



OREGON YMCA

YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT



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FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

SALEM FAMILY YMCA

685 Court St. NE, Salem, OR 97301

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"DEMOCRACY MUST BE LEARNED BY EACH GENERATION"



WHAT IS YOUTH & GOVERNMENT?

This program is a three day intensive educational experience unlike any other. It allows students to practice parliamentary procedure and participate directly in a mock legislative process; providing the opportunity to learn about a wide variety of issues, develop critical thinking skills, and articulate their beliefs while engaging constructively with those who hold like and opposing views. Students draft all legislation, serve in leadership roles and learn about the process of passing legislation.

How to get involved

Students in grades 9-12 can become involved through their school club. Teachers act as the advisors of the club to assist in leading club meetings, helping students with bill writing, judicial practice or club organization.

Our Goal

To create an environment in which students can increase their political awareness and understanding, while learning the meaning of social action through an actual experience in government.

Calendar

September:

Recruit participants

October:

Confirm interest/intent

Start preparing measures

Practice parliamentary procedure

Program Registration opens

November:

Early Bird Registration ends

-Nov 30, 2016

December:

Registration ends

-Dec 17, 2016

File declarations of candidacy

-Dec 17, 2016

All measures due

-Dec 17, 2016

January:

Attend Pre-Legislative Session

-Jan 14, 2017

Prepare debate for February

Final draft of measures due

-Jan 31, 2017

February:

Attend 3 day session in Salem

-Feb 16-18, 2017

Financial Assistance through the YMCA is available for those in need.

"I learned more about our legislative system here than I could anywhere else."

-Lake Oswego High School Student

OREGON YMCA YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT INTEREST/INTENT FORM

Please complete this form to indicate your intent to participate in Oregon YMCA Youth and Government or your interest in obtaining more information about the program. *Registration and program information will be sent in October to those indicating an intent to participate.*

School Name: _____

Teacher/Advisor Name: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Best time to call/prep period: _____

Business Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

School Web page address: _____

Yes! We plan to have approximately _____ students participate in the 2016-2017 program of the Oregon YMCA Youth & Government.

We are interested, but would like to have more information before deciding. Please contact me immediately.



Please return this form to Nekole Baurer by November 1, 2016

PROGRAM FEES

\$175 per participant
Registration ends
December 15, 2016

Save \$25 if registered by
November 30, 2016

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- ◆ Hands-on experience with the state legislative process including debating student created measures and the state office elections/campaigns.
- ◆ Students have the opportunity to debate measures on the floors of the actual House of Representatives and Senate Chambers at the Oregon State Capitol.
- ◆ Students elect their own leaders including a Youth Governor, Secretary of State, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House, Clerks, Reading Clerks, and Committee Chairs.
- ◆ All programming, materials and supplies are provided.
- ◆ Program is conducted in accordance with YMCA core values of Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility.

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS?

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