

How WCEC & Youth Tour can Impact my Future

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I believe that WCEC and the Youth Tour can impact my future in a positive and impactful way for years to come, helping me with both my personal and professional paths.

The ways the Youth Tour can impact me and my future can go a few ways for me.

One way is my self-confidence and comfort zone. It's a little hard for me to interact with kids my own age due to my autism, especially if it is my own personal choice. I would be a fish out of water. But the Youth Tour could help me earn a little self-confidence, allow me to talk to people without being a bit nervous or uncomfortable, and make meaningful connections with my peers. The Youth Tour could also help me get out of my very tight-knit comfort zone, exposing me to new and exciting things, especially in a city as rich and historic as DC. Participating in groups can also connect me to like-minded individuals and mentors, giving me more confidence as we go. And along with that, I could learn from our country's history to pursue my personal and professional goals, no matter how ambitious they may be. If

there is one thing about America, it is that we don't ever give up, even if we get kicked down to the ground so much that we have the after taste of dirt for days on end.

The second way for me is my love for history. I have always loved reading about history from across the world for a long time, may it be from just a few decades ago or from thousands of years before writing became a thing; all of it fascinates me and gives me a thirst for knowledge for my curious brain. Witnessing how our government system operates and contributes to our growth as a country is also something I'm fascinated with, from both its lengthy history and the cases, bills, and laws brought to the different government branches over the years. And the trip to DC could impact my future by allowing me to see some of our country's most amazing history, architecture and how it impacts our country, and learn something new about American history.

Another set of reasons for the DC trip to impact my future is my professional growth. My goal is to become an editor, and hopefully I can have some professional exposure to understand more about the journalism field, and how I can have an impact on

our society. After all, “Students can’t be it if they don’t see it.” And personally, I would love to see both my career and my future.

We are all impacted by everything every day of our lives. Big or small. Insignificant or significant. Known or unknown.

Regardless, the impact of the Youth Tour may not be yet known to me, but I’m willing to take a chance and have some personal-growth, a good noggin full of knowledge, and an insight on the career of my dreams.