



A Teen Alliance To End Violence

## CAMP SAFE BERKS – JULY 23-27, 2018

### OVERVIEW:

Safe Berks is pleased to offer the youth of Berks County an opportunity to participate in *Camp Safe Berks* (formerly *CAMPpeaceworks*), a FREE five-day summer camp program that brings various Berks County youth and adults together to form alliances of support that promote peace and justice in our schools and communities. This year's Camp will be held July 23-27<sup>th</sup> on the campus of Albright College.



Camp Safe Berks begins the process of developing youth as leaders in oppression based work.

Each day will focus on a separate Oppression; Adulthood, Racism, Sexism, Heterosexism, and Classism. Participants will gain a deeper understanding of the role Oppression plays in being a “root cause” of violence in our society. Participants will engage in honest discussions and group activities that will build over the week. These activities are designed to further cultivate teens ability to build empathy and acceptance of the differences in others. In addition, participants will learn and develop the skills to see, understand and address social injustice. They will build

strategies to be promoters of peace and justice in their schools and communities. Camp Safe Berks is designed to ignite a passion



within youth participants not only for their own personal growth, development and improved well-being, but also to become champions for social justice change throughout their community.

### WEEK AT A GLANCE:

#### Youth Justice Day

On Day 1, we welcome youth and introduce them to their small groups they will be in the rest of the week during break out activities. We establish “Agreements,” for creating a safe space to freely share information across all differences. On day one we will look at “Adulthood,” or the ways in which youth are sometimes hurt, dismissed, or even abused by adults, and how as children we start to put up “shields” which we use as we grow to protect our hearts because of these experiences as children.



