



ANYTOWN™ FAQs

Q: What is ANYTOWN?

ANYTOWN is a week-long human relations and leadership development program for rising 11th and 12th graders in any Guilford County high school. You can apply online at: www.nccjtriad.org/anytown

Q: What do you do at ANYTOWN?

Interactive activities bring to life some of the tough social issues facing today's world. These topics include racism, sexism, homophobia, interfaith relations and cultural differences. There is plenty of social and free time so that delegates can get to know one another and have time to relax.

Q: Why should I go to ANYTOWN?

ANYTOWN is an incredible opportunity to meet other students from all over Guilford County who you would not normally meet. You will get a chance to learn how you can make our community more accepting and how you have the ability to create change. It's a lot of fun and you won't be bored. Every year staff has to force delegates back on the bus to go home on Friday because no one wants to leave.

Q: When is ANYTOWN 2015?

There will be two sessions of ANYTOWN this year. Session 1 will be June 21-26 and Session 2 will be July 19-24. You pick one session to attend. Please apply online at: www.nccjtriad.org/anytown

Q: Where is ANYTOWN held?

ANYTOWN is held at the Blowing Rock Conference Center (BRCC) in the beautiful mountains of North Carolina. Round-trip bus transportation to ANYTOWN is provided at no additional cost; it is included in the tuition.

Q: Who is on staff at ANYTOWN?

There are twelve counselors – college-aged students – who attended ANYTOWN as a high school student who will be in each cabin. Adult advisors stay in cabins next to where the students stay. The advisor staff includes a medical professional and a mental health

professional. There are also two adult co-directors who oversee the entire week of ANYTOWN™. All staff undergoes extensive training and background checks.

Q: How many people go to ANYTOWN?

Up to 68 delegates (students) attend each session. These delegates are diverse in race, culture, religion, school and socio-economic background. The staff is typically 25 adults and college-age leaders.

Q: How much does ANYTOWN cost?

ANYTOWN tuition and fees \$650.00. Generous financial aid is available. Just contact NCCJ for a financial aid application.

Q: What do I need to bring?

A packing list will be provided once the delegate has been accepted to attend ANYTOWN.

Q: Do delegates need to bring pillow, sleeping bag, towels, etc.?

No. Everyone sleeps in same sex cabins which have bunk beds with sheets, blankets, pillows and towels furnished. If you prefer your own pillow or if you want extra large towels, you might want to bring those, but it is not necessary.

Q: Will the delegates be spending a lot of time outside?

We will be in the mountains but most of our time will be spent inside. There will be free time every day where delegates can be outside. But unlike other camps, there are no strenuous activities such as hikes, runs, etc. There is also no swimming at ANYTOWN

Q: Will delegates be able to talk with their families while they are at ANYTOWN?

No. Delegates are not allowed to have a cell phone. Designated ANYTOWN staff members will have cell phones for emergencies.

Q: What if parents/guardians have to reach their student for an emergency?

Parents/guardians can reach the NCCJ director or the Blowing Rock Conference Center in case of an emergency. Students will not call home to let you know that they have arrived safely, but NCCJ will update its phone message and Facebook page to let you know when delegates have arrived. You are welcome to call NCCJ and check Facebook for regular updates and photos. Families are encouraged to write letters to their students. Mailing address, emergency phone number and number to call for ANYTOWN updates will be provided once the delegated has been accepted at attend ANYTOWN.

Q: Why are cell phones not allowed?

One of the primary goals of ANYTOWN is to build a community through interaction with the group. Cell phones cause a distraction from the community, and we do not want the disruption

and the isolation from the group that cell phones bring. This is not because we are trying to be secretive, but it is a very busy week, and we do not want the distraction of phone calls, unless there is an emergency.

Q: Are there any other things that are not allowed?

No weapons, tobacco products, alcohol or other drugs are allowed at ANYTOWN. In addition, no CD players, iPods, etc. with headphones, and no portable DVD players or other electronic devices are permitted. These items are distracting and cause some people to isolate themselves from the rest of the group. We DO love to have music for everyone to enjoy—just not with headphones. So you are welcome to bring CD's to share. We just ask you to not bring music that is disrespectful or with offensive lyrics.

Q: What if a student is taking prescription medicine?

One of the adult advisors at each session of ANYTOWN is a medical professional (nurse or paramedic), who will discuss the health issues and the medication schedule with the student at the beginning of ANYTOWN, and they will decide together if the student will keep the medicine or if the medical advisor will keep it for them. All medical information is kept confidential. Have the medication ready to present at check-in before boarding the bus.

Q: Do I need to bring any money?

All meals and two daily snacks are provided for everyone, but during free time in the afternoon there are snacks available for purchase. Most students bring about \$5-\$8 for snacks. ANYTOWN sweatshirts are available for \$25.

Q: How can I get more information?

- Visit the NCCJ website and apply online at www.nccjtriad.org/anytown
- Call the NCCJ office at 336-272-0359.