students, as Sonja's great heart, spirit and smile inspire all who are near. CYL was fortunate to have Sonja return to camp as a facilitator last year.

### TRCA and CYL: A natural fit

All CYL sessions are held at the Lake St. George Field Centre, operated by the Toronto Regional Conservation Authority. The Centre is located on a 120-hectare site on the Oak Ridges Moraine, just east of Bayview Avenue in Richmond Hill. Learn more about Lake St. George at [trca.on.ca](http://trca.on.ca).

A very special thank you to the wonderful staff of Lake St. George. Their warmth, energy and commitment to environmental sustainability make each week at CYL thoroughly enjoyable.



The CYL newsletter is published annually by the Ontario Co-operative Association, host of the CYL Ontario program. On Co-op's mission is to lead, cultivate and connect co-operatives. CYL is an integral part of On Co-op's Lifelong Co-operative Learning strategy.

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