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## **Youth learn, have fun at 13th annual Leadership Camp**

*Early registration for July 28 – Aug. 2 camp now open through April 29*

**LAS VEGAS** – Applications are currently being accepted for the 13th annual Leadership Camp, hosted by Issues Concerning Adolescents of Nevada (I.C.A.N.). The camp for children and teens ages 11 to 17 is scheduled for Sunday, July 28 through Friday, Aug. 2 at Mingus Mountain Camp, located in Prescott National Forest, just outside of Prescott Valley, Arizona.

The five-day, sleep-away camp will consist of speakers, workshops and curriculum aimed to teach youth to make smart life choices through leadership training as well as fun camp activities such as campfires, a dance and no-talent talent show.

**Registration is \$325 during early bird registration through April 29. After that date, the price will increase to \$375.** Multiple-child discounts and financial aid are also available. Registration for camp can be completed on the I.C.A.N. website at [www.icanlv.org](http://www.icanlv.org).

The camp is affordable, compared to other sleep-away camps in the Las Vegas Valley. Cost includes food, lodging, workshops, speakers, a T-shirt, materials and activities. Transportation to and from camp will be available from a park-and-ride location in Las Vegas to be announced closer to camp time.

Through the leadership training experienced at camp, participants learn how to make smart decisions, maintain their stress levels and educate others on drug prevention. Of participants of years' past, 100 percent claimed to have found at least one friend who will help them stay drug free.

I.C.A.N. is also seeking adult staff members who will facilitate the youth-lead camp. In addition to attending camp, interested adult staff members must attend a one-day training prior to camp. **Adult staff applications also can be found on the website at [www.icanlv.org](http://www.icanlv.org).**

I.C.A.N. works to create an atmosphere focused on mentoring, leadership training and drug prevention where youth ages 11 to 17 can be accepted for who they are and who they want to become. The future is in their hands, and the organization's adults want to help provide the skills, so they can lead their peers and community today and in the years to come.

Upon returning from camp, participants – along with other like-minded youth – meet to continue the leadership training, friendship and fun. Monthly meetings are held at 6 p.m. on the first Monday of the month inside the Flora Duncan Humanities building on the University of Nevada, Las Vegas campus, 4505 Maryland Parkway. Meetings are informational, fun and provide

positive alternative activities, a friend base, adult mentors and a consistent message throughout the school year. New members are always welcome to check it out.

Leadership Camp alumni formed I.C.A.N., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, in 2006 in hopes of keeping camp alive for the next generation. Adults who attended camp as youth are respected in the community and include business owners, managers, law enforcement, military, teachers, doctors, college graduates, law students and many others.

Those interested in a camp application, or additional information on I.C.A.N., can visit the website at [www.icanlv.org](http://www.icanlv.org), call 702-907-4933 or send e-mail to [camp@icanlv.org](mailto:camp@icanlv.org). f

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