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50th Annual United States Senate Youth Program CALENDAR

August – 2011

- 26** RIDE will send brochure, application, and a letter from Commissioner Gist to superintendents, principals, guidance chairs announcing the program. All public and nonpublic schools that have students in grades 11 & 12 will receive this mailing.

September – 2011

- 16** School USSYP coordinator (test administrator) name due to Hayley Jamroz at Hayley.Jamroz@ride.ri.gov.
- 23** Tests will be sent to school coordinators; the test will be available for students to take electronically.

October – 2011

- 6** School USSYP coordinator will administer qualifying exams anytime between September 23-October 6. Exams and student-participation forms are to be returned to Hayley Jamroz, at Hayley.Jamroz@ride.ri.gov, **no later than 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 6, 2011.**
- 14** RIDE will notify school coordinators of the names of students (top 10%) who qualify to submit the essay.
- 17** School coordinators will receive, via e-mail, the essay question and instructions for administering the essay portion of the test. Students will be required to use a computer to write the essay.
- 17 - 21** School coordinators will administer the essay portion of the test at their schools. At the conclusion, each school coordinator will e-mail students' essays to Hayley.Jamroz@ride.ri.gov **no later than 6:00p.m. on Friday, October 21, 2011.**
- 24 – 28** RIDE will review essays and select finalists for interviews.

NOVEMBER – 2011

- 14 – 18** Student interviews will take place at RIDE.
- 18** RIDE will select 2 delegates and 2 alternates and notify USSYP.

For more information please go to <http://www.ride.ri.gov/instruction/civics.aspx>