



# OREGON YMCA



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## YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT

**SALEM FAMILY YMCA**

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## OREGON'S 71ST SESSION

**FEBRUARY 16-18, 2017**

This year, the Oregon YMCA Youth and Government Program will be hosting the 71st year of Model Legislature. Once again we are excited to explore the meaning of civics and democracy while addressing our concerns and bringing our ideas together in a learning environment.

### **Getting started-**

Check in is on Thursday February 16th from 9 to 9:30 am at the Salem Family YMCA in the Conference Room. The easiest way to get there is through the entrance on Cottage Street, take a sharp left and head down the stairs. We will have space available to store your luggage in a secure room at the YMCA.

Measure books, Name Badges and Business Cards will be distributed at check in. Please be sure to keep these materials on hand at all time. Your name badge must be worn to gain access to the House and Senate chambers.

Immediately following check in you will have an option to participate in a community service project and go on a guided tour of the Oregon State Capitol building.

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### **QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, IDEAS?**

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# YOUTH OFFICERS 2017

This year's schools have produced two very fine candidates for Secretary of State—**Nicholas Silver** from Sprague and **Patrick Spence** from West Albany. Good luck and congratulations to you both!

While at our Pre-Legislative Conference on January 28, 2017 the students elected their House and Senate leaders and Committee Chairs. Congratulations to you all!

## House

Speaker: Jasmine Kennedy, Sherwood  
Clerk: Elizabeth Andrews, Sprague  
Reading Clerk: Kailin Oliver, Sherwood  
Sgts-at-arms: Lexi Moreno, Sherwood  
Evan Lawson, Sprague

## Senate

President: Dylan Perfect, West Albany  
Clerk: Megan Bass, West Salem  
Reading Clerk: David Lopez, West Salem  
Sgts-at-arms: Adriana Escorcia, McKay  
Hunter Bjornson, West Salem

## Committee Chairs

Emma Black, Sherwood  
Kyle Monahan, Sherwood  
Samantha Reimer, Sherwood  
Ayisha Tamerhoulet, Sprague  
Douglas Marsh, West Albany

## Alternate

Sam Rossback, West Albany

## REMEMBER TO HAVE FUN!

With all of the serious discussions we know will go on this weekend, I want to remind you all to have fun! Youth and Government can be such a memorable experience, especially when you meet like-minded individuals that you can connect with over the course of a few days. I know that you will all have the opportunity to make great new friends.

With that being said, we have professional fun ambassadors on hand for your entertainment and to get you involved. Don't be afraid to join in and be prepared to have some good laughs!



## DRESS CODE

It is always good to remember—  
Dress to Impress!

The Oregon YMCA Youth and Government Program requires participants to dress appropriately and with respect for the program at all events/sessions. Students will be very visible to the public and our state legislators.

We ask that you reserve your jeans, shorts and t-shirts for recreational time, and wear slacks, skirts, shirts, jackets, dresses and sweaters during Session and Committees.

Advisors are also asked to please dress appropriately while on the floor of the House and Senate.

## RECREATION

Speaking of recreation...

The Y will open its doors on Friday evening after the banquet for recreational activities such as basketball, swimming, racquetball and running/walking.

We will even have an area open for just hanging out with friends!

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Just a quick reminder for you to send me your photos, your stories and your thoughts so that we can get them posted onto Facebook.

## PARKING

There will not be any parking available in the YMCA or the First Presbyterian Church parking lots. Students needing to drive their own cars must have advisor approval and will be directed to park at the Marion Parkade located at 400 Marion St. NE.



## SUPPLIES TO BRING

As a reminder, below is a list of supplies that you may find helpful to have on hand for the conference.

- Pens, blue or black ink, 1 red
- Bound note paper, or paper writing tablets
- Emergency Contact list
- Casual clothing for Friday evening recreational activities
- Laptop
- Camera
- Spending money for lunch, snacks, beverages, etc.

If staying in housing:

- Bedding—this includes sheets, blankets or a sleeping bag
- Pillow
- Towel
- Personal hygiene supplies
- Cash for vending machines
- Snacks

If bringing valuable supplies, please remember that the Y is not responsible for lost or stolen items. It will be your responsibility to ensure the safety of your items. If needing to store these items while not in use, you may request the use of a locker at the YMCA. Please bring your own lock.

## CONA

We are looking forward to a great YMCA Conference on National Affairs this July 1-6, 2017. Held in beautiful Black Mountain, North Carolina, CONA was started in 1968 as a follow-up to the outstanding state Youth in Government programs conducted by the YMCA throughout the U.S.

Over 500 Youth from all over the country convene each year for a week long conference to gain an awareness of National concerns and issues, increase their understanding of Federal Government and its relation to State, National and International matters, and to enhance communications to appropriate persons and groups at Federal Government levels.

If you are interested in learning more contact Nekole Baurer at [nbauer@theyonline.org](mailto:nbauer@theyonline.org) and visit [www.ymcacona.org](http://www.ymcacona.org).

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Arika Harrison from Sprague High School will be sworn in as the Youth Governor on Thursday, February 16, 2017.

Throughout the year, she has served on the Advisory Committee for Oregon's Youth and Government, taking an active role in the planning and organization of our youth legislative session. In January, Secretary Harrison presided over our Pre-Legislative training session with strength, dignity and spirit.

In addition to Youth Leg, Arika is an outstanding student at her school, earning a 4.0. For fun, she loves debate, cats, playing the violin, and playing Dungeons and Dragons on the weekends.

As we look forward to next week, know that this outstanding young lady will lead us well in our 71st year.



## PROGRAM COMMITTEE ADVISORS

If it were not for the efforts of our generous volunteer advisors, this program would not be as successful as it is today. Please take some time this week to get to know those who have contributed so much to ensure your success. Many of these great people have been a part of this program for years, and some are very new, but they are all here to offer their support, share their knowledge, and guide you, the student, through this one-of-a-kind experience.

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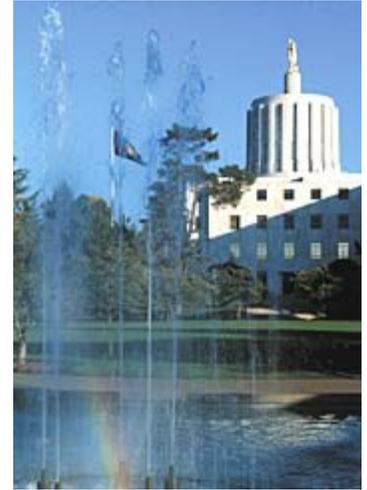
# OFFICER TRAINING

Those students elected by their peers to serve in a leadership role will have an opportunity to learn from experienced advisors about their roles and responsibilities during session at a training specific to officers.

Officer training will be held at the Oregon Military Academy's Regional Training Institute (RTI) located at 701 Monmouth Ave. Monmouth, OR 97361.

We will start the night off after check in with a dinner Yang's Teriyaki, just a short walk from the RTI, sponsored by Representative Paul Evans. After dinner, students will have an opportunity to connect with their fellow officers and learn valuable skills from a panel of advisors that serve on the Youth & Government Program Committee.

Training will last until 10 pm that night, so we encourage all officers to spend the night in the barracks. Experienced YMCA volunteers will serve as overnight chaperones and "fun ambassadors", all volunteers have had background and reference checks. Breakfast will be provided the next morning as well as transportation via YMCA bus to the Salem Family YMCA.



## ADVISORS (CONT.)

### Program Committee Advisors:

Judy Hall—Program Co-Chair  
Carl Garner—Program Co-Chair  
Sarah Sunu—Program Secretary

Don Andrews  
Amanda Dalton  
Senator Richard Devlin  
Representative Paul Evans  
Aaron Felton  
Dexter Johnson  
Sarah McCusker  
Justice Lynn Nakamoto  
Senator Arnold Roblan  
Charles Rosenblad  
Jason Whiteley

### Student Instructor Advisors:

Carl Garner—McKay  
Reid Holcomb—West Salem  
Erik Ihde—West Albany  
Tim King—Sherwood  
Sarah McCusker—Sherwood  
Philip Nickel—Sprague  
Bobby Schueller—Sprague  
Jason Whiteley—West Salem  
Todd Zimmerman—West Albany

**THANK YOU!!**