



**U.M. ARMY North x Northwest Texas  
Youth Advisory Board Application 2024/25**

Thank you for your interest in UM ARMY and being involved with leadership as a YAB (Youth Advisory Board). In this packet you will find the YAB application, a covenant agreement and medical release form (to be filled out upon approval). Being a YAB is a commitment, but you will also gain leadership experience, service opportunities, have a lot of fun while growing deeper in your faith.

YAB Applications are to be emailed to Jenna at [jenna@umarmy.org](mailto:jenna@umarmy.org) and are due by November 1st, 2024

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Care Giver Cell (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Care Giver Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Church membership (which church do you attend): \_\_\_\_\_

Youth director's Name and email: \_\_\_\_\_

Current grade in school: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

What activities are you involved in through school or your community?

What activities are you involved in through your youth group or church?

If you were an animal, what animal would you be? Why?

We are all on a continual journey to grow closer to God. What does your journey look like currently?

Please write a few sentences saying what you really like about U.M. ARMY:

Please write a few sentences saying what you would change about U.M. ARMY:

Please write about why you want to serve on the YAB below and on the back of this application.  
(Use extra paper if necessary)

Great, your part is done, now please ask your pastor or youth director to email [jenna@umarmy.org](mailto:jenna@umarmy.org) a recommendation letter on your behalf!

## YAB Covenant

As a member of the Youth Advisory Board (YAB), I am representing my conference, district and local church. I understand that membership is a privilege and I agree to abide by the following covenant.

I will set an example of Christian leadership at YAB events and UM ARMY mission trips. I understand Christian leadership is servant ministry exemplified by Jesus. I understand that I am expected to attend any meetings/training, the retreat and mission trip this summer. If a situation arises and I cannot make a meeting or event I will inform Jenna Reinke no less than one week before the meeting. Some discussion and planning occurs virtually and I will participate in this by responding to emails in a timely fashion and following up on my tasks.

As a YAB, I agree to the following at all UM ARMY events:

- I will not use or possess tobacco, electronic cigarettes, alcohol, or other abusive substances.
- I will not use or possess firearms, fireworks, and other weapons.
- I will treat other persons with respect, being positive and encouraging of others.
- I will respect the property that we use, churches, camps, and vehicles, being sure to leave things better than I found them.
- I will not use profanity.
- I will refrain from using or providing inappropriate music, video, and/or other entertainment.
- I will observe and help enforce curfew as set by the leadership.
- I agree to the following boundaries: Girls never in boys rooms and boys never in girls rooms. As a YAB, I agree to take seriously the example I set. I agree to set a positive example on my social media, at my local church, and at my school.

I understand no covenant can cover all offenses and expectations. Therefore, the leadership team has the authority to assess situations that arise and set other guidelines and enforce consequences as deemed necessary.

I understand that violation of the above covenant can result in termination of my ability to be on the YAB team.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Youth Advisory Board Qualifications and Job Description

Requirements- Youth must submit an application to [jenna@umarmy.org] by November 1st and meet the following:

1. Be at least a current 8th grader, 8th - 10th grade will be on the board and fully participate but will not be a full YAB at a second camp, 11th and 12th graders will be required to attend the second camp as a YAB.
2. Have participated in one or more U.M. ARMY camps
3. Have the recommendation of their Pastor or Youth Director (You will need to ask them to send a recommendation email)
4. Be willing to attend two U.M. ARMY camps during each summer (one as a camper and another as a yabber) (Registration fee will be waived for second camp)
5. Be willing to attend YAB training retreat and zoom meetings prior to camp season

## **Job Description:**

### **Before the trip**

- YAB members will be invited to participate in meetings and training sessions. A Mandatory training event is required for all students who will be in leadership.
- YAB members will be asked to participate in the adult training for their mission trip
- At the training session you will hopefully get to meet your Directors and Program Coordinators.
- You will brainstorm with the coordinator about fun ideas for themes nights and activities while on the trip.
- If in an area that you are close to a director or program coordinator you will be given opportunities to help with pre-camp set up

### **General Duties During the Week**

- Go up early and set-up the camp (if possible to get a ride with an adult from their church)
- Lead morning devotionals
- Make camp announcements during the week
- Put on skits about camp themes and issues
- Be on the lookout for youth that are on the fringes, not participating and who need a friend
- Dismiss color groups in the morning to breakfast and dinner
- You will be expected to help your WTA lead the group and make sure everyone in the group completes assigned tasks
- Meet with camp leadership daily during camp for review

### **Last day of Trip**

- Help clean up camp
- Double check rooms with pictures to make sure everything has been cleaned up and put back properly
- Help keep students motivated while they are cleaning
- Continuing to check in with the program coordinator and director to seek additional tasks for their work team until everything is completed.

### **After Trip**

- A special online form/survey will be created for the YAB members week review

I give permission for U.M. ARMY leadership to seek medical attention for my son or daughter's behalf as needed in case of emergency.

I will be called by the adult sponsors in emergencies.

YAB name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance card holder name: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Group ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name and Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Release of Liability By signing this Permission and Waiver Form, I expressly warrant that this child named above or I, if I am a participant, am capable of withstanding both the physical and mental demands of these activities. I also expressly assume all risks to the child or me participating in the activities, whether such risks are known or unknown to me at this time. I further release UM ARMY and its leaders, employees, volunteers and agents from any claim that my child may have or that I may have against them as a result of injury or illness incurred during the course of participation in these activities. This release of liability is also intended to cover all claims that members of the child's or my family or estate, heirs, representatives or assigns may have against the church or its ministers, leaders, employees, volunteers, or agents. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless UM ARMY and its leaders, employees, volunteers, or agents from any and all claims arising from my participation in its activities and programs, or as a result of injury or illness of my child during such activities.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of parent/guardian)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If your child is bringing any medications with him/her, prescription or over the counter, please ensure that they are clearly labeled, that they are listed below, and that your child understands that the medicines are not to be shared under any circumstances.

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Are there any medical concerns or allergies we should know about?

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Over the Counter Medication: Please circle the counter medications your child may receive while at YAB events/retreats

Benadryl, liquid Benadryl, cough drops, Cetirizine (Zyrtec), Loratadine (Claritin), tums,

acetaminophen, ibuprofen, pepto bismol

Media Release (please initial) \_\_\_\_\_ I authorize UM ARMY to publish my child's name and/or photograph on a website or in print media.

Transportation (please initial) \_\_\_\_\_ My child has permission to be transported by UM ARMY adults at YAB related events.