OUR CAUSE
We focus our work in three key areas, because nurturing the potential of kids, helping people live healthier, and supporting our neighbors are fundamental to a better community for everyone.

YOUTH & GOVERNMENT
Youth and government is a national YMCA Program for students in the 9th-12th grade. The program enables young adults to prepare for post-high school opportunities via moral and political leadership through training in the theory and practice of developing public policy.

TABLE OF CONTENTS
Our Cause / Contact Information 2
Welcome to Summer Camp 3
Parent Communication 4
Camp Payment Policies 5
Y–credit guidelines 5
Billing Information 6
Camp Schedule Information 7
In Case of Emergency 7
Staff Information 8
Behavior Guidelines 9
General Information 10
Drop-off & Pick-up Information 11
Camp Doc Health Form Information 12
Illness/ Injury / Medical Information 12
Camp Rally Nights 13

YMCA of the FOOTHILLS

Contact Information

General Questions
YMCA Office
www.ymcafoothills.org/camp
membersupport@ymcafoothills.org

Payments/Registration
Debbie Pile
818-273-8849
dpile@ymcafoothills.org

Program Questions
Chelsea Lawrence
818-583-4756
Clawrence@ymcafoothills.org

Director—Youth Development
Natalie Abou-Chakra
818-583-4737
Nabou-chakra@ymcafoothills.org
Y MEMBERSHIP IS REQUIRED:

- All Youth and Government participants *must* be Y Members.
- Youth and Government is a signature program and a cornerstone of the teen experience at our Y and in our community.
- At the Y, we believe we impact young adults best when they are involved in a range of programs and experiences. We want our young adults not to just belong to some high school club but to feel like the Y belongs to them.
- *Our Y is so much more than a gym.* We are a proud state of the art facility which encourages our young adults to use in order to stay balanced and healthy.
- If the cost of membership is prohibitive, our *Membership for All* Program, provides assistance to everyone, based on individual needs and circumstances.
- *No one should be denied access on their ability to pay.* More information about *Membership for All* is included in this information.
PROGRAM COSTS
Youth and Government is an exceptional program and we understand it comes at a significant price.

As Y members, youth and government participants are passed only the direct costs of the Youth & Government Program. This is what the fee covers

- **Conference Fees:** Our Y pays $790 to the California YMCA Youth & Government Program for each delegate
- **Transportation costs:** All transportation costs to three conferences costs us $315
- **Hotel costs:** Hotels at each conference are included
- The cost of a sweatshirt, delegation dinner, and program supplies total $100 per delegate
- The same costs applies for each advisor that volunteers to lead the program.

The price per delegate for 2017-2018 Youth & government is **$1435**

PAYMENT OPTIONS

1. Pay the entire cost of $1435 by check or credit card when you register
2. Pay in four payments of $345, the first when you register and the next three by automatic bank draft on Oct. 11, Nov. 11, and Dec. 11
3. **REMEMBER:** The first payment of 358.75 is a deposit and if you drop before participating there will be no refund. There will be 3 more payments to follow, if you drop before September 11, October 11, November 11 we will drop further payments, if dropped after these dates there will be no refunds.
4. Apply to work off part of your Youth & Government fees, if the amount is still too high we have program assistance available.
   - Work Credits & Program Assistant Application due:
     - Returners: August 18th. Meetings will take place Aug 21-Aug 25
     - New Delegates: September 15th. Meetings will take place Sept. 18-22

Click here to Apply: [https://ymcafoothills.formstack.com/forms/workcredits](https://ymcafoothills.formstack.com/forms/workcredits)

We understand that a situation may arise that requires you to change your plans. There will be no refunds issued for payments processed.
The Y& G Schedule will constantly be updated online, under the Youth & Government page. Y&G schedules highlight the monthly events and activities. Occasionally, we may need to make unscheduled changes due to fun! We will communicate these changes through emailed parent bulletins.

**CONFERENCES**

**TRAINING & ELECTIONS I CONFERENCE: FRESNO**

This conference provides an overview of the YMCA Model Legislature & Court for new and returning delegates, with specific training in debate and parliamentary procedure. Returning delegates brush up on their debate skills and attend sessions on value, ethics, and peer pressure. All delegates participate in elections for officers for the program. Attendance is not required in order to attend the Model Legislature & Court. This conference is held over the Veterans Day Holiday Weekend in November.

*Parent Info Night: Tuesday, November 7th 6:30pm at Crescenta-Canada YMCA*

**TRAINING & ELECTIONS II CONFERENCE: FRESNO**

All youth and adults who plan to participate in the YMCA Model Legislature & Court in Sacramento must attend this conference. Everyone is trained in his or her roles and the remainder of the officers are elected. This conference is held during the Martin Luther King weekend in January.

*Parent Info Night: Tuesday, January 9th 6:30pm at Crescenta-Canada YMCA*

**YMCA MODEL LEGISLATURE & COURT: SACRAMENTO**

Nearly 2,400 delegates, advisors, and staff travel to Sacramento to participate in a five-day program that encompasses most aspects of state government. Delegates are privileged to use the actual state legislative and judicial chambers. Youth & Government is the only youth program allowed to use the actual capitol chambers. This program is held over the Presidents’ Day weekend.

*Parent Info Night: Tuesday, February 8th 6:30pm at Crescenta-Canada YMCA*
STAFF INFORMATION

Volunteer Ratio
Each delegation operates under the following ratios:
Delegates  Ratio 1/12

Y&G Advisor Volunteers
These delegation officers are supported and advised by trained adult volunteer advisors that are 21 years of age. Our Advisors are either working in our community or students at local universities. The program is solely ran by these dedicated volunteers. Our staff undergoes a thorough interview process and background check.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY
If you need to get in touch with your child for a family emergency, call your teens cell phone or Y’s main line (818) 790-0123 for our call center and let them know you have an emergency and what delegation your child is in. They will put you in touch with the appropriate staff.

BEHAVIOR POLICY
Please look at the code of conduct.