

# FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FOR HEALTHY LIVING FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

# LEADERSHIP FOR A LIFETIME

Senior Student Y Manual KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION

Greetings Advisors, August 13, 2010

Welcome to the Kentucky YMCA's 121st year! We are excited to have you join with our staff as we strive to develop engaged citizens and servant leaders, inspired to affect change in their school, community, Commonwealth, nation, and world. Through experiential learning, service, and community activism, the KY YMCA Youth Association fosters critical thinking, leadership, and social responsibility in teens.

The manual that follows includes a complete guide to the fall semester of Kentucky YMCA programs. Information on and registration materials for Student Ys and KYA are all included in these pages. Other helpful hints and detailed information can be found on our website, <a href="www.kyymca.org">www.kyymca.org</a>. Any text underlined and highlighted, like the web address in the previous sentence, are links designed to further explain the topic being touched on in this manual. KUNA materials will be sent out shortly. As always, the Regional Directors are available to support you.

The Kentucky YMCA Youth Association is constantly striving for excellence in our programs. With the help of the previous year's Advisor evaluations, the staff has made some changes to this year's programs.

Please pay very close attention to these specific program/conference changes and details:

### Student YMCA

-Officers are now required for each Student Y (See page 8)

# Kentucky Youth Assemble (KYA)

- -The fee for KYA has been adjusted as well as new discounts allotted to Student YMCA members meeting the Early Bird Deadline (See page 11)
- -The refund policy has changed (See page 20)
- -The Senior Committee Chairs will no longer be elected at the conference, but instead nominated by their club/advisor and then selected prior to the conference based upon prior experience and attendance at the pre-conference officer training (See pages 26)
- -The Congressional Program has been altered to include only outstanding  $12^{th}$  graders receiving advisor nominations. Every Congressional participant must submit an individually written a bill. (See pages 12-13)
- -The details of the **Judicial Program** has changed. Please see the website, <u>www.kyymca.orq</u>, for more information.
- A Conference Life Committee is being created to provide more direct student input into the functioning of the conference. CLC members will be nominated by their club/advisor and will meet during the conference. (See page 25)

Our dedicated staff, new Executive Director, and volunteer Board of Directors extend their thanks for the time you give to make a difference in the lives of teens in your community. We are joined by over 10,000 teens served in expressing our appreciation for your efforts!

Best Wishes!

Ben, Alex, Ashley, Christina, Drew, and Emma Kentucky YMCA Youth Association

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# **KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION**

# 2010-2011 PROGRAM CALENDAR

# **August**

Regional Directors visit schools

# September

Regional Directors visit schools

# October

- 6: KYA Financial Assistance Application deadline
- 15: Student Y fees increase
- 22: East Senior KYA registration deadline (Early-bird Oct 8)

# **November**

- 8: West Senior KYA registration deadline (Early-bird Oct 25)
- 21-23: East Senior KYA, Crowne Plaza, Louisville

# December

5-7: West Senior KYA, Crowne Plaza, Louisville

# January

- 15-17: Junior and Senior Go For It Conferences, Kentucky Leadership Center, Jabez
- 31: KUNA Financial Assistance
  Application deadline

# **February**

25: Senior KUNA registration deadline

### March

24-26: Senior KUNA, Galt House, Louisville

### June

Y-Corp Service Trip

Youth Governor's Conference

# July

- Conference on National Affairs,
  Blue Ridge Assembly,
  North Carolina
- Junior and Senior Leadership

  Training Conference

# **PROGRAM AREAS**

- **Student Y:** a locally-based service organization that focuses on developing engaged citizens and servant leaders. Student Y is the platform for all the programs offered by the Kentucky YMCA Youth Association. It is the common thread between youth in government, leadership conferences, service learning, and community activism. Together, these programs prepare teens to be informed and inspired citizens who will be active and effective participants in their communities.
- Kentucky Youth Assembly (KYA): a three-day experiential learning conference in
  which students participate directly in the Commonwealth's democratic process. As Senators
  and Representatives, students write, debate, and vote on legislation that affects them. As
  candidates, lobbyists, or members of the media, students experience the rich spectrum of activity that constitutes our political process. As advocates and justices, students argue and
  judge a legal case. Officers elected by students serve as conference leadership, supported by
  YMCA professionals, advisors, and parent volunteers.
- Kentucky United Nations Assembly (KUNA): a three-day experiential learning conference focusing on diplomacy that encourages understanding and appreciation for our globalized world. Students serve as ambassadors from UN member countries and confront international issues by writing, presenting, debating, and voting on proposals. Students also celebrate cultural diversity by presenting aspects of their country's culture at a Festival of Nations and Global Stage. Officers elected by students serve as conference leadership, supported by YMCA professionals, advisors, and parent volunteers.
- Kentucky YMCA Leadership Conferences: three- or four-day inspirational and motivational experience that gives teens the opportunity to improve leadership techniques, build character and self worth, and develop more meaningful communication skills. By creating an open atmosphere in large and small group interactions, these conferences facilitate personal growth, and exploration of values, goals, and dreams. Students have the opportunity to have fun, be themselves, and share their perspectives with peers from across the state in a relaxed environment.

# **PROGRAM AREAS**

- Y-Corps: a service-learning program for teens who want to make a difference in their communities. This program is grounded on the building blocks of leadership development, civic engagement, service learning, and cultural awareness. Y-Corps works in diverse communities and allows teens to use their talents, develop new skills, and learn more about themselves and their surroundings. Most importantly, young people in Y-Corps are recognized as valuable resources who work hand-in-hand with others to address important issues. Through presentations, fundraising, travel, community service, self-discovery, and reflection, Y-Corps extends the Y's mission into communities throughout our Commonwealth and beyond.
- Conference On National Affairs (CONA): a week-long gathering of outstanding Youth & Government participants from across the nation. Every 4th of July, participating states strongest leaders are invited to debate national issues among a group of their peers from across the United States. Held at the YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly in Black Mountain, North Carolina, CONA is a week of new friends and renewed patriotism. Delegates each write a proposal on a topic of national importance and debate these issues in increasingly larger committees until the highest ranked proposals are voted upon by the entire assembly.

# Student Y

### I. What is Student Y?

The Student Y is an organization that fosters leadership development, civic engagement, and service learning throughout your school and community. The Student Y provides resources and training to develop more effective servant leaders. Student Y members participate in the Kentucky YMCA's state-wide programs as well as local civic engagement and service learning activities.

- a. State-Wide: The Kentucky YMCA organizes programs that link students from around the state
  - i. Kentucky Youth Assembly (KYA): model Kentucky Legislature
  - ii. Kentucky United Nations Assembly (KUNA): model United Nations
  - iii. Leadership Training Conference/Go For It: leadership development retreats
  - iv. Y-Corps: Service and community engagement trip
  - v. Conference On National Affairs (CONA): national model Congress (by invitation only)
- b. Local activities: The Kentucky YMCA provides training and resources to support local and school based activities.
  - i. Service Projects: Student Ys undertake service projects during the course of the year, often in conjunction with other groups or schools. <u>Click here</u> for a collection of Service Project Ideas.
  - ii. Civic Engagement Opportunities: activities that engage directly with the community's civic system- advocacy, organizing, fund-raising, debates, voter registration drives, public forums, etc <u>Click here for a list of Civic</u> <u>Engagement Ideas</u>

# II. Why Be a Student Y?

Student Ys build a school's assets through leadership development, civic engagement, and service learning. Participants gain concrete skills, valuable experience, and increased confidence that they bring back to their schools, families, and communities. Alumni of our program occupy leadership positions in the business, government, and social sectors in local communities, across the nation, and around the world. Click here for information on the 40 developmental assets

### III. How To Be a Student Y

- a. Organize
  - i. Contact your Regional Director to set up a meeting
  - ii. Structure your Student Y in a manner that fits the needs of its membersdecide when and where you will meet and set goals for the year with the help of your Regional Director.

# Student Y

iii. Elect officers

New!

Each Student Y is required to have the following:

- 1. President
- 2. Vice President
- 3. Secretary
- 4. Treasurer
- 5. Service Chair.

(Multiple offices may be filled by the same person)

# b. Register

- i. Fill out the Student Y affiliation form and send dues to the KY YMCA office.
- ii. As Student Y Members, your students will receive significant discounts on all KY YMCA conference fees, eligibility to run for office at KUNA and KYA, and eligibility to win Student Y awards based on their participation in service projects and civic engagement activities.
- iii. In order to register for KYA with the Student Y discount, Student Ys must have submitted a member roster, list of officers, and their dues.
- \*\*Beginning the 2011-2012 school year, in order for a candidate to run for office at KYA and/or KUNA, the Student Y will be required to complete a minimum of one service project prior to that conference's registration\*\*

### c. Operate

- i. Plan service projects and civic engagement activities
- ii. Prepare, register for and participate in KYA and KUNA
- iii. <u>Fundraise</u> to support conference fees, transportation, and general operating expenses
- iv. Report all service projects, mentoring events and civic engagement events. Service Chairs are encouraged to report events and projects to their regional director before the actual date but are required to submit within one week of the event. Click here for a link to the service reporting form.
- v. Submit all media coverage (photos, newspaper articles, links to news stories) of your Student Y to the KY YMCA Office

## Student Y Awards

Merit Honor Distinction Excellence George Williams\*

\* awarded to the Student Y with the most service hours

# LET US KNOW WHAT YOU ARE DOING!

Outstanding service projects will be featured on the website and in e-mail communication. Outstanding Student Y's are eligible for awards.

Any time you have a question, concern, comment, or idea feel free to visit www.kyymca.org or contact your Regional Director- we're here for you!

# **KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION**

# 2010-2011 STUDENT Y CALENDAR\*\*

# August/September

- Icebreakers
- Members share what Student Y did last year
- Orientation for new members
- Service project planning

# October

- Induction of members
- KYA video
- Bill writing workshop led by Regional Director
- Service project

# November

- Student skits about bills
- Speaker on Voting
   – Exercising
   Your Right
- Parliamentary Procedure workshop led by Regional Director

# December

- Group discussion on What I Learned at KYA
- Ugly holiday sweater party
- Promote Go For It Conference
- Promote Y-Corps

# January

- Semester goal setting
- Service project planning
- MLK, Jr. programming
- Begin deciding a country for KUNA

# **February**

- Service project to support YMCA World Service
- Speaker on *How Local Government Works*
- KUNA preparations

# March

- Attend KUNA
- Group discussion on Why I
   Joined the Student Y
- Speaker from a local service organization

# April/May

- Elect and install officers
- End of the Year Banquet
- Promote Leadership Training Conference
- Promote CONA

# Kentucky Youth Assembly (KYA)

# I. What is KYA?

The Kentucky Youth Assembly is a three-day experiential learning conference in which students participate directly in the Commonwealth's democratic process. As Senators and Representatives, students write, debate, and vote on legislation that will effect them. As candidates, lobbyists, and members of the media, students experience the rich spectrum of activity that constitutes our political process. As advocates and justices, students argue and judge a legal case. Officers elected by students serve as conference leadership.

# II. Programs

The Premiere, Legislative, Congressional, and Judicial programs meet in separate locations in Frankfort on the second day of KYA

- a. Premiere Legislature (House/Senate): The Premiere program serves as an orientation for first time KYA delegates
  - i. Who is a Premiere Delegate?
    - 1. 9th graders and 10th graders attending their first Senior KYA
  - ii. What roles can premiere delegates serve?
    - 1. Premiere Bill Authors write and present legislation
    - Premiere Representatives and Premiere Senators debate bills in their respective chambers (Y-Staff will assign delegates to chambers)
    - 3. Parliamentarians serve as clerks and doorkeepers
  - iii. Who leads the Premiere Program?
    - The leadership of the Premiere Program consists of the Lieutenant Governor, the Premiere Speaker of the House and Premiere President of the Senate and their pro-tempores (These officers will have been elected by the Premiere Delegates at the previous year's KYA or appointed by serving officers)
  - iv. What is the procedure?
    - Bill Sharing is a time at the beginning of first night committees for premiere authors to present and answer questions through informal discussion with the premiere delegates
    - 2. <u>Premiere delegates debate, rank, and vote on bills in committees</u> and Capitol annex chambers
    - 3. Premiere bills that pass both premiere chambers are recognized by the Lieutenant Governor but are not presented to Governor as there are no vetoes in the premiere program
    - 4. Outstanding premiere bills are presented in the legislative chambers in Frankfort

# **KYA Programs**

Premiere

Legislative

Congressional

Judicial

Media

# **KYA-** PROGRAMS

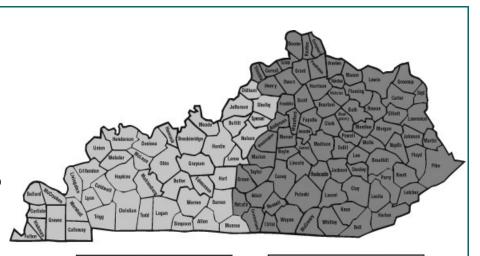
# **FAQ**

### Which KYA do I attend?

See map.

### Where is KYA held?

KYA is at the Crowne Plaza in Louisville, KY. On the second day of each conference, students go to Frankfort to debate bills in the Capitol and Old State Capitol.



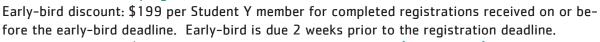
### Who runs KYA?

KYA is run by elected student officers, but professional Y-staff West Senior December 5-7 East Senior November 21-23

members, teachers, parent advisors, and adult alumni volunteers are always present to keep things running smoothly and safely. Each delegation is required to bring at least one advisor per 15 students.

New!

# What are the student program fees?



Student Y members: \$210 per student after early-bird deadline (see calendar)

Non Student Y Members: \$225 per student

\*\*\* All rooms are expected to have 4 students.

## What is included in the fee to attend?

The program fee includes lodging, two meals, and transportation to and from the Capitol in Frankfort.

# What are the adult program fees?

One Advisor per 15 students: FREE. (Note: All registration and fees must be turned in on time to be eliqible).

Advisor sharing a room: \$120 (Note: Advisor may be paired with an advisor from another school) Private rooms may be available for an extra fee.

# Are there scholarships/financial aid available?

The Kentucky YMCA is committed to enabling access to our programs to all interested students. Need-based financial assistance is available. In order to be considered for financial assistance, a student and his/her parent or guardian must fully complete the financial assistance request form and submit it to the KY YMCA no later than October 6, 2010. Financial Aid Form

### What if I have more questions?

Contact the KY YMCA at (502) 227-7028 or www.kyymca.org.

# **KYA-** PROGRAMS

- b. Legislature (House/ Senate): The Legislative Program provides a forum wherein students write, debate, and vote on legislation in KY Capitol Chambers.
  - i. Who is a Legislative Delegate?
    - 1. 10th graders with KYA experience, 11th graders, and 12th graders without other special roles at Senior KYA
  - ii. What roles can Legislative Delegates serve?
    - 1. Bill Authors write and present legislation
    - 2. Representatives and Senators debate, rank, and vote on bills in the House of Representatives and the Senate, respectively (Y-Staff will assign delegates to chambers)
    - 3. Lobbyists work to ensure that bills are passed or defeated according to their assigned agendas by giving intent speeches and meeting with the Governor
    - 4. Parliamentarians serve as clerks and doorkeepers Who leads the Legislative Program?
    - 1. The leadership of the Legislative Program consists of the Governor, Speaker of the House and President of the Senate and their protempores (These officers will have been elected by the delegates at the previous year's KYA or appointed by serving officers)
  - iv. What is the procedure?

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- Bill Sharing is a time at the beginning of first night committees for legislative authors to present and answer questions through informal discussion with the legislative delegates
- 2. Legislative delegates debate bills in committees and capitol chambers in Frankfort
- 3. Legislative authors who pass both chambers or the first two combined committees meet with the Governor who will sign the bill into law or veto the bill.
- 4. Click here for the Lobbyist Procedure Guidelines
- 5. Click here for a link to the Parliamentary Procedure Guidelines
- c. Congress: The Congressional Program is an opportunity for outstanding seniors to debate bills dealing with matters of national importance in the Old State Capitol.
  - i. Who is eligible to be a Congressional Delegate?

Outstanding 12th graders receiving an advisor nomination, submitting an individually written proposal pertaining to an issue of national importance and writing a 100-word biographical statement.
 Any 12th grader is invited to apply. <u>Click here for the Congressional Program Guidelines</u>

ii. What roles can Congressional Delegates serve?

### What is bill sharing?

Bill sharing replaces what was previously known as the education fair. Bill sharing will take place at the beginning of each committee meeting on the first night. Authors are encouraged to bring their tri-fold boards to bill sharing. See page 18 for more information.

New!

# **KYA-** PROGRAMS

- Congressional Representatives and Congressional Senators debate bills in the Old State Capitol House of Representatives and the Senate (Y-Staff will assign delegates to congressional chambers- each congressional delegate must write a bill.)
- 2. Parliamentarians serve as clerks and doorkeepers
- iii. Who leads the Congressional Program?
  - The leadership of the Congressional Program consists of the Congressional Speaker of the House and Congressional President of the Senate and their pro-tempores (These officers will have been elected by the Delegates at the previous year's KYA or appointed by serving officers)
- iv. What is the procedure?
  - 1. Delegates share bills in first night committee and may combine with authors who have written like-minded bills
  - 2. Delegates debate and vote on bills in the Old State Capitol Chambers in Frankfort
  - Congressional bills that pass both congressional chambers are recognized as passed and will be announced to the General Assembly on the final day
- d. Supreme Court: The Judicial Program allows participants to argue real Supreme Court of Kentucky cases before a panel of Justices in the Supreme Court of Kentucky Chamber.
  - i. Who is eligible to participate in the Judicial Program?
  - 1. 10th, 11th, and 12th graders- Supreme Court exists only at Senior ii. What roles can participants serve?
    - Advocates present the facts and interpretation of their case (Y-Staff will assign each team their case and position)
  - iii. Who leads the Judicial Program?
    - The leadership of the Judicial program are the Chief Justice, Justices, and Attorney General (These officers will have been elected and/or appointed by the court at the previous year's KYA)
  - iv. What is the procedure?
    - 1. Prior to the conference, advocates will prepare a brief and research their assigned case
    - 2. At the conference, advocates will present their assigned case before the court
    - 3. The outstanding Supreme Court case will be presented on the final morning and announced at closing session



# **KYA-** BILLS

- e. Media Corps
  - i. Who is eligible to be on Media Corps?
    - 1. 10th, 11th, and 12th graders at Senior.
  - ii. What roles can Media Corps members serve?
    - Leadership-Editor (The editor will have been appointed by the Media Corps at the previous year's KYA)

Click here for a link to the Media Corps Guidelines

# III. Bills

- a. A bill is the form of legislation used at KYA
  - i. Premiere bills that pass both premiere chambers are recognized by the Lieutenant Governor but are not presented to Governor as there are no vetoes in the premiere program
  - ii.Legislative bills that pass through both chambers or the first two combined committees on day two of KYA may be signed by the Governor, becoming law
  - iii. Congressional bills that pass both congressional chambers are recognized as passed and will be announced to the General Assembly on the final day
- b. All passed laws will be presented before the Kentucky Legislature during their next session.

(Note: The purpose of KYA is not to pass, but rather to learn to articulate your beliefs while maintaining respect for those beliefs that differ from your own.)

- c. Number of Bills
  - i. Delegations must submit 1 bill per 10 students or part thereof with a maximum of 5 bills total submitted in the **Premiere Program**
  - ii. Delegations must submit 1 bill per 15 students or part thereof with a maximum of 5 bills total in the **Legislative Program**
  - iii. Each individual delegate must submit a bill in the Congressional Program
- d. Content
  - i. Scope
    - Premiere and Legislative bills must deal with issues within the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth of Kentucky consistent with the 10<sup>th</sup> amendment to the US Constitution. The focus of these bills should be at the state level
    - 2. Congressional bills must deal with issues within the jurisdiction of the federal government consistent with the 10<sup>th</sup> amendment to the US Constitution. The focus of these bills should be at the national level
  - ii. Criteria for student ranking on the first night of KYA (Premiere and Legislative Programs only) Click here for the Bill Ranking Guidelines
    - 1. Debatability: Are valid points raised on both sides during debate?
    - 2. Feasibility: Is it possible to implement this idea?
    - 3. Creativity: Is this bill original?

# How many bills should my delegation bring?

Premiere Program: if you have 13 students, you would be allowed to bring 2 bills.

Legislative Program: if you have 32 students, you would be allowed to bring 3 bills.

# **KYA-** BILLS

# Ranking Criteria:

Debatability

Feasibility

Creativity

Importance

Preparation/ Presentation

- 4. Importance: Does passage of this bill benefit the Commonwealth of Kentucky? (in Premiere and Legislative Programs) Does passage of this proposal benefit the United States? (in Congressional Program)
- 5. Preparation/ Presentation: Are the authors prepared and well informed on the topic?

While not a criteria for student ranking, bill authors should also consider

Fiscal Responsibility: Does this bill fit in the Governor's budget? (The Governor has a budget at Senior KYA only)

### iii. Formatting

- 1. Must be typed on the correct form Click here for a link to the form
- 2. Must be in correct format including the following:
  - a. School
  - b. Authors
  - c. Subject area
  - d. Title
  - e. Enacting Clause
  - f. Body

Click here for a link to a Sample Bill

- 3. Must not exceed one page
- e. Helpful Hints

Click here for a link to the Bill Writing Guidelines
Click here for a Link to the Author Presentation Guide

- f. Procedure
  - i. Bill Sharing
    - 1. Purpose: This is the bill authors' chance to share their bills, answer questions, and gain support before debate begins through informal discussion
    - 2. Procedure: Authors will display a tri-fold board with bill information and facts to facilitate discussion. No handouts will be permitted
  - ii. Premiere and Legislative bill procedure
    - 1. Bills will be presented at least twice during KYA
    - On the first night of the conference, bills will be debated in committees and will be ranked by the criteria listed above. This will determine their placement on the docket, or schedule of bills to be presented, for the following day
    - On the second day of the conference, the bills that are ranked highest will be presented and voted upon in chambers (The Senate and The House of Representatives) at the Capitol. Those that pass one chamber will go to the other
    - 4. Bills that aren't selected for the Capitol docket will be presented in combined committees at the hotel. Again, those that pass one combined committee will move on to another

# **KYA-** BILLS

 Any bill that passes in both chambers or the first two combined committees in which it is presented will advance to the Governor for consideration (Legislative Program only)

## iii. Debate

1. Purpose:

# Click here for a link to the Debate Procedure

- a. Committees:
  - i. All bills are presented in committees on first night and ranked- top ranked bills will be presented in the Capitol
- b. Chambers/ Combined Committees:
  - i. ii. These are the sessions in which delegates vote on bills
- 2. Procedure (Click here for the Delegate Debate Guide):
  - a. Opening Speech
  - b. Answer Technical Questions about bill
  - c. Pro/Con Debate
  - d. Closing Speech
  - e. Ranking (in committees) / Voting (in chambers and combined committees)
- iv. Passed bill procedure
  - 1. Premiere:
    - a. All premiere bills are heard in the Premiere House or Premiere Senate at the Capitol annex
    - Premiere bills that pass both premiere chambers are recognized by the Lieutenant Governor but are not presented to Governor as there are no vetoes in the premiere program
  - 2. Legislature:
    - a. Chambers (at the Capitol) bills must pass House and Senate to go to the Governor for consideration
    - b. Combined Committees (at the hotel) bills must pass their first two combined committees to go to the Governor for consideration
    - c. Signed bills are considered law and no further is action taken
    - d. Bills the Governor decides not to sign are considered vetoed

       Authors may choose to challenge the Governor's veto with
       the veto override procedure
      - Click here for a link to Veto Override Procedure
  - 3. Congress:
    - a. All congressional bills are heard in the Congressional House or Congressional Senate at the Old State Capitol

# **KYA-** AWARdS

 Congressional bills that pass both congressional chambers are recognized as passed and will be announced to the General Assembly on the final day

### IV. Awards

- a. Delegation of Excellence is presented to all delegations who meet the following requirements:
  - i. On-time, complete registration
  - ii. Active participation in all possible program areas
  - iii. Delegates and advisors exemplify the Y's four core values of Honesty, Caring, Respect, and Responsibility
  - iv. School meets all conference requirements
  - v. Full caucus participation
  - vi. No major disciplinary issues (at discretion of Y-Staff)
- Outstanding Delegation: Awarded to the delegation with the highest quality of participation, level of preparedness, and behavior exemplifying the Y's four core values
- c. Statesmanship: Awarded to the delegation nominated by the advisors of having the highest overall quality of contribution to debate
- d. Best New Delegation (if merited): Awarded to the first time delegation with the highest quality of participation, level of preparedness, and behavior exemplifying the Y's four core values
- e. One Giant Leap (if merited): Awarded to a delegation who has made substantial improvements from the previous year
- f. Speaking Awards (Premiere, Legislative, and Congressional): Awarded to those delegates most frequently nominated by advisors and Y-Staff based on their presence and performance in committees and Chambers as well as behavior exemplifying of the Y's four core values
- g. Outstanding Bills (Premiere, Legislative, and Congressional): Awarded to the Authors of the most innovative, well-researched, and thought-provoking bills based on advisor nominations and student ranking
- h. Outstanding Bill Packet (Premiere and Legislative): Awarded to the delegation whose bills demonstrate the highest level of preparation, presentation, and relevance based on advisor nominations and student ranking
- i. Outstanding Lobbyist: Given to the lobbyist who best advances their agenda while displaying behavior exemplifying of the Y's four core values
- j. Outstanding Advocate: Awarded to an individual from the Judicial Program based on the evidence of their preparation, quality of their presentation, and behavior exemplifying of the Y's four core values
- k. Outstanding Advocate Team: Awarded to one team from the Judicial Program based on the evidence of their preparation, quality of their presentation, and behavior exemplifying of the Y's four core values

# **KYA-** ADVISORS

- I. Outstanding Media Corps: Awarded to the Media Corps member who puts forth the most effort, displays genuine teamwork, produces a quality product, and behaves in a manner exemplifying the Y's four core values
- m. Y-Staff reserves the right to develop new awards as merited

### V. Advisors

- a. The Kentucky YMCA could not function without our outstanding advisors. They function as coaches, mentors, and teachers to the members of their delegation and are essential to the smooth functioning of the conference. They inspire and motivate, while allowing their students to take on leadership roles. Advisors are responsible for registration and supervision at conferences, but more importantly, Kentucky YMCA advisors change teens' lives every day.
- b. Prior to Conference
  - i. In preparation for KYA, successful delegations often hold these types of meetings:
    - 1. Informational meetings: open to everyone (assemblies, class-wide presentations, etc.) and discuss Student Y and KYA
    - 2. Interest meetings: held for students interested in attending KYA, as well as their parents, and discuss broad KYA goals, programs, and roles in which students can serve
    - 3. Bill workshops: held for bill authors or all KYA delegates and discuss how to generate bill topics, write bills, and present bills
  - ii. New delegations are strongly encouraged to hold these types of meetings. Regional directors are available to facilitate preparation and/or participate in any meetings (given sufficient notice).
  - iii. Advisors distribute financial assistance forms to all students and ensure they are filled out completely and turned into the Kentucky YMCA office on or before October 6, 2010. Incomplete forms will not be considered for assistance. When financial assistance has been decided, awarded amounts will be e-mailed to the advisor so they can distribute this information to students. Click here for a link to the Financial Assistance form
- c. Register for KYA
  - i. Requirements
    - Complete registration forms and checklist, and submit them as a delegation
    - 2. Compile documents to bring to conference \*\*DO NOT FAX OR MAIL\*\* Click here for a link to all the necessary forms.
    - Procedure- Registration will be available at www.kyymca.org. Registration can be submitted by mail or fax and must be received by the deadline
    - 4. Payment- PO/Checks/etc. (free room and/or transportation subsidy, early bid discount, drop dead dates for full and half refunds.)



# **KYA-** ADVISORS

### ii. Pre-Conference Resources

- 1. Click here for a link to the what to bring list
- 2. Click here for a link to the what not to bring list

### d. At Conference

- i. New Advisor Orientation- This meeting is mandatory for first-time advisors.
  - Overview: We will tell you where we need you to be when- the Y-Staff depends on advisors to help run the conference
  - 2. Expectations: We will explain what we need from you at various times to make the conference run smoothly
  - 3. Contact: We will need a reachable cell phone number from at least one advisor in each delegation

# ii. All advisor meeting

- 1. Pairing first time advisors with experienced mentor
- 2. Folder will be handed out including an advisor specific schedule, nomination sheets, bus info, evaluation forms, and dockets
- 3. Information will be given about the Advisor Lounge which will serve as a repository for all information and announcements

### iii. Responsibilities

- 1. Make sure students are adhering to the conference schedule at all times
- 2. Help control undertone during meetings from all students, not just members of your delegation
- 3. Enforce dress code for their students
- 4. Ensure students know which bus to ride to and from the Capitol
- May confiscate cell phones being used by delegates during meetings. Phones will be turned over to Y-Staff to be picked up by the delegate's advisor after that meeting or by the delegate at the end of the conference
- 6. Serve during free time as dance monitors, hall patrol, etc.

# iv. Do's & Don'ts:

- 1. Do: know where your students are at all times, follow the dress code, respect students and other advisors
- 2. Don't: use computers, phones, headphones, etc or talk loudly while students are in sessions
- 3. Advisors set the tone for all participants at the conference

# v. Troubleshooting

- 1. Arriving Late
  - a. Y-Staff must be informed of late arrivals at check-in and again upon arrival of the student
- 2. Leaving Early (for sickness or other reason)
  - a. Students must clear travel plans with Advisor and Y-Staff
  - b. Parent/Guardian must check student out face-to-face with Advisor and Y-Staff, and provide valid photo ID

### 3. Behavioral Incidents

- a. If state or federal law is broken, Y-Staff will notify parent/ guardian and law enforcement and student will be sent home
- If code of conduct rule is violated, Advisors and/or Y-Staff may take disciplinary actions at their discretion, including, but not limited to:
  - i. Calls to parent/quardian
  - ii. Incident report filled out, signed
  - iii. Student sent home
  - iv. School policies implemented

4. Dress Code- Student and Advisor dress must be in compliance with the dress code outlined in the codes of conduct.

- Refund Policy- Refunds are given if a registered student is unable to attend KYA. The following notice must be given, using the <u>Refund Request Form</u>, to the Kentucky YMCA in order receive a refund:
  - a. 10+ days prior to conference- students may receive a 100% refund
  - b. 9-5 days prior to the conference- students may receive a 50% refund
  - 4 or fewer days prior to the conference- refunds will only be given for reasons of medical or family emergency at the discretion of the Executive Director

# VI. Officers

New!

- a. Kentucky YMCA conferences are student-run, meaning students have the opportunity to seek and hold leadership positions. We use a democratic model with certain officers elected by conference participants and others appointed by conference leadership. All elected officials must read/sign/abide by the Candidate Commitment Form. Click here for a link to the Candidate Commitment Form
- b. \*\*Beginning the 2011-2012 school year, in order for a candidate to run for office at KYA and/or KUNA, the Student Y will be required to complete a minimum of one service project prior to that conference's registration.\*\*
- c. Premiere Executive Committee
  - i. Lieutenant Governor

### **Premiere Officers**

Lieutenant Governor

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

- 1. Who's Eligible: 9th graders in compliance with submitted Candidate Commitment Form
- 2. Role: Oversight of Premiere Program
- 3. Responsibilities:
  - a. Lead Premiere Orientation
  - b. Oversee Premiere Debate
  - c. Meet with Premiere bill authors who were passed in two chambers

- d. Serve on Executive Committee
- e. Participate in closing thoughts
- 4. Selection: Elected by the Premiere Program from the premiere executive committee ballot
- ii. Premiere Speaker of the House/ President of the Senate
- iii. Who's Eligible: 9th graders in compliance with submitted Candidate Commitment Form
- iv. Role: Oversight of Premiere House and Premiere Senate, respectively
- v. Responsibilities:
  - 1. Assist Lieutenant Governor in oversight of Premiere Orientation
  - 2. Preside over Premiere House or Premiere Senate Chamber
  - 3. Serve on Executive Committee
  - 4. Participate in closing thoughts
- vi. Selection: Elected by the Premiere Program from the premiere executive committee ballot
- d. Executive Committee
  - i. Governor
    - 1. Who's Eligible: 11th Graders in compliance with submitted Candidate Commitment Form
    - 2. Role: Year-long KYA Ambassador, oversight of KYA delegate operations.
    - 3. Responsibilities:
      - a. Post Election
        - i. Review "Governor's Responsibilities" packet
        - ii. Begin monthly communication with liaison
        - iii. Attend Leadership/Governor's Conference (FA link)
        - iv. Attend Kentucky YMCA Board Meetings (2)
      - b. Conference prep
        - i. Attend Pre-Conference Trainings
        - ii.Assist in maintenance/organization of school's Student Y/KYA registration
        - iii. Meet deadlines set by Y-Staff for closing thoughts, addresses, appointments, etc.
        - iv. Read all legislative bills prior to conference
      - c. Conference duties
        - i. Address candidates/ Leadership
        - ii. Opening Ceremonies (check Chaplain's devotion, opening address)
        - iii. Oversee conference operations (first night billflow, fiscal responsibility, executive committee meetings, meets with media)
        - iv. First night closing (with Speaker of the House and President of the Senate)

### Officers

Governor

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Congressional Speaker of the

House

Congressional President of

the Senate

Secretary of State

Chaplain\*

Governor's Chief of Staff\*

Attorney General\*\*

Chief Justice of the Supreme

Court\*\*

Justices of the Supreme

Court

Media Corps Editor\*\*

- v. Capitol operations (Meet with bill authors and lobbyists)
- vi. Oversee veto procedure/ announcements
- vii. Lead second night closing thoughts (with all leadership)
- viii. Closing session- Veto overrides, Kentucky Colonel Presentation, Youth Action Agenda (with lobbyists), closing address, pass gavel
- ix. Be available to successor for questions and advice
- d. Selection: Elected by the conference from the Executive Committee ballot
- ii. Speaker of the House/President of the Senate
  - 1. Who's Eligible: 11th graders in compliance with submitted Candidate Commitment Form
  - 2. Role: Oversight of House and Senate, respectively
  - 3. Responsibilities:
    - a. Assist Governor in oversight of Bill Author Orientation
    - b. Preside over House or Senate Chamber
    - c. Select a pro-tempore
    - d. Serve on Executive Committee
    - e. Participate in closing thoughts
    - f. Continue to uphold expectations set forth by Candidate Commitment Form
  - 4. Selection: Elected by the conference from the Executive Committee ballot
- iii. Congressional Speaker of the House/ Congressional President of the Senate
  - 1. Who's Eligible: 12th graders participating in Congressional program, selected from among current year's participants to serve the following year (post-graduation)
  - 2. Role: Oversight of Congressional House and Congressional Senate, respectively
  - 3. Responsibilities:
    - a. Lead Congressional Orientation
    - b. Preside over Congressional House or Congressional Senate Chamber
    - c. Select a pro-tempore
    - d. Serve on Executive Committee
    - e. Participate in closing thoughts at Governor's discretion
    - f. Continue to uphold expectations set forth by Candidate Commitment Form
  - 4. Selection: Elected by the Congressional Program from nominated delegates

# iv. Secretary of State

- 1. Who's Eligible: 11th graders in compliance with submitted Candidate Commitment Form
- 2. Role: Oversight of all elections, regulation of campaigns
- 3. Responsibilities:
  - a. Pre-conference communication with all candidates
  - b. Lead Candidate Orientation Meeting
  - c. Enforce compliance with campaign rules
  - d. Approve candidate speeches
  - e. Preside over organized campaign activities (introduce candidates for speeches, announce run-offs, etc)
  - f. Serve on Executive Committee
  - g. Participate in closing thoughts at Governor's discretion
  - h. Continue to uphold expectations set forth by Candidate Commitment Form
- 4. Selection: Elected by the conference from the Executive Committee ballot

# v. Governor's Chief of Staff

- 1. Who's Eligible: Any KYA delegate with previous experience and not from the Governor's school
- 2. Role: Assist Governor in oversight of conference operations
- 3. Responsibilities:
  - a. Assist Governor in advancing platform
  - b. Manage Governor's schedule
  - c. Assist Governor with first-night Committee operations
  - d. Work with Solicitor General to schedule Governor appointments with lobbyists
  - e. Serve on Executive Committee
  - f. Participate in closing thoughts at Governor's discretion
  - g. Continue to uphold expectations set forth by Candidate Commitment Form
- 4. Selection: Appointed by the Governor

# vi. Chaplain

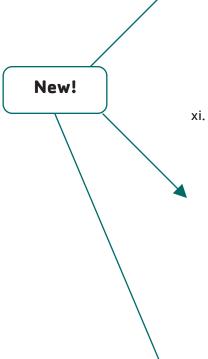
- 1. Who's Eligible: Any KYA delegate
- 2. Role: Spiritual leader of the conference
- 3. Responsibilities:
  - a. Lead delegates in brief (3 minute maximum) devotion at Opening Ceremony
  - b. Begin Closing Ceremony with brief devotion
  - c. Participate in Closing Thoughts at Governor's discretion
- 4. Selection: Appointed by the Governor



### vii. Solicitor General

- 1. Who's Eliqible: 11th grader serving in the Lobbyist program,
- 2. Role: Oversight of Lobbyist program and development of Youth Action Agenda
- 3. Responsibilities:
  - a. Communicate with Y-Staff PRE-CONFERENCE about bill assignments
  - b. Lead opening meeting for lobbyists
  - c. Track lobbyist intent speeches
  - d. Schedule lobbyist meetings with governor
  - e. Oversee development of <u>Youth Action Agenda</u> with lobbyists, media corps, bill authors, and candidates
  - f. Serve on Executive Committee
  - g. Participate in Closing Thoughts at the Governor's discretion
- 4. Selection: Elected from among lobbyists to serve the following year viii. Attorney General
  - 1. Who's Eligible: 11<sup>th</sup> grader in compliance with submitted Candidate Commitment Form
  - 2. Role: Governor's advisor on questions of constitutionality
  - 3. Responsibilities:
    - a. Review bills for constitutionality PRIOR TO KYA
    - b. Address bill authors during Bill Author Orientation
    - c. Advise delegates on questions of constitutionality throughout debate
    - d. Serve as Governor's Liaison to Judicial Program
    - e. Assist Y-Staff with selection of cases
    - f. Responsible for reading and understanding all assigned court cases
    - g. Help Y-Staff with assignment of justices and advocates to each case
    - h. Serve on Executive Committee
    - i. Participate in Closing Thoughts
  - 4. Selection: Elected by the conference from the Executive Committee ballot
- ix. Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
  - 1. Who's Eligible: Any Supreme Court Justice
  - 2. Role: Oversight of Supreme Court and Justice activities
  - 3. Responsibilities:
    - a. Review procedure with Advocates during the first night meeting
    - Ensure fair and balanced questioning during advocate arguments
    - c. Keep order in the court at all times

- d. With the Justices, decide the outstanding advocate and other awards
- e. With the Justices, determine the next Chief Justice
- f. Swear in the newly elected Governor at the close of the conference
- Selection: For 2010 KYA, one student elected from among current year's Supreme Court Justices. On the last day of 2010 KYA, after nominations and brief remarks, justices will elect an 11th grader to serve as Chief Justice at KYA 2011
- x. Justices of the Supreme Court
  - 1. Who's Eligible: 11th and 12th graders with previous Judicial Program experience
  - 2. Role: Oversight of Supreme Court and Justice activities
  - 3. Responsibilities:
    - a. Prior to the conference, be familiar with all assigned cases
    - b. Question the argument of the advocates in a respectful manner
    - c. Score arguments of all advocates
  - 4. Selection: Nominated by Justices at previous KYA
- xi. Media Corps Editor
  - 1. Who's Eligible: Any media corps delegate with a demonstrated competence in journalism and journalistic techniques
  - 2. Role: Oversight of Media Corps activities
  - 3. Responsibilities:
    - a. Develop working knowledge of publishing, web design, and video editing software PRIOR TO KYA (Y-Staff support available)
    - b. Oversee production of all KYA publications
    - c. Select Assistant Editors for all media divisions
    - d. Oversee Press Conference Click here for a link to Press Conference quidelines
  - 4. Selection: Elected from among Media Corps to serve the following year
- xii. Conference Life Committee
  - 1. Who's Eligible: One student nominated by his or her advisor/delegation; previous KYA experience is preferred.
  - 2. Role: Communication conduit between delegation and Y-Staff
  - 3. Responsibilities:
    - a. Attend orientation meeting prior to Opening Ceremony
    - b. Seek input from delegation members on conference experience
    - c. Communicate delegation concerns to CLC at scheduled meetings



# **KYA-** ELECTIONS

- d. Provide feedback to ensure best operation of the conference in all its aspects
- 4. Selection: Nominated by delegation

## xiii. Senior Committee Chairs

- 1. Who's Eligible: One 11th grader per school
- 2. Role: (if selected) Chair or co-chair a committee on the first night and a combined committee on the second day at the hotel
- 3. Responsibilities:
  - a. Attend officer training prior to conference (contact Regional Director regarding dates)
  - b. Attend orientation meeting prior to Opening Ceremony
  - c. Preside over committee on first night
  - d. If selected; preside over combined committee on second day at hotel
- 4. Selection: Nominated by delegation. Selected to chair based upon prior experience and attendance at pre-conference officer training.

### VII. Elections

- a. Candidate Requirements
  - i. One 11th grader from each Student Y may run for Executive Committee.
  - ii. One 9th grader from each Student Y may run for Premiere Executive Committee
  - iii. All candidates must have attended at least three statewide conferences prior to candidacy (statewide conferences include KUNA, KYA, LTC, and Go For It).
  - iv. All candidates must submit the <u>Candidate Commitment Form</u> signed by the candidate, his or her quardian, and his or her Student Y advisor.
  - v. All candidates must attend the Candidates Meeting prior to Opening Session on the first day of the conference.
  - vi. Candidates may not be bill authors or hold any other special role at the conference
  - vii. All Candidates and Officers must be in good standing with their Student YMCA and school administration.
  - viii. All Candidates and Officers must have at least a "C" average (or equivalent of a "C" average).

### b. Campaigns

- i. Campaign materials that are forbidden shall include pens, T-shirts, stickers, adhesive labels, food, candy, gum, games of chance with prizes, giveaways, and items restricted by the hotel.
- ii. A limit of 500 business card-size handouts will be enforced. Only one 3'x5' HANDMADE tri-fold display is allowed. Buttons/Pins are allowed but cost must stay under the budget for all campaign materials.
- iii. The amount of money spent on campaign materials shall not exceed \$30.00 including donations. A report of campaign expenses including all

# **KYA**- ELECTIONS

The Kentucky YMCA suggests using the middle section for campaign slogans and the two sides for information on the platform itself, but ultimately, the candidate may decide how to design his or her own board.

receipts shall be turned in to the Secretary of State at the candidate meeting on the first day of the conference.

- iv. Campaign materials may be posted immediately after the candidate meeting only in the acceptable areas which shall be announced at the same meeting. Clean-up will be the responsibility of the candidate. The Kentucky YMCA is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged campaign materials.
- v. Each candidate will run on an issue-based platform wherein he or she will explain his or her views on state issues to voters. Platforms will be based around three issues:
  - 1. An issue that affects the candidate's school
  - 2. An issue that affects the candidate's community
- 3. An issue that affects the commonwealth of Kentucky as a whole vi. Candidates' Platforms will be publicized through speeches and tri-fold dis-
- vi. Candidates' Platforms will be publicized through speeches and tri-fold dis<sup>.</sup> play boards.
  - 1. Candidates may use a tri-fold display board to aide in their election.
  - 2. Each Candidate for Executive Council will have two minutes to give his or her speech in the primary election on the first night of KYA. At least one minute of the speech must be dedicated to the platform. The remaining time may be used as the Candidate sees fit. All speeches must be pre-approved by the Secretary of State.
  - 3. Each Candidate may appoint a Campaign Manager, who shall be responsible for publicizing and promoting him or her. No officer shall be a Campaign Manager during the KYA at which he or she holds office. Campaign managers have no special privileges.
- vii. In debate, only candidates themselves may identify themselves as candidates. When addressing the chair, a candidate may identify himself or herself by saying, "John Doe, candidate from X School, Sir or Madame Chair," however, another member of said delegation would be out of order in saying, "Bill Smith, representing X School, home of candidate John Doe, Sir or Madame Chair."
- viii. Failure by a candidate or his/her delegation to conduct a campaign in an appropriate manner will result in the candidate being removed from the ballot.
- ix. Additional campaign restrictions may be drawn up according to the wishes of the host site of the conference.
- x. Failure to comply with candidate guidelines will result in:
  - 1. A warning will be given following the first offense.
  - If second offense occurs, said candidate's school will lose voting privileges for the office for which said candidate is running, and the candidate may be disqualified at the discretion of the Kentucky YMCA Executive Director.

# 1st Day

### Advisor check-in

Who: At least one (head) advisor from each delegation

What: Time to pick up bill books, name tags, and hotel keys (as they become available), inform Y-Staff of roster changes, pay any outstanding balance, and verify

health, medical, and code of conduct forms for all delegates

Wear: Traveling clothes- you will have time to change into business attire after this meeting

Bring: Any money owed, your current delegate roster, all forms

# Candidates & Leadership Team Training

Who: All candidates and current Executive Committee members

What: A chance to ask questions, review schedule, and inform officers of any conference changes

Wear: Business casual attire in compliance with the dress code, name tag Bring: Bill book, pen, receipts for campaign materials, tri-fold board

### Special Roles Meetings

Who: Media Corps, Lobbyists, Parliamentarians, Conference Life Committee,

Congressional Delegates, Judicial Delegates, Bill Authors

What: Orientation for special roles

Wear: Business casual attire in compliance with the dress code, name tag

Bring: Bill book, pen

# Advisors' meeting

Who: At least one (head) advisor per delegation and all new advisors

What: Conference orientation- changes will be announced and important

information shared

Wear: Business attire in compliance with the dress code, name tag

Bring: Bill book, list of any advisors from your delegation who are not

present

# Premiere Delegate orientation

Who: ALL Premiere delegates

What: Orientation to the Premiere Program, as well as KYA in general Wear: Business casual attire in compliance with the dress code, name tag

Bring: Bill book, pen

# Opening session

Who: All delegates and Advisors

What: Call to order, Devotion, Introductions, Governor's Opening Address,

**Explanation of Rules & Procedure** 

Wear: Business attire in compliance with the dress code, name tag

Bring: Bill book, pen

# Dinner

### Committees

Who: All delegates

What: (Legislative & Premiere) Session where bills are debated, then

ranked

(Congressional) Session where bills are shared and possibly

combined with other like bills

(Judicial) Session where procedure is practiced

Wear: Business casual attire in compliance with the dress code, name tag

Bring: Bill book, pen, placard, tri-fold boards (Authors only)

### **General Assembly**

Who: All Delegates

What: Candidate Speeches, Docket Review for Frankfort

Wear: Business casual attire in compliance with the dress code, name tag

Bring: Bill book, pen, placard

# **Closing Program**

Who: All delegates

What: Final thoughts from the Executive Committee

Wear: Business Casual attire in compliance with the dress code, name tag

Bring: Name tags must be worn

Curfew

2nd Day

Breakfast

\*\*\*On the second day, the Legislative and Premiere Programs are split in two. Half debate in the Capitol or Capitol Annex while the other half debate at the hotel, then they switch after lunch. \*\*\*

# At Capitol

Legislative Program Convenes in the House & Senate Chambers

Who: All legislative delegates

What: Action on top ranked legislation

Wear: Professional Attire in compliance with the dress code, name tag

Bring: Bill book, pen, placard, tri-fold board (authors only)

Premiere Program Convenes in the Capitol Annex

Who: All premiere delegates

What: Action on Premiere legislation

Wear: Professional Attire in compliance with the dress code, name tag

Bring: Bill book, pen, placard, tri-fold board (authors only)

Judicial Program Convenes in Supreme Court Chamber and stays throughout the day

Who: All judicial delegates What: Decisions on appeals

Wear: Professional Attire in compliance with the dress code, name tag

Bring: Bill book, pen, briefs and research

Congressional Program Convenes in the Old Capitol and stays throughout the day

Who: All congressional delegates What: Action on Congressional bills

Wear: Professional Attire in compliance with the dress code, name tag

Bring: Bill book, pen, placard, tri-fold board

Lunch @ Claudia Sanders Dinner House

# At Hotel

Combined Committees Convene at Hotel

Who: All premiere and legislative delegates

What: Action on legislation

Wear: Professional Attire in compliance with the dress code, name tag

Bring: Bill book, pen, placard, tri-fold board (authors only)

# 2nd Night

Governor meeting with remaining bill authors

Who: Authors of bills that passed both chambers or the first two combined committees in which they were presented who have not yet met with the Governor

What: A chance for authors to discuss their bills with the Governor and urge

him or her to sign them into law

Wear: Professional attire in compliance with the dress code, name tag

Bring: Bill book, pen, tri-fold board

# Governor's Banquet

Who: All delegates

What: Dinner, officer presentations, and keynote speaker

Wear: Casual attire in compliance with the dress code, name tag

Bring: Name tags must be worn

# Free Time

Who: All delegates

What: Mixer, Dance, Movie, Game Room, Chill Room, Talent Show, polls are open

Wear: Casual attire in compliance with the dress code, name tag

Bring: Name tags must be worn

# Closing Program

Who: All delegates

What: Final thoughts from the Executive Committee, announcement of

**Primary Election Results** 

Wear: Casual attire in compliance with the dress code, name tag

Bring: Name tags must be worn

# 3rd Day

Breakfast

# **General Assembly**