

# American Independence Youth Leadership Conference

April 25-28, 2024 [www.AIYLC.Org](http://www.AIYLC.Org) Major Earl Johnson, Director

Date	Time	Mins	Event	Actions	Speakers
<b>Thurs</b>	1:00 PM	60	Registration	Assign Dorm / Teams	<b>LTC(R) Seth Pilgrim</b>
<b>Apr25</b>	2:00 PM	30	Welcome	Conference Briefing	<b>LTC(R) Seth Pilgrim</b>
<b>Day1</b>	2:30 PM	30	Critical Thinking	Making Decisions	<b>Maj Earl Johnson</b>
	3:00 PM	15	Break		<b>Team Leaders</b>
	3:15 PM	45	Small Business	Free Enterprise	<b>Mr. David Tortolini</b>
	4:00 PM	60	Jamestown Founding	Historical Lecture	<b>Mr. Dick Cheatham</b>
	5:00 PM	45	Dinner	Enjoy	<b>Team Leaders</b>
	5:45 PM	30	Honoring the Flag	Flag	<b>Maj Earl Johnson</b>
	6:15 PM	15	Retire the Flag	Form at Flag Pole	<b>Color Guard</b>
	6:30 PM	60	Financial Mgmt.	Lecture on Investing	<b>Mr. Hal Roesch</b>
	7:30 PM	15	Break		<b>Team Leaders</b>
	7:45 PM	90	Winning Colors	Personalities Lecture	<b>Lt. Col. Jim Rice</b>
	9:15 PM	15	Break		<b>Team Leaders</b>
	9:30 PM	30	Teamwork/Challenges	Shipwreck / Tower / Tangled Mess / Briefings / Free Enterprise	<b>LTC(R) Seth Pilgrim</b>
	10:00 PM	30	Clean Lecture Room		<b>Team Leaders</b>
	10:30 PM	60	Personal Time		<b>Chaperones</b>
	11:30 PM		<b>Lights Out</b>	<b>Remain in Dorm</b>	<b>Chaperones</b>
Date	Time	Mins	Event	Actions	Speakers
<b>Fri</b>	7:00 AM	45	Wake Up	Personal Time	<b>Chaperones</b>
<b>Apr26</b>	7:45 AM	15	Flag Ceremony	Form at Flagpole	<b>Color Guard / All</b>
<b>Day 2</b>	8:00 AM	30	Breakfast	Current Events	<b>Team Leaders</b>
	8:30 AM	30	Travel to Jamestown	Walk	<b>Team Leaders</b>
	9:00 AM	120	Jamestown Museum	Educational Tour	<b>Team Leaders</b>
	11:00 AM	30	Visit Store	Memento Shop	<b>Chaperones</b>
	11:30 AM	30	Return to 4-H	Walk	<b>Team Leaders</b>
	12:00 PM	20	Break	Personal Time	<b>Team Leaders</b>
	12:20 PM	40	Lunch		<b>Team Leaders</b>
	1:00 PM	60	NASA Update	Lecture	<b>Capt Shane Dover</b>
	2:00 PM	15	BREAK		<b>Team Leaders</b>
	2:15 PM	45	Challenges II	Develop Briefings	<b>Lt. Col Jim Rice</b>
	3:00 PM	60	Life's Journey	Road to Success	<b>Mrs. Nhu Yeargin</b>
	4:00 PM	20	Break		<b>Team Leaders</b>
	4:20 PM	70	Effective Communication	Leadership Lecture	<b>Prof Brian DePrinzio</b>
	5:30 PM	45	Dinner	Enjoy	<b>Team Leaders</b>
	6:15 PM	15	Flag Ceremony	Form at Flagpole	<b>Color Guard</b>
	6:30 PM	75	American Government	Briefing	<b>Mr. Jean-Marc Pierre</b>
	7:45 PM	135	Teamwork/Challenges	Shipwreck / Tower / Tangled Mess / Briefings / Free Enterprise	<b>LTC(R) Seth Pilgrim</b>
	10:00 PM	30	Clean Lecture Room		<b>Team Leaders</b>
	10:30 PM	60	Personal Time		<b>Chaperones</b>
	<b>11:30 PM</b>		<b>Lights Out</b>	<b>Remain in Dorm</b>	<b>Chaperones</b>

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<b>Sat</b>	7:00 AM	45	Wake Up		<b>Chaperones</b>
<b>Apr27</b>	7:45 AM	15	Flag Ceremony	Form at Flagpole	<b>Color Guard / All</b>
<b>Day 3</b>	8:00 AM	30	Breakfast	Current Events	<b>Team Leaders</b>
	8:30 AM	30	Travel to WMSB	Load Bus	<b>Team Leaders</b>
	9:00 AM	180	Lead / Free Ent / Pat	Tour Historic Site	<b>Team Leaders</b>
	12:00 PM	30	Return to 4-H	Load Bus	<b>Team Leaders</b>
	12:30 PM	45	Lunch Outside		<b>Lt. Col Jim Rice</b>
	1:15 PM	30	Bus to Yorktown	Load Bus	<b>Team Leaders</b>
	1:45 PM	75	American Revolution Museum	Museum Tour	<b>Team Leaders</b>
	3:00 PM	60	Bus Tour Yorktown	Historical Tour	<b>CPO Alan Dooley</b>
	4:00 PM	30	Return to 4-H		<b>Team Leaders</b>
	4:30 PM	15	Break		<b>Chaperones</b>
	4:45 PM	15	Flag Ceremony	Form at Flagpole	<b>Color Guard</b>
	5:00 PM	45	Closing Supper	Vote	<b>LTC(R) Seth Pilgrim</b>
	5:45 PM	60	Frederick Douglass	Historic Lecture	<b>Mr. Nathan Richardson</b>
	6:45 PM	75	Constitution Lecture	Government Lecture	<b>PhD Joe Emerson</b>
	8:00 PM	75	Finish Challenges III	Teamwork	<b>LTC(R) Seth Pilgrim</b>
	9:15 PM	45	Social	Critiques	<b>Chaperones</b>
	10:30 PM	60	Personal Time		<b>Chaperones</b>
	<b>11:30 PM</b>		<b>Lights Out</b>	<b>Remain in Dorm</b>	<b>Chaperones</b>
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<b>Sun</b>	7:00 AM	30	Ready to Go	Luggage to Cafeteria	<b>Chaperones</b>
<b>Apr28</b>	7:30 AM	15	Flag Ceremony	Form at Flagpole	<b>Color Guard / All</b>
<b>Day 4</b>	7:45 AM	75	Breakfast	Voting	<b>Team Leaders</b>
	9:00 AM	75	Winning Colors II	Team Briefings	<b>Lt. Col. Jim Rice</b>
	10:15 AM	75	Starting Business	Team Briefings	<b>Maj Earl Johnson</b>
	11:45 AM	15	Closing Ceremony	Rehearsal	<b>Chaperones</b>
	12:00 PM	30	Lunch		<b>Chaperones</b>
	12:30 PM	30	Ceremony Prep	Room Setup	<b>Team Leaders</b>
	1:00 PM	60	Closing Ceremony	Langley Honor Guard	<b>Maj Earl Johnson</b>
	<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Departure</b>	<b>Pick-Up/Depart</b>	<b>LTC(R) Seth Pilgrim</b>

## Schedule Synopsis

### 2024 AIYLC:

Students may use this information to obtain an understanding of this Curriculum and use this information to prepare questions that may assist in a better understanding of the material delivered.

#### Day 1.

**Critical Thinking.** The presentation by Major Johnson will provide insight on how to read information you have in front of you and hopefully make critical decisions that will assist you in obtaining your short and long-range goals. The presentation is designed to ask you to think of the consequences your action may have on your life long and short-range goals.

**Small Business.** Small businesses keep America healthy. It is an important part of the engine that drives the economic train by providing goods and services in the local area, providing employment to citizens, and reducing cost and being sensitive to customers and trends to stay in business.

**Jamestown Founding.** Tonight we have the pleasure and descendant of Pocohontas (Daughter of Powhatan) and John Rolfe, of listening to the adventure of the landing of the Pilgrims in Jamestown. We will learn why the Pilgrims almost did not survive this adventure and the difference in **Leadership styles** that resulted in the flourishing of America. Please listen, learn, and challenge his knowledge to learn more by asking questions.

**Honoring the Flag.** What is the purpose of the flag and how/why do we give it respect? The Flag is a symbol of our country... it represents the people and must be **treated with respect.**

**Financial Management.** This speaker will be presenting information on **financial management.** The concepts you will hear will help you effectively consider how to manage your money that will flow through your hands. Hopefully, this briefing will enable you to properly plan for a life of fun and a successful retirement with funds to live on. Pay attention as your future depends on it. In

addition, several of the challenges will require use this information also. Successful leaders must know how to manage their assets to include time, equipment, space, people, and money.

**Winning Colors.** One of our most popular instructors is Lt. Col Rice and with his unique teaching methods. He will identify various personalities and how knowing personalities can assist you as a leader. If you know who you are and how personalities affect those you lead, it can make you a better leader. He will also speak on financial management. In this area, he will lecture on how personalities can affect how we manage money. On Sunday, each team will be required to know how **personality and money relate to leadership.**

**Teamwork / Challenges.** Challenges! In this session, you will be provided with challenges or games which will be used to help **identify team skills, leadership techniques** and be used to recognize the best team at the end of the conference. Pay attention, one quick hint, there are times when challenges need to be divided to get them done.

## **Day 2.**

**Current Events.** Breakfast creates an opportunity to hear the news...Why! What is going on in the world affects you. For example, if you are working and budgeting your money and the price of gas goes up. Will it come down? The news provides information on what caused the increase and perhaps when or if it will come down. It might even result in going to war. Or it can cause a job loss. Knowledge really is POWER. **Critical thinking or planning** can't happen without knowledge.

**Jamestown Museum.** Jamestown provides an opportunity to see what the ships looked like that brought the colonists here. In addition, the James River named after King James is here. You will see structures made by the native Indians and get an idea of what the people had to endure to live, work, play and fend off adversaries here on these shores. **Leadership, Patriotism and Free Enterprise started right here!**

**NASA Update.** When Benjamin Franklin harnessed electricity, his leadership in this area eventually gave us light. We are now making discoveries and developing space vessels, food, fuel, designing flight plans to take man to Mars and beyond.

We continue to require leadership in numerous fields every day. Will you be a leader in any field that takes us to Mars and beyond? Find out what you need to know to **join the team and lead mankind** into a new tomorrow.

**Life's Journey.** America, what a country! This speaker was not born in America, nor did she have a say in how she got here. Her family was ousted from her country where they were very prominent. Eventually, she wound up in America. This presentation talks about perseverance, family teamwork, education, and hard work. With the help of the **Free Entrepreneur System**, she has become a very successful business person.

**Effective Communication.** A leader must be able to communicate. Communication comes in many forms. For example, a failure to make eye contact, wrinkles in your brow, frown or smile, crossing/uncrossing of legs or arms, even the way you breathe or speak volumes. As a leader, it is important to understand communication as you don't want to communicate the wrong information to someone.

**American Government.** This country has the best government in the world. It was designed to support the people. It is a Republic which means supreme power is held by the people and their representatives. Here, to speak from Washington D.C. on government is Professor Jean-Marc Pierre. This briefing should clear some things up about how the country is governed. **Patriotism and effective leadership governed by the constitution** should lead to plenty of questions.

**Teamwork/Challenges.** This time has been set aside to **develop briefings for your Sunday** morning presentations. Time to develop briefings on Saturday is very limited, as there will be two educational off-site tours, plus two speakers and final challenges will be completed. You will be very busy on Saturday, so use this time wisely.

### **Day 3.**

**Colonial Williamsburg.** We will be taking a step back in time to see how colonial Americans lived. Colonial Williamsburg will provide you with an opportunity to

witness how the country has flourished. After Jamestown is burned Colonial Williamsburg becomes the capitol. It is here in the House Burgesses where the first legislative assembly in America conducts the people's business. The College of William and Mary is built in this city. Small businesses are developed from Leather tanning to horse shoeing to making clothes and selling grain, small businesses have always been the foundation of employment and contributed substantially to America's Gross National Product. **Leadership, Civic duty, and Patriotism plus the Free enterprise system elements** of this conference were all found in this tour.

**Yorktown Historical Tour.** The War for America's Independence was fought and ended in Yorktown with British General Charles Cornwallis surrendering to General George Washington. Under Washington's **LEADERSHIP** and with help from the French, the Treaty of Paris was signed September 3, 1783, recognizing the United States as a free and independent nation after eight years of war. Without **this team effort** of French and Americans from all walks of life this effort probably would not have been successful. After visiting the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown, you will receive a bus tour of Yorktown and there you can witness where America gained its Independence.

**Frederick Douglass.** Again, we get to step back in time and here abolitionist, politician, **businessmen**, diplomat, orator, and much more Mr. Frederick Douglass will offer. He escaped from slavery, learned to read (taught himself), write and was instrumental in getting Afro-Americans to join the Union in support of the civil war. Mr. Douglass was one of America's exceptional a **citizens and leader**.

**Constitution Lecture.** Want to change how America is governed? The law of the land is governed by the constitution which by the way can be amended to change or add laws to it. Dr. Emerson is here tonight to address that issue. So, you future citizens needing to change a law, please pay attention.

**Teamwork/Challenges.** This is the final session for challenges. During this period, you get a chance to demonstrate who has the best team. Remember **leaders may become followers** at times and vice versa.

## **Day 4.**

**Winning Colors Presentations.** LTC. Rice will lead the session in presenting the Winning Colors briefing on the effects of Personalities on **Leadership and Financial Management.**

**Starting Business.** What **Free enterprise** business did your team develop? The purpose of this exercise is to get you think and knowledgeable about how the system works.

**Closing Ceremony.** Present awards and certificates to recognize participants and teams for their hard work during the conference.