The American Red Cross Leadership Development Camp (LDC) takes place from Thursday, July 30 - Sunday, August 2, 2020. This is our 40th year of uniting youth from Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties for a unique leadership experience. Our goal is to strengthen the American Red Cross by preparing current youth volunteers and recruiting new youth volunteers for leadership opportunities. Leadership Development Camp (LDC) is hosted by the American Red Cross Desert to the Sea Region.

What is LDC? LDC is a four-day, three-night camp where a diverse group of high school-age youth (in grades 9-11 as of March 2020) will learn how to work as a team, to overcome challenges, discover their own values and skills, and make new friends! At LDC, youth develop their leadership skills through:
• Fundamental Leadership and Team Building: individual and group activities in communication, problem solving, decision making, leadership styles, group dynamics and trust-building
• Personal Development and Social Engagement: a variety of special events including professional development skills training, physical challenges and a talent show
• American Red Cross Mission and Lines of Service: disaster preparedness, hands-only CPR and youth volunteer opportunities.

For more information and to apply for this camp, please follow the instructions below.
**Step 1: Verify / Create a Volunteer Connection account**

Applicants MUST have a current and completed Volunteer Connection account in order to attend LDC. You can verify your account by logging into volunteerconnection.redcross.org. If you do not have an account, please sign up through the following link:

https://tinyurl.com/LDCDelegate2020

*Please complete ALL steps to register as a new volunteer through Volunteer Connection. If you are unsure of the status of your account, contact the Youth Services Department at: DTS.Youth@redcross.org or Bryan Solis & Madelyn Spiegelberg, LDC Camp Directors, at (714) 673-7448.

**Step 2: Print & Complete Required Forms**

Print, complete, and scan the following forms found within the LDC Delegate Packet:

- Release Form
- Health History Form
- SOAR Participant Agreement
- Credit Deposit Form (only if paying with credit card)

**Step 3: Complete Online LDC Delegate Application**

Once you’ve signed up for Volunteer Connection, you will log in to Volunteer Connection to fill out the official LDC Delegate Application:

Home Page -> My Chapter -> Leadership Development Camp 2020 Delegate Application

All applicants MUST apply through the online LDC Delegate Application, and only applicants with Volunteer Connection accounts will be able to access the application.

**Step 4: Payment**

Delegates for LDC 2020 will be charged a fee of $368 to attend camp. This amount covers meals, lodging, and transportation. A $100 deposit is required upon application submission. Due to the current impact of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), we are delaying charges to credit cards and also holding off on depositing check payments until we are confident camp will not be postponed. Your place will be held and we will alert you when the credit card will be charged or when the check will be deposited. We will then provide the date for the final payment.

If you need financial assistance in paying for camp:

- Apply for a partial scholarship provided by the Red Cross: to request a scholarship form please email DTS.Youth@redcross.org. Scholarships are limited and provided on a first come, first serve basis - please request as soon as possible.
- Ask family and friends to pledge a certain amount of money for every hour of service you complete (delegates will receive a total of 60 service hours for LDC)
• Sell chocolate bars on your own through World's Finest Chocolate Fundraising: 
  worldsfinestchocolate.com

**Refunds:** Requests for Leadership Development Camp (LDC 2020) refunds must be made before June 10, 2020 to Madelyn.Spiegelberg@redcross.org. Refunds can take up to 30 days. After June 10, 2020, your payment will be considered a charitable donation to the American Red Cross.

**Step 5: LDC Orientation**

All LDC delegates must attend the LDC Orientation, accompanied by a parent/guardian. Orientations will cover a general overview of each day at LDC, the departure/arrival camp times, a packing list (basics of what to bring), and answer all your questions. RSVP requested once accepted for LDC.