



MIDDLE LEVEL PROGRAMS

Washington Student Leadership *-serving students since 1956*
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Programs

Leadership Camps: Summer (4 sessions)
Cispus & Chewelah Peak Learning Centers

Middle Level Leadership Camp is a four-day intensive leadership experience designed for elected student government officers and highly motivated student leaders. Camps are open to students enrolled in middle schools or junior highs entering grades 7, 8 or 9. The camp's activity-oriented curriculum pivots around five components: communication, group process, managerial skills, self-awareness and human relations. The staff is composed of an administrative team, fifteen middle level activity advisers and professionals with backgrounds in leadership. College students and high school leaders serve as Resident Counselors. An adviser workshop is offered in conjunction with each session of camp. Credit and clock hours are available. This is an optional workshop for advisers.

Middle Level Team Retreat: late October
Cispus & Chewelah Peak Learning Centers

The three-day Middle Level Team Retreat is designed to increase the effectiveness of a school's student leadership team. There are three primary goals for the retreat:

- To enhance the leadership skills of student leaders and their advisers.
- To provide school delegations a teambuilding experience and time to develop action plans for school activities and projects.
- To give student leaders and their advisers a chance to network and share ideas.

Middle Level Regionals: mid February
Multiple school sites around the state

Middle Level Regionals are one-day leadership conferences. The curriculum is designed to provide delegates a motivational leadership experience. Students leave with new ideas, an expanded view of a leader's role, and energized for action. In addition, school groups practice teambuilding skills. Serving as one of the host sites gives a school's student leadership program the opportunity to showcase their skills and school. More than 2,000 students and advisers participate in Middle Level Regionals each year.

Custom Workshops & Retreats

Held at your site or at the Cispus and Chewelah Peak Learning Centers

Custom workshops and retreats are available upon request. The workshops are designed to build specific skills into a school's student leadership program. Typical workshop requests are student council teambuilding, officer responsibility, meeting skills, school climate and developing the school activity calendar for the year. Custom programs can involve multiple school delegations from neighboring schools.

Support

Washington Activity Coordinators Association

Since the 1970s, the Washington Activity Coordinators Association has held an annual professional conference in mid-March. Meet vendors & speakers, take workshops and network with other advisers. www.wacaonline.org

WASC Membership

Middle Schools and Junior Highs can join the Washington Association of Student Councils (WASC). WASC member schools receive the semi-monthly electronic newsletter *In the Loop* and two copies of each edition of *The Leader*, an issue-driven, print newsletter. In addition, member schools receive discounts on all Washington Student Leadership Programs.

"Starting in the Middle:

Leadership Designs for Middle Level Leaders"

This middle level leadership curriculum manual was designed for and by middle level activity advisers. It is a collection of lessons, activities, program models and resources for a student leadership program. Each lesson is divided into 15-minute sections making it a valuable resource for advisory periods as well as leadership classes.

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