

## ***The Young Americans 2019 Workshop General Information Letter***

*Hello ALL Vasquez Students and Families, and the Acton Agua-Dulce/ Greater Community,*

**THE YOUNG AMERICANS ARE COMING TO VASQUEZ HIGH SCHOOL for a three-day workshop, happening on Thursday, March 14th -- Saturday, March 16th!** This fun and exciting learning opportunity is open to all students grades 3rd-12th...including college-aged. ANY student can participate! This activity is for students who enjoy music, want to build their confidence, and want to have new experiences with their friends, and a chance to meet new friends while also meeting a cast of extremely positive and supportive college-aged students called The Young Americans, who will be alongside them every step of the way each day of the workshop! Students do not need to already know how to sing, dance, or act. If they do, that's great! They will have ample opportunities to build on their singing/dancing skills. But if they do not have any prior training -- they will enjoy the chance to learn new skills while also increasing their social and emotional learning abilities by learning life skills to help them further develop in every aspect of their lives.

**To LEARN MORE and REGISTER -- go to The Young Americans official website and register ONLINE. Here's the link: <https://www.youngamericans.org/calendar-of-events/> and search "Acton, CA".** Students can register up to the first day of the workshop, on Thursday, March 14th! **The cost of the 3-day workshop is \$45 per student and includes a free tour t-shirt that is worn on day 3 for the final performance.** The entire event takes place at Vasquez HS. Go online, and/or see the next page for the 3-day daily itinerary and to find out more details!

More helpful links:

Official YA website: [www.youngamericans.org](http://www.youngamericans.org)

Who Are The Young Americans? video clip: <https://www.youtube.com/user/TheYoungAmericansINC>

A highlight reel from last year's Vasquez HS Workshop -- featuring our students!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5G83Zxk62xl>

**SUPER IMPORTANT!** To make sure this YA Workshop event can *really* happen for our students, we need the generous support of local families interested in possibly hosting two or more YA cast members, plus one YA Director in their homes. For these details, please email Amy Ciceri at [aciceri@aadusd.k12.ca.us](mailto:aciceri@aadusd.k12.ca.us) and she'll email you that packet.

ALSO, PLEASE click on the following link to actually SIGN-UP:

**HOST FAMILY INFORMATION AND SIGN-UP FORM:**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdkD-3kX5zrj87wqPI3kYMWubBoQNY4UDq6INEmIjI2Xs6sQ/viewform>

**(PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR WORKSHOP ITINERARY INFORMATION)**

Please SHARE this amazingly fun workshop event with any of your friends/ family members who also currently attend other schools -- grades 3rd-12th, and college. All are welcome to join in the fun!

## **EVENT SCHEDULE:**

**IMPORTANT! MEALS ARE NOT INCLUDED!** Workshop students MUST bring their own packed lunch/ dinner each day of the workshop, unless parents are bringing food at those times.

### **THURSDAY, MARCH 14**

**Location • Vasquez High School**

3:15 PM » Students Arrive • Registration/Check-In

3:30 PM » Workshop Begins • We'll begin by meeting The Young Americans with a performance. Family and friends are invited!  
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6:00- 7:00 PM » Dinner Break • **Bring a packed dinner**

7:00 PM » Workshop Resumes

9:00 PM » Workshop Ends • Family and friends are invited to join us the last ten minutes for a sneak peek of what the students learned today!

**FRIDAY, MARCH 15: STUDENTS IN THE WORKSHOP ARE EXCUSED FROM ALL THEIR CLASSES ON FRIDAY!! Mrs. Ciceri will be submitting workshop attendance to all schools so students' absences will be verified as a school-related activity.**

**Location • Vasquez High School**

8:00 AM » Students Arrive • Registration/Check-In

8:15 AM » Workshop Begins

12:00- 1:00 PM » Lunch Break • **Bring a packed lunch**

1:00 PM » Workshop Resumes

5:30 PM » Workshop Ends

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 16**

**Location • Vasquez High School**

3:15 PM » Students Arrive & Check-In

3:30- 5:30 PM » Dress Rehearsal • Please arrive wearing your tour shirt.

5:30- 6:45 PM » Dinner Break - **Bring a packed dinner**

6:45 PM » Students Return to Designated Area

6:30 PM » Doors Open

7:00 PM » Act 1 Begins • The Young Americans

7:50 PM » Intermission

8:05 PM » Act 2 Begins • The YAs & the students

9:15 PM » Show Ends

## **EVENT DETAILS**

**Location:** Vasquez High School

**Dates:** March 14-16

**Age Range:** Available for students in grades 3 - 12 throughout the surrounding area. Students will be separated into elementary, middle, or high school groups to learn age appropriate material.

**Registration: \$45 per student** • Includes a [tour](#) t-shirt (costume for the show) and registration for 16 hours of performance, dance, and vocal workshops. Students will be allowed to collect signatures on their shirt after the performance from The Young Americans cast and their friends.

**Scholarship Information:** You will have the chance to give the gift of music and can donate a scholarship for 1 or more students during this process. Anyone in need of a scholarship should apply during the review step of your online registration. Limited Scholarships are available for registration fees only. Applicants will be notified one week prior to the start of the event.

**For more information,** email [usa.tours@youngamericans.org](mailto:usa.tours@youngamericans.org)

**Pick-up, Drop-off,** or Is your student in a conflicting activity? We realize families may need to drop-off students late, pick-up early, or have students participating in a conflicting activity. Please let a cast member know about your situation so that they can teach your student what they've missed during any portion of the event.

**Meals:** Student Participants MUST bring a sack lunch for every meal break.

**Show Tickets:** will be sold for the final show at the end of the workshop day & 30 minutes prior to the performance. We want to stress the importance of purchasing tickets before the show day to ensure you have a seat. As a reminder, your student(s) that are in the workshop do not need a ticket.

**ADULTS » \$10 & STUDENTS » \$8**

**WE NEED HOST FAMILY VOLUNTEERS:** We need your help to host two or more Young Americans during this event. Be one of 3,000 families across the world opening their doors to this amazing experience! The Young Americans are coming to our community. As a non-profit organization, they rely on families, like ours, to help house their touring group as they do their community outreach. Please consider opening your home for two or more cast members. Host families have helped house over 3,000 Young Americans in 25 countries. It's really one of the most rewarding aspects for the workshop participants and their families. You can volunteer during the registration process, AND by completing the **Host Family Sign-Up form on the first page!**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ip5bCfDf5o&t=17s&list=PLv0OdwF1bQd2vcp-WwWFrbVu62nrlHQa3&index=6>

Please email the Vasquez Performing Arts teacher Amy Ciceri at [aciceri@aadusd.k12.ca.us](mailto:aciceri@aadusd.k12.ca.us) with any additional questions.

***WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!!!!***