

# YELLO Frequently Asked Questions

## What to expect?

YELLO is a fun-packed 4 day adventure. Youth who just completed grade 7-one year post high school will be attending workshops and educational sessions, listening to motivational speakers, eating great food, completing service projects, and making friends along the way! Don't forget to pack some comfy walking shoes to be prepared for anything. You might also want to stick in an umbrella or raincoat as activities go on, rain or shine.

#### Who leads YELLO?

YELLO is organized by the Minnesota 4-H State Ambassador team in cooperation with Minnesota 4-H Youth Development staff. The State Ambassador team is made up of 4-H youth from across the state of Minnesota. The team plans the conference with the goal of providing YELLO attendees with a fun and worthwhile leadership experience.

#### **Youth Leaders**

The Minnesota 4-H State Ambassadors work together to plan and facilitate this event. The State Ambassadors are youth in grades 11-13 who have been selected to serve a one-year term in planning this and similar events for other youth across the state. The State Ambassadors teach most of the sessions and will lead small groups of youth participants through activities and discussions during the event.

#### 4-H Staff

Several Minnesota 4-H staff members will be onsite to assume overall responsibility for the event. The names and contact information of the 4-H staff will be shared with event attendees prior to the event.

#### Adult volunteer chaperones

Minnesota 4-H volunteers who are at least 21 years of age are needed to chaperone this event. Each county with youth attending is responsible for identifying appropriate chaperones who will attend. Interested adult volunteers should apply at this <u>link</u> (<a href="https://z.umn.edu/yello-chap-app">https://z.umn.edu/yello-chap-app</a>) and they will be contacted if they are selected to attend.

Adult volunteer chaperones work to support the program activities and provide a safe environment for attendees. In addition to supporting the youth attendees, chaperones accomplish a variety of tasks at the event, including, but not limited to: taking photos, helping with meal service, and distributing supplies.

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## Where does YELLO take place?

The 2024 YELLO will take place at University of Minnesota-Morris. Youth may also be bussed to different locations for service projects and some educational sessions.

### Where do participants stay?

Youth & chaperones will be staying in a residential hall on the University of Minnesota-Morris campus. Participants will be roomed with youth of similar gender and age and placed close to others from similar geographic areas when possible. Youth may indicate a roommate preference when registering. A set of sheets, a blanket, and a towel will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own.

### What type of activities can I expect at YELLO?

All youth will be assigned to a small group - a group of youth of similar age from across the state. Each small group is led by 1-2 State Ambassadors. You will check in with your small group each day and will also participate in fun and educational activities facilitated by the State Ambassadors. Throughout the week, you will also do some service projects, listen to interesting speakers, and of course you'll enjoy some meals as well! Each night there is a social activity where you can connect with your friends and make some new ones as well. Once you are registered for YELLO, we want to hear from you on which sessions you'd like to attend! Participants will attend majors and are one of the main educational components of the YELLO experience. Majors are opportunities for youth to do a deep dive into a project area of their interest. There are different major categories and each youth will choose a class where they will receive 6 hours of instructions over two days.

Each session has a limited number of spaces available and sessions may be canceled if there is not enough interest. You will get to rank up to three choices for each time block, but you will only attend one session per time block. If you choose a deep dive session, that will take the place of all of the time blocks for that choice. You can view the major class descriptions at the bottom of the YELLO Informational document.

# How much does it cost to attend YELLO? Can I get financial aid?

Early bird \$300 (February 1-March 31) then price increases to \$325 (April 1- May 16). Financial assistance may be available. Please contact your local 4-H office or yello@umn.edu.During registration, you can also indicate if you'd like to ride the YELLO bus that is coordinated by the State 4-H Office - there will be several routes and pick-up spots throughout the state that you can choose from. Bus tickets are offered this year for \$50 round trip. Costs should not be a barrier to participation. Contact your local 4-H office to inquire about financial support options, or email Meg at yello@umn.edu.

Refund amounts depend on the date the cancellation is communicated. If the YELLO cancellation is:

- Received by May 23 at 8:00am, a full refund is available.
- Received by May 26 at 8:00am, the program fee less a \$60 non-refundable deposit is available.
- Received May 28 or later, no refund is available.



For individuals utilizing the bus provided by the 4-H State Office, the refund schedule is as follows:

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# How can I register?

You can register through 4-H Online.

#### **Getting Started in 4-HOnline**

Start at 4-HOnline (https://mn.4honline.com)

- New to Minnesota 4-H? Participants must first be enrolled (no participation commitment is required beyond YELLO).
  - o This tip sheet can get you going with enrollment.
  - Note: youth enrollments must be approved by Extension staff before the member can register for an event, which may take a day or two.
- For questions or assistance with enrollment, enrollment approval, or logging in, <u>contact your local Extension staff</u> (<a href="https://local.extension.umn.edu">https://local.extension.umn.edu</a>) or send an email to the general 4-H email address (<a href="mailto:fourh@umn.edu">fourh@umn.edu</a>).

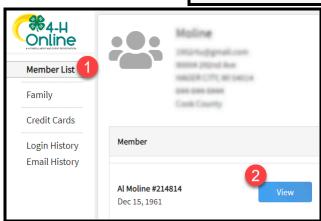
## Finding the YELLO event

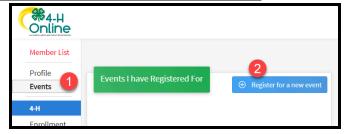
- After logging in to 4-H Online:
- Click on Member List
- Click on View for the member you'd like to register

- Click on "Register for a new event"
- Locate and click on the YELLO event.









Click Next

- Click on Start Registration
- Complete the registration questions and then click Next.
- On the next screen, please review and update your health information if needed and then click Next



#### How can I pay?

The next screen in 4-H Online offers two payment options.

- Electronic payment (credit card)
- Pay by check
  - o Make a check payable to "University of Minnesota."
  - o Registration is not complete until check payment is received at the following:
    - YELLO

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1420 Eckles Ave, Room 475 Coffey Hall

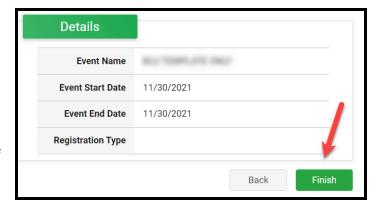
St. Paul, MN 55108

#### **Submitting your registration**

Continue through the registration process in 4-H Online until your event registration has been submitted.

Until you click Finish, your registration has not been submitted.

You should receive an email indicating that the registration has been submitted. You will receive an additional email when it has been reviewed and approved and when the payment, if any, has been processed.





#### Completing "Incomplete" registrations

- If you log out before completing your registration, you can log back in at any time to finish.
- In your family account, click on View next to member's name
- In the left toolbar, select "Events"
- Click on Incomplete event listed
- Complete your enrollment using steps above.

## What if I need to cancel my registration?

Cancellations should be communicated with their <u>local 4-H Extension Educator</u>. 4-H staff should forward any information regarding cancellations to the event contact as soon as possible to ensure the maximum refund allowed. Refund amounts depend on the date the cancellation is communicated. If the YELLO cancellation is:

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If we must cancel the event due to insufficient enrollment or other circumstances beyond our control, we will offer a full refund (minus credit card transaction fees).

## Other Helpful Information

You can find a tentative schedule and more information about YELLO in the 2025 YELLO Information document.

