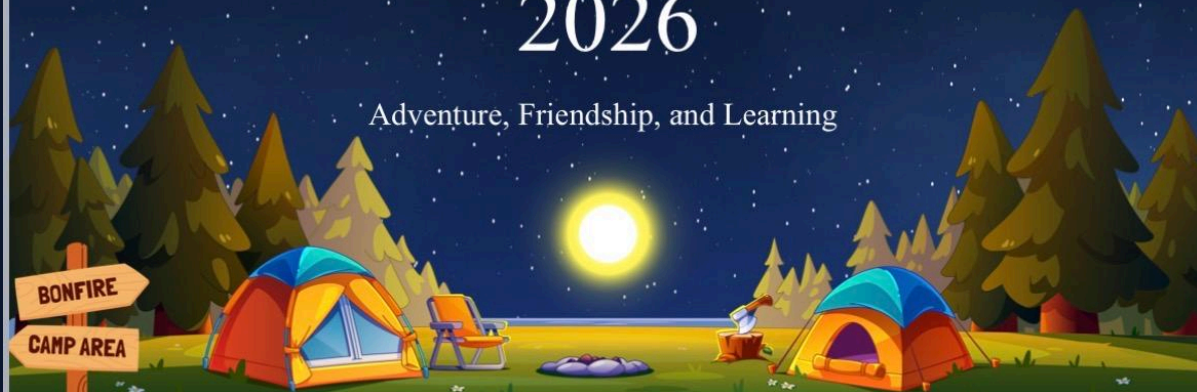


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Youth Partnership Camp Annual Camping Trip 2026

Adventure, Friendship, and Learning



Building Bridges & Breaking Boundaries: The 2026 Annual YP Camping Trip!

From June 5th to June 7th, youth from Youth Partnerships across the state packed their bags and headed to the beautiful **Fairview Lake YMCA Camps** in Newton, NJ for our annual weekend getaway. It was a weekend defined by first-time adventures, deep connections, and memories that will last a lifetime.



Uninhibited, Accepting, and United

Arriving from different counties, cultures, and backgrounds, these incredible young people stepped off the buses as strangers. But it didn't take long for the magic of camp to set in. Uninhibited by social cliques or judgment, our youth embraced one another exactly as they were, uniting our statewide youth community like never before. What followed was a beautiful display of radical acceptance.



From the City Streets to the Great Outdoors

For several of our participants, this trip marked their very first time stepping out of their urban environments and into the wilderness. While the deep woods can feel intimidating at first, our youth met every challenge with courage and enthusiasm. Together, they pushed past their comfort zones and explored a lineup of outdoor activities.



Fueled by Comradery, Bound by Friendship

If you had to pick one word to describe the mood of the weekend, it would be comradery. Whether they were working as a team to paddle a boat, cheering each other on through challenges, or simply laughing together during meals, an unbreakable team spirit led the way. In those moments of shared vulnerability and joy, lifelong bonds were formed.



Arrived as Strangers, Leaving as a Statewide Family

Our youth returned home not just with a few campfire stories, but with a brand-new, statewide network of peer support and friendships. We couldn't be prouder of the brave, accepting, and brilliant young leaders who made this weekend so unforgettable!



The Youth Partnership is a welcoming, peer-led community for young people ages 13–21 (and sometimes 9–21) who may be navigating emotional, mental health, or behavioral challenges. YP focuses on creating a supportive space where youth can connect with others who truly understand their experiences. The program works to break down stigma, uplift youth voices, and make sure no one feels alone. Participants take part in group conversations, hands-on workshops, community service projects, and leadership-building activities—all designed to boost confidence, strengthen connections, and promote mental wellness in a safe and encouraging environment. "Youth Partnership" initiative is centered on mental health advocacy and peer support within New Jersey's Children's System of Care, and run by local Family Support Organizations (FSO) statewide.

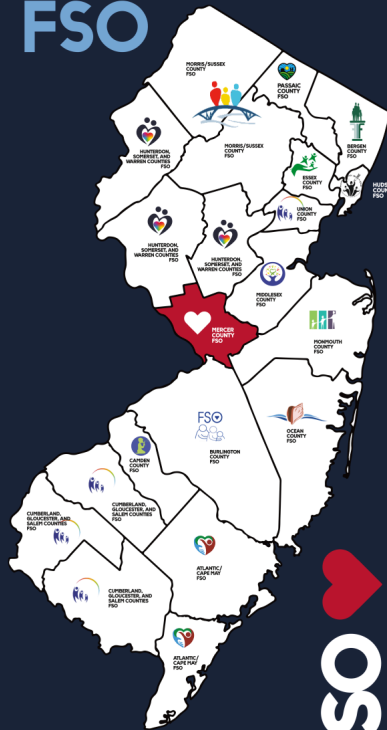
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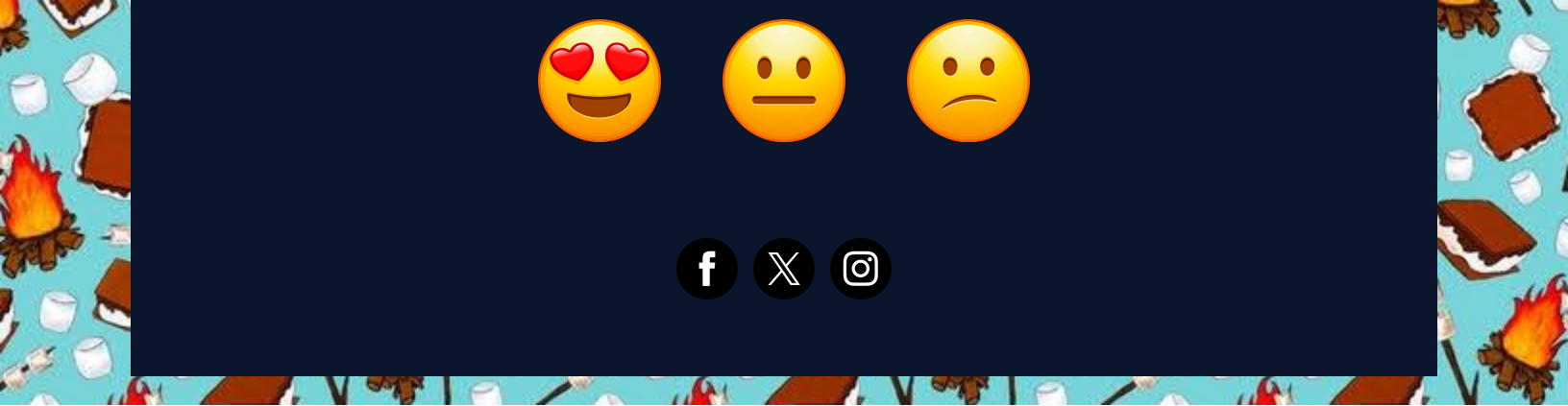
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Statewide Board Membership Application

New Jersey's Family Support Organizations are family-led, community-based, non-profit agencies whose mission is to provide support, advocacy, and education to families and caregivers of children with emotional, behavioral and mental health needs and are funded by New Jersey's Department of Children and Families.

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