Caltech Y

Students founded the Caltech Y in 1916 and lead its activities to this day. The Caltech Y enriches students' lives and challenges them to grow into responsible citizens of the world.

Lead

Students plan Caltech Y programs from start to finish, sit on its nonprofit board and committees, and manage budgets.



Engage

Students learn how to join their STEM expertise and curiosity with other people's skills to benefit Pasadena, the U.S., and the world.

Venture

Supported by Caltech Y trip plans, guides, and gear, students go on organized group hikes and self-directed adventures.



Perceive

Through cultural exchanges and experiences, from WorldFest on campus to international travel, students broaden their perspectives.

Serve

Students tutor schoolchildren and veterans, prepare meals for neighbors in need, and enjoy service days and volunteering trips through Caltech Y programs in partnership with schools and nonprofits.



As an independent nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization formally affiliated with Caltech, the Caltech Y complements Caltech's outstanding academics with experiences for students and the campus community.