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PARENT GUIDE

Youth & Government 2019-2020

YMCA of the Foothills
Crescenta-Canada Family YMCA
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OUR CAUSE

We focus our work in three key areas, because nurturing the potential of kids, helping people live healthier lives, 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 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.

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YMCA of the FOOTHILLS

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WELCOME TO THE YMCA OF THE FOOTHILLS

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 \$840 to the California YMCA Youth & Government Program for each delegate
- ♦ *Transportation costs:* All transportation costs to three conferences costs us approx. \$315 per delagate
- ♦ *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 2019-2020 Youth & Government is

\$1475

PAYMENT OPTIONS

1. Pay the entire cost of \$1475 by check or credit card when you register
2. Pay in four payments of \$368.75, the first when you register and the next three by automatic bank draft on Oct. 11, Nov. 11, and Dec. 11 (Depending on day registered)
3. **REMEMBER:** The first payment of 368.75 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.

Click here to Apply: <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.

Y&G SCHEDULE

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 during the Veteran's Day weekend in November.

Parent Info Night: Tuesday, November 5th 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 14th 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 4th 6:30pm at Crescenta-Canada YMCA

STAFF INFORMATION

Volunteer Ratio

Each delegation operates under the following ratios:

Advisor: Delegates 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 review the code of conduct attached.