**Golden Youth Award**

**Founding philosophy:**

This award is founded to honor the love that our monarchs have for our youth. This award is also to remind our youth of the important role that they play in the development of our country.

**Background:**

The YDF initiated the Golden Youth Award in 2005 to commemorate the 50th Birth anniversary of His Majesty the 4thDrukGyalpoJigmeSingyeWangchuck, with the aim to motivate and reward outstanding youth portraying excellence in academics, sports, cultural activities, leadership, social contributions and exceptional talents.

Every year one student from class 10 is awarded the title of “Golden Youth of the year” after a series of local and national competition. The final selection is done in the capital where 80 students from the 20 Dzongkhags come together to participate and compete in the “Golden Youth Camp”.

This year is the 8th year that YDF is organizing the Golden Youth Award. YDF has provided 7 scholarships to the winners till now. Every year the camp is organized during the summer vacation in the capital for a week.

The camp is designed to accommodate not only the academic excellence of participants, but also other areas of importance in the well-rounded development of youth. Motivational speakers are invited to give talks on educational issues, other topics of interest and importance like talks on wisdom & compassion, Health, and youth issues. Concerted efforts are made to encourage participants to interact and learn from each other. As such, students are encouraged to socialize through activities like jam session, movie nights and camp fire.

**Rationale:**

The Golden Youth Award is the only award for young outstanding youth in the Country.

Bhutan is a small country with 59% of its population aged between 10 to 24 years.

However, youth are a positive force in society with tremendous potential to participate effectively in the country’s advancement and as such development of this large population group is of utmost importance. The Golden Youth Camp is a forum for excellence and an opportunity for young outstanding future leaders to meet, interact and learn from each other.

**Objectives:**

* 1. Nominees from the Dzongkhags have the opportunity to participate in leadership training activities and programs
  2. Set a platform / forum to exchange ideas and perspectives on issues affecting their lives for both rural and urban youth
  3. Motivate youth to be hard working, responsible, and consistent and excel in both academic and co-curricular activities
  4. Reward the most outstanding youth
  5. To provide an opportunity to avail scholarships outside the country for classes XI and XII

**Project details:**

The Golden Youth Award Camp 2015 will be attended by 80 youth (40 male & 40 female) and 7 escort teachers. The participants will be the representatives from 20 Dzongkhags who will be competing for the Golden Youth Award title. The Bhutan Youth Development Fund will be providing scholarship to the Golden Youth title holder (1st position holder).

***Organizing Committee members:***

1. AumDorji Ohm, Deputy Executive Director, YDF
2. Ms. RinzinWangmo, CPO, DYS
3. Mr. AniruddhaKulkarni, Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF
4. Mr. SonamWangchuk, UNICEF
5. Lopen Karma Gyeltshen, Lecturer, RTC
6. LopenKinleyTshering, Lecturer, RTC
7. Ms. Karma Yangchen, EMSSD, MoE
8. Ms. TsheringDolkar, Program Director, Raydoen
9. Mr. John Chiramal, Editor, Kuensel
10. Ms. TsheringZangmo, Program Officer, BOC
11. UgyenPanday, Vocal Artist
12. Ms. Roma Pradhan, Program Coordinator, YDF

**Areas of focus for GYA 2015**

Participants of the camp will compete in the following categories;

* Academic excellence
* Literary
* General Knowledge & IQ
* Talent
* Games & Sports
* Social Service

**Conclusion:**

The Golden Youth Camp 2014 was a very successful program organized by the YDF. The camp met its objectives of recognizing and reinforcing young people with outstanding qualities. The camp also received many positive feedbacks including the need to continue such programs in the future. The winner of the GYA 2014, Ms. DechenZangmo from ChukhaDzongkhagwill be going to UWC Maastricht - Netherlands to pursue her pre- university this year through YDF-UWC Scholarship.

**Final program for Golden Youth Award Camp 2015**

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| **Day** | **Date** | **Remarks** |
| Saturday | 4th July 2015 | Arrival of the participants |
| Sunday | 5th July 2015 | Orientation |
| Monday | 6th July 2015 | Camp |
| Tuesday | 7th July 2015 | Camp |
| Wednesday | 8th July 2015 | Camp |
| Thursday | 9th July 2015 | Camp |
| Friday | 10th July 2015 | Closing |
| Saturday | 11th July 2015 | Departure |

**OVER VIEW OF GOLDEN YOUTH AWARD CAMP**

**4th July – 11th July 2015**

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| 4th July | Arrival of Participants (4.00pm) | Settling | Freshen up | 5pm – 5.30pm Tea | 5.30pm – 7pm  Leisure | 7pm – 8 pm  Dinner | 8.pm – 9pm Leisure |

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| 5th July | 10am -1pm opening, Introduction, orientation & setting community standards (other than those in the booklet) | 1pm – 2 pm  Lunch | 2.30 pm – 6.30pm tour of Thimphu | 6.30 pm – 7pm  At Leisure | 7pm – 8pm dinner | Evening programs, Short documentary film on GYA 2014 |

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| Date | 9am-10.30am | 10.30am – 11am | 11am – 12.30pm | 12.30pm – 1.30pm | 1.30pm – 3pm | 3pm – 3.30pm | 3.30pm – 5pm | 7pm – 9.30pm |
| 6th July 2015 | IQ & GK | Tea Break | Literary : Essay writing | Lunch | Literary: Extempore | Tea Break | Literary: Extempore  continues | Evening Program |
| 7th July 2015 | Talent | Talent continues | Talk | Dzongkhag  young scientist | Evening Program |
| 8th July 2015 | Social service | Social service | At Leisure | Forum | Camp fire |
| 9th July 2015 | Sports event | Quiz | Rehearsal for closing | Rehearsal for closing | Rehearsal for closing |
| 10th July 2015 | Preparation/rehearsal for closing |  |  |  | Closing  5 pm – 8 pm |
| 11th July 2015 | Departure |  |  |  |  |

**Opening Day Program:**

**Date: 5th July 2015**

Venue : Multipurpose Hall: NazhoenPelri Youth Development Centre

Time : 10 AM

Welcome address by Executive Director

Brief overview of the program

A visual presentation by Camp Manager

10.30 am – 1pm : Q&A on the camp, formation of group leaders & setting community

Standards – presentation and consensus of the standards set

1pm : Break

2.30 pm – 6.30 pm : A tour of Thimphu

6.30 pm – 7 pm : At leisure

7 pm – 8 pm : Dinner

8.30 pm – 9 pm : Interaction

(Every evening after freshening up, the various groups will practice for the closing function)

**Closing Ceremony Program:**

**10th July 2015**

**Venue: NazhoenPelri Youth Development Centre**

5 PM : Arrival of Guests

5.30 PM : Arrival of Chief Guest

5.35 PM : Welcome address – (participant)

5.40 PM : Highlights of the camp (YDF media production)

6 PM – 6.20 PM : Impression of the camp by participants

6.20 PM - 7 PM : Entertainment program

7 PM – 7.30 PM : Declaration of winner & Award of certificates

7.30 PM – 7.35 PM : Address by chief guest

7.35 PM – 7.40 PM : Camp song

7.40 PM – 7.45 PM : Vote of thanks by participant

7.45 PM : Dinner

**Daily Routine**

6 AM – 7 AM : Morning exercise / meditation / clean up campus

7.30 AM – 8.30 AM : Breakfast

8.30 AM – 9 AM : Assembly & Announcements

9 AM – 10.30 AM : Session 1

10.30 AM – 11 AM : Break

11 AM – 12.30 PM : Session 2

12.30 PM – 1.30 PM : Lunch

1.30 PM – 3 PM : Session 3

3 PM – 3.30 PM : Break

3.30 PM – 5 PM : Session 4

5 PM – 6 PM : Recreational time

6 PM – 7 PM : Cultural program practice

7 PM – 8 PM : Dinner

8 PM – 9.30 PM : Evening program (Organized)

10 PM : Lights off

**Transportation and escort teacher’s details**

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| **Sl.No** | **School** | **Escort Teacher** | **Contact No.** | **Remarks** |
| 1 | Pemagatshel Middle Secondary School | Mr. Thubten G Dorji | 17636446 | To pick up the students from: S/Jongkhar,  Pemagatshel, Trashiyangtse, Punakha and Lhuentse |
| 2 | Chumey Middle Secondary School | Mr. JampelDorji | 17544901 | To pick up the students from: Bumthang, Trashigang, Mongar, Trongsa&WangdiPhodrang |
| 3 | Damphu Higher Secondary School | Mr. Karma Choida  Mr. PemaWangdi | 17697230  77285713 | To pick up the students from: Tsirang, Sarpang, Gelephu, Dagana, Zhemgang&Gasa |
| 4 | YoseltseMiddle Secondary School | Mr. ChimiDhendup | 17726146 | To pick up the students from Samtse, Chukha, Paro&Haa |

***The Lucky Nominees of Golden Youth Award 2015 from 20 Dzongkhags are:***

**BumthangDzongkhag**

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| **Sl.No** | **Name of the participant** | **Gender** | **Class** | **School** |
|  | Chador Wangchuk | M | X | Jakar HSS |
|  | Yeshi Tenzin | M | X | Tang CS |
|  | Tenzin Choki | F | X | Jakar HSS |
|  | TshewangChoden | F | X | Tang CS |

**ChukhaDzongkhag**

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| **Sl.No** | **Name of the participant** | **Gender** | **Class** | **School** |
|  | Lhawang N Dorji | M | X | Chukha HSS |
|  | DechenNamgay | M | X | Gedu HSS |
|  | Dawa Zangmo | F | X | Kamji MSS |
|  | SangayYangdon | F | X | P/Ling MSS |

**DaganaDzongkhag**

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| **Sl.No** | **Name of the participant** | **Gender** | **Class** | **School** |
|  | TsheringDorji | M | X | Drujeygang HSS |
|  | KarnaBdrGurung | M | X | Dagapela MSS |
|  | PhubLham | F | X | Drujeygang HSS |
|  | SonamChoki | F | X | Dagapela MSS |

**GasaDzongkhag**

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| **Sl.No** | **Name of the participant** | **Gender** | **Class** | **School** |
|  | DamchoWangchuk | Male | X | Bjishong Central School |
|  | NidupDorji | Male | X | Bjishong Central School |
|  | SangayChoden | Female | X | Bjishong Central School |
|  | NamgayWangmo | Female | X | Bjishong Central School |

**HaaDzongkhag**

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| **Sl.No** | **Name of the participant** | **Gender** | **Class** | **School** |
|  | PassangDorji | Male | X | Gongzim UDHSS |
|  | Pemba Gyeltshen | Male | X | Gongzim UDHSS |
|  | SonamChoki | Female | X | Gongzim UDHSS |
|  | PassangLhamo | Female | X | Gongzim UDHSS |

**LhuentseDzongkhag**

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| **Sl.No** | **Name of the participant** | **Gender** | **Class** | **School** |
|  | SangayTshering ‘N’ | M | XB | Lhuentse HSS |
|  | ThinleyWangchuk | M | X | Minjey MSS |
|  | DechenChoden | F | XB | Autsho MSS |
|  | TashiZangmo | F | X | Lhuentse HSS |

**MongarDzongkhag**

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| **Sl.No** | **Name of the participant** | **Gender** | **Class** | **School** |
|  | SonamWangchuk | M | X | Gyelpozhing HSS |
|  | TempaTshering | M | XA | Mongar HSS |
|  | YeshiChoden | F | XC | Mongar HSS |
|  | DemaLhamo | F | XC | Yadi HSS |

**ParoDzongkhag**

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| **Sl.No** | **Name of the participant** | **Gender** | **Class** | **School** |
|  | TashiChophyl | Male | X | Drukgyel HSS |
|  | ChokiDorji | Male | X | Wanakha Central School |
|  | Karma Cheki | Female | X | Drukgyel HSS |
|  | SonamChoden | Female | X | Khangkhu MSS |

**PemaGatshelDzongkhag**

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| **Sl.No** | **Name of the participant** | **Gender** | **Class** | **School** |
|  | TashiNamgay | M | X | Pemagatshel MSS |
|  | SonamPelden | M | X | Yurung MSS |
|  | DechenWangmo | F | X | Pemagatshel MSS |
|  | JigmeDema | F | X | Nganglam HSS |

**PunakhaDzongkhag**

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| **Sl.No** | **Name of the participant** | **Gender** | **Class** | **School** |
|  | SangayDorji | Male | X | Kabesa MSS |
|  | NamgayWaiba | Male | X | Khuruthang MSS |
|  | TashiYouden | Female | X | Ugyen Academy HSS |
|  | ChengaWangmo | Female | X | Tashidingkha MSS |

**SamdrupJongkharDzongkhag**

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| **Sl.No** | **Name of the participant** | **Gender** | **Class** | **School** |
|  | Dorji Tenzin | M | XC | Karmaling HSS |
|  | Karma Yeshi | M | XB | Phuntshothang MSS |
|  | KesangDema | F | XA | Orong HSS |
|  | GyeltshenPemo | F | XA | Phuntshothang MSS |

**SamtseDzongkhag**

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| **Sl.No** | **Name of the participant** | **Gender** | **Class** | **School** |
|  | KezangTobgay | M | X | Yoeseltse MSS |
|  | UmeshGiri | M | X | Peljorling HSS |
|  | TsheringYangden | F | X | Yoeseltse MSS |
|  | TsheringChoden | F | X | Gomtu MSS |

**SarpangDzongkhag**

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| **Sl.No** | **Name of the participant** | **Gender** | **Class** | **School** |
|  | Ugyen Tenzin | M | XC | Gelephu HSS |
|  | Dilli Ram Acharja | M | XC | Norbuling MSS |
|  | SonamChoden | F | XC | Sarpang HSS |
|  | Yeshi Yuden | F | XA | Norbuling MSS |

**TsirangDzongkhag**

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| **Sl.No** | **Name of the participant** | **Gender** | **Class** | **School** |
|  | Yam Bdr. Bista | Male | X C | Mendrelgang Centre School |
|  | Sangay Tenzin | Male | X B | Damphu HSS |
|  | TsheringChoden | Female | X E | Damphu HSS |
|  | SangayZangmo | Female | X E | Damphu HSS |

**TrashigangDzongkhag**

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| **Sl.No** | **Name of the participant** | **Gender** | **Class** | **School** |
|  | RinchenTobgay | Male | X | Tashitse HSS |
|  | Tashi Tenzin | Male | X | Dungtse MSS |
|  | PemaYangzom | Female | X | Trashigang MSS |
|  | SangaChoden | Female | X | Bartsham MSS |

**TrongsaDzongkhag**

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| **Sl.No** | **Name of the participant** | **Gender** | **Class** | **School** |
|  | UgyenTshering | Male | X | Sherubling HSS |
|  | PrakashRai | Male | X | Taktse HSS |
|  | LekiDema | Female | X | Sherubling HSS |
|  | TshechiWangmo | Female | X | Taktse HSS |

**TrashiyangtseDzongkhag**

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| **Sl.No** | **Name of the participant** | **Gender** | **Class** | **School** |
|  | SonamTobga | Male | X A | Bayling HSS |
|  | ThinleyDorji | Male | X B | Tsenkharla MSS |
|  | SangayYangden | Female | X B | Tsenkharla Centre School |
|  | JigmiZangmo | Female | X B | Ramjar MSS |

**ThimphuDzongkhag**

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| **Sl.No** | **Name of the participant** | **Gender** | **Class** | **School** |
|  | UgyenTashi | Male | X | Lungtenzampa MSS |
|  | TashiPhuntsho | Male | X | Motithang HSS |
|  | KinleyWangmo | Female | X | Lungtenzampa MSS |
|  | YangchenTsheringPenjor | Female | X | Dr. Tobgyel MSS |

**WangduephodrangDzongkhag**

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| **Sl.No** | **Name of the participant** | **Gender** | **Class** | **School** |
|  | NgawangKinley Tenzin | Male | X | Gaselo HSS |
|  | PhubDorji | Male | X | Samtengang Centre School |
|  | ChukiWangmo | Female | X | Gaselo HSS |
|  | Karma Choki | Female | X | Samtengang Centre School |

**ZhemgangDzongkhag**

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| **Sl.No** | **Name of the participant** | **Gender** | **Class** | **School** |
|  | Rinchen Dawa | Male | X | Zhemgang Central School |
|  | NimaDorji | Male | X | Buli MSS |
|  | SonamWangmo | Female | X | Zhemgang Central School |
|  | PranitaPowdel | Female | X | Yebilaptsa MSS |