

2023 YG STATE CONFERENCE

March 2nd – 5th
Austin, Texas



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YMCA TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT 2023 STATE CONFERENCE

A WELCOME LETTER FROM YOUR YOUTH GOVERNORS

Delegates,

Welcome to the 2023 Texas Youth and Government state conference! In the last few years, Youth and Government has changed in many ways. We have grown as a program, we have found new delegates, and we are experimenting different ways to apply ourselves. Similarly, you delegates have clearly done the same. In this year alone, you delegates have come more prepared than any other year I have been in the program. This state conference will be a new and different experience for everyone.

Legislative, I got to watch many of you during the district conferences. I can tell that people are here to win this year. Your sheer dedication to finding specific, funded, and well-thought out solutions to the worst ideas plaguing our state is what is necessary for future generations. **SAF**, for the first time in my 7 years at Youth and Government, I had the opportunity to sit in a SAF room. Even having gone to CONA, it was a different experience and a pleasure to watch the debate, respect, and humility in the committee. I am excited to have the opportunity to come back and watch more debate in your committee rooms. **Judicial**, last year during my candidacy I sat in during a mock trial debate. Having participated in a judicial program outside of YAG, it was an interesting experience. It is clear that Judicial requires some of the most preparation and is one of the most competitive branches we have. I will surely come and watch a committee in both sub-sections. **Media**, you are the one with the power. It has always been a pleasure to close out each conference with a recap video provided by this branch. I am excited to see what the delegates and state officers have planned this year.

And to all, thank you for electing me your Youth Governor. Over the past year, I have been able to experience many things I would not have had the opportunity to otherwise. I hope this year's conference is one of the best and if you have anything you want to talk about, don't be afraid to come ask!

Best,
Daniel Gonzalez
Texas Youth Governor

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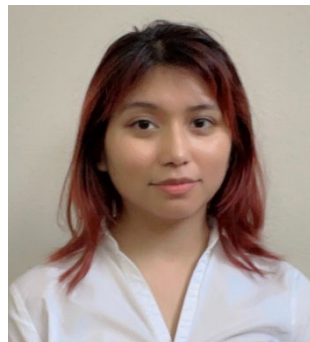
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HONORING OUR PAST YOUTH GOVERNORS

YEAR	NAME	DISTRICT
1947	Robert Schmidt	Lubbock
1948	William Henry	Houston
1949	Charles Thompson	Amarillo
1950	Sue Ethchison	McAllen
1951	Ray Farabee	Wichita Falls
1952	Walter Wink	Dallas
1953	Lowell Stone	Wichita Falls
1954	John Reese	Amarillo
1955	Angelo Soffos	Houston
1956	Ronald Silverman	Dallas
1957	Morris Sheats	Lubbock
1958	Bruce Stratton	Beaumont
1959	Wilson Mason	Beaumont
1960	George Peinado	El Paso
1961	John Wilson Beasley	Dallas
1962	Don Eggleston	Houston
1963	Johnny Walker	Lubbock
1964	Greg Hooser	Austin
1965	Russel Richardson	Houston
1966	Robert Simmons	Dallas
1967	Steve Watson	Beaumont
1968	Ron Donaldson	San Antonio
1969	Rex Aymond	Dallas
1970	Raymond E. Williams	Houston
1971	Steve Chapman	Austin
1972	Transition Year	No Youth Governor
1973	Brad Winegar	Austin
1974	Tracy Lyn Clyburn	Odessa
1975	Clarke Lowenfield	El Paso
1976	Vance Mason	Dallas
1977	Ben Leonard	Cleburne
1978	Ronnie Grimm	Cleburne
1979	Felicia Young	Dallas
1980	Jay Juba	Dallas
1981	Jeffrey Peterson	Galena Park
1982	Bonnie Bailey	Lubbock
1983	Gary Rosen	Lubbock
1984	Andy Karsner	Fort Worth

YEAR	NAME	DISTRICT
1985	Matt McCarty	Cleburne
1986	Patrick Donley	Lubbock
1987	Bill Miller	Cleburne
1988	Art Hall	Lubbock
1989	J. Scott Baum	Fort Worth
1990	Joshua Allen	Cleburne
1991	Kathy Stipeche	Houston
1992	Phoung Le	Houston
1993	Chris Applegate	Cleburne
1994	Stephen Mason	Houston
1995	Sallu Massaquoi	Houston
1996	Alisha Parrish	Odessa
1997	Scott Cunningham	Dallas
1998	Lauren Six	Fort Worth
1999	Taylor Newsom	Odessa
2000	Luke Appling	Fort Worth
2001	Frank Prior	San Antonio
2002	Trevor Heaney	Odessa
2003	Gina Bullock	Fort Worth
2004	Nathan Gonzalez	Fort Worth
2005	Hunter Patterson	Dallas
2006	Michael Admire	Fort Worth
2007	Dave Harris	Fort Worth
2008	Max Kutz	Fort Worth
2009	Lexi Gibson	Houston
2010	Taylor Pruitt	Dallas
2011	Jared McCluskey	Fort Worth
2011	Micah Petersen	Houston
2012	Robby Moore	Dallas
2013	Zaverie Harris	Dallas
2014	Daniel Hayworth	Fort Worth
2015	Quentin Keller	Houston
2016	Kennedy Montgomery	Fort Worth
2017	Sharif Long	Dallas
2018	Aayush Dave	Houston
2019	Tadiwa Mujokoto	Fort Worth
2020	Vivienne Garner	Dallas
2021	Jaalen Robinson (75 th)	Dallas

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HONORING OUR PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

JOHN KAEMPf HONOREES

VOLUNTEER	YEAR
James D. Cole (Washington D.C.)	1984
Vernon Steward (Wichita Falls)	1985
Johnnie Hyde (Cleburne)	1986
Rex Aymond (Dallas)	1987
Ms. J.L.(Jeree) Barnett (Odessa)	1988
Kathleen Vincent (Dallas)	1989
Forrest Lykins (Ft. Worth)	1990
Mrs. J.M. (Ruth Ann) Hill	1991
Kevin Dinnin (San Antonio)	1992
Dave Lewis (Denton)	1993
Ray Farabee (Austin)	1994
Texalee Kyle (San Angelo)	1995
Sarah Jane Freeman (Palestine)	1996
Sue Montgomery (Garland)	1997
Dr. Ron Rea (Houston)	1998
Carol Cameron (Houston)	1999
Robert Burger (Ft. Worth)	2002
Carla Weathersby (Odessa)	2003
Sue Six (Ft. Worth)	2004
Sue Johnson (Odessa)	2005
Shirley Womack (Dallas), Mary Whitbeck (Ft.Worth)	2006
Chris Connolly (Ft Worth)	2007
Scott Cunningham (Dallas)	2008
Annette Kasparian (Dallas)	2009
Jillanne Johnson (Ft. Worth)	2010
Jan Van Eman (Midland)	2011
Ashley Myrick (Ft. Worth)	2012
Chris Johnson (Ft. Worth)	2013
Dario Ganic (Dallas) & Jennifer Moody	2014
Shara Michalka (Dallas)	2015
Chris Britton (Ft Worth)	2016
Debbie Talley (Ft Worth)	2017
Greg Hooser (Austin)	2018
Tim Sinnott (Austin)	2019
Carolyn Storm-Kettenacker (State)	2020
Suzanne Mabie (State)	2022

BILL THEISS HONOREES

YMCA STAFF MEMBER	YEAR
Robert T. Schriener (Lubbock)	1991
Kathy Hamilton (Dallas)	1992
Bob Flemming (Houston)	1993
Wendy Barber (Dallas)	1994
Loli Gonzales (San Antonio)	1995
Brad Kimura (Ft. Worth)	1996
Curt Hazelbaker (Dallas)	1997
Lisa Olvey (Ft. Worth)	1998
Johnny Mayberry (Dallas)	1999
Shelley Snyder (Ft. Worth)	2000
Pam Atkins (Dallas)	2003
Omar Santos (Austin)	2004
Barbara Trachte (Baytown)	2005
Ligia Gutierrez (Dallas)	2006
Dave Faulk & Ken Harris	2007
Suzanne Mabie (State)	2010
Jenna Hodges (Amarillo)	2011
Terri Eley (Dallas)	2012
Kendra Yanchak (Dallas)	2013
Azim Hussain (Ft. Worth)	2014
Thom Parker (Austin)	2015
Patricia Osborn (Houston)	2016
Andrew Wiggins (Austin)	2017
Jacquelyn Kotar (Ft. Worth)	2018
JaMonica Washington (Dallas)	2019
Holli Winn (Ft. Worth)	2020
Emilie Shiffler (Ft. Worth) & Missy Garcia (State)	2022

These awards recognize former Youth and Government State Directors John Kaempff ('73-'84) a former CEO of the Ft. Worth YMCA and Bill Theiss ('84-'93) (a former CEO of Waxahachie YMCA). Both of these gentlemen retired from full-time service at local YMCA's to give further outstanding service to Texas Youth and Government. Their servant leadership embodies all that YG teaches and is modeled by recipients of these awards.

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SUZANNE MABIE AWARD

This award recognizes Suzanne Mabie, former YMCA Youth and Government State Director in Louisiana and Texas and while State Director for Texas, Ms. Mabie created the YMCA Texas Junior Youth and Government Program. Additionally, Ms. Mabie later worked with YMCA of the USA as a Technical Advisor for Youth Events as well as Youth and Government support. Her dedication, kindness and passion for serving youth and teens have made a positive impact on program participants, YMCA staff and volunteers throughout the country. In her honor, we present this award to an outstanding YMCA Staff or Volunteer of the YMCA Texas Junior Youth and Government Program who embodies outstanding servant- leadership.

NAME	YEAR
Judith Anderson Bruess	2017
Carolyn Searles	2019
Cameron McVay	2022

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THURSDAY MARCH 2nd: BUSINESS CASUAL

LOCATION: Renaissance Austin Hotel on 9721 Arboretum Blvd, Austin, TX 78759

SCHEDULE

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Check-In – Teachers collect packets for their campus.
All District	Arbor
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Delegation Luggage
Midland	Brazos
Austin	Frio
Houston	Glass Oaks
Ft. Worth	Concho & Bosque
Dallas	Bluebonnet
2:00 PM - 3:15 PM	Check-In – Candidates/Chairs/Clerks/Officers
Candidates	Colorado/Canadian
Officers	Nueces
LEG Chair/Clerks	Plaza Booth B
SAF Chair/Clerks	Colorado/Canadian
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Opening Ceremony
All Districts	Grand Ballroom
4:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Dinner on your own/Move into Hotel Rooms
All District	Rio Grande
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Section Orientation
District Court	Grand Ballroom A
County Court	Grand Ballroom B
Appeals Court	Rio Grande
House	Trinity
Farabee Senate	San Marcos
State Affairs Forum	Sabine
Media	Brazos
Governor Cabinet/Lobbyist	San Saba
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Adult Meeting
Adults	San Antonio
9:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Delegation Meetings
Midland	San Saba
Austin	Glass Oaks
Houston	Sabine
Ft. Worth	Rio Grande
Dallas	Grand Ballroom

6:30pm Hotel Curfew

10:30 PM CURFEW – All delegates must be in their assigned hotel room

ADULTS TO DO ROOM CHECKS AFTER CURFEW

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FRIDAY MARCH 3rd: BUSINESS PROFESSIONAL

LOCATIONS: Renaissance Austin Hotel on 9721 Arboretum Blvd, Austin, TX 78759,
Texas State Capitol on 1100 Congress Ave, Austin, TX 78701
ACC– Highland Campus on 6018 Wilhelmina Delco Dr, Austin, TX 78752

SCHEDULE

7:30 AM		Buses DEPARTS to the Texas State Capitol – Dress Code will be enforced. Media, Judges and Teams with byes load on the last buses. ** You MUST be at the bus 15 MINUTES <u>BEFORE</u> your assigned time! **
	District Court	Bus loading outside by Glass Oaks entrance
	Media	Join Section per your Media Assignment
7:00 AM		Capitol Security Opens
	District Court	4 entry points N, S, E, W
7:45 AM		Hearing Committees Begin
		<u>Renaissance Hotel</u>
		Committee A, B– Grand Ballroom A
		Committee C – Grand Ballroom B
		Committee D – San Antonio
		Committee E – San Marcos
		Committee F – Sabine
	Legislative	Committee G – Trinity B
		Committee H – Trinity A
		Committee I – Pecos
		Committees J, K, L – Rio Grande Exhibit A
		Committees M, N, O – Rio Grande Exhibit B
		Committees P – Arbor
		<u>Renaissance Hotel</u>
		Committee A – Bluebonnet
		Committee B – Brazos
	State Affairs Forum	Committee C – Glass Oaks
		Committee D – Bosque
		Committee E – Concho
		Committee F – Frio
8:00 AM		Buses DEPARTS to ACC Highland – Dress Code will be enforced. Media, Judges and Teams with byes load on the last buses. ** You MUST be at the bus 15 MINUTES <u>BEFORE</u> your assigned time! **
	County Court	Bus loading outside by Glass Oaks entrance
	Media	Join Section per your Media Assignment
8:45 AM		Sessions Begin
	Media	Guadalupe for those on assignment at the hotel
9:00 AM		Sessions Begin
		Texas State Capitol Extension
	District Court	Rooms: E1.014; E1.018; E1.022; E1.026; E2.010; E2.012; E2.014; E2.016; E2.018; E2.020; E2.022; E2.024; E2.026; E2.028; E2.030; E1.012, E1.016 E1.028; E1.020

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FRIDAY MARCH 3rd: BUSINESS PROFESSIONAL

9:00 AM		Sessions Begin
	County Court	ACC Highland Building 1000 Building 1000 Rooms: 2101, 2102, 2104, 2105, 2201, 2202, 2211, 2210, 2209, 2208, 2207, 2219, 2218, 2216, 2217, 2212, 2402, 2403, 2404,
	Appeals Court	ACC Highland Building 1000 & 2000 Building 1000 Rooms: 1421, 1306, 2414, 2407, Building 2000 Rooms: 1130, 1230, 1233, 21234, 2220
12:15 PM		Lunch by Section
	District Court	Texas State Capitol Extension: Legislative Conference Center E2.002
	County Court	ACC Highland Campus: Building 4000
	Appeals Court	ACC Highland Campus: Building 4000
	Media	Join Section per your Media Assignment
TBD – 1 Hour		Lunch at the Conclusion of Hearing Committees
	Legislative	Renaissance Hotel: Pick up Outside near Glass oaks Load the Bus to Capitol
	State Affairs Forum	Renaissance Hotel: Pick up Outside near Glass oaks Eat in your rooms
	Media	Join Section per your Media Assignment
1:15 PM		Sessions Resume
	District Court	Texas State Capitol Extension Rooms: E1.014; E1.018; E1.022; E1.026; E2.010; E2.012; E2.014; E2.016; E2.018; E2.020; E2.022; E2.024; E2.026; E2.028; E2.030; E1.012, E1.016 E1.028; E1.020
	County Court	ACC Highland Building 1000 Building 1000 Rooms: 2101, 2102, 2104, 2105, 2201, 2202, 2211, 2210, 2209, 2208, 2207, 2219, 2218, 2216, 2217, 2212, 2402, 2403, 2404,
	Appeals Court	ACC Highland Building 1000 & 2000 Building 1000 Rooms: 1421, 1306, 2414, 2407, Building 2000 Rooms: 1130, 1230, 1233, 21234, 2220
	Legislative: House	Texas State Capitol: House Chamber
	Legislative: Farabee Senate	Texas State Capitol: Senate Chamber
	State Affairs Forum	Renaissance Hotel: Glass Oaks, Ballroom
	Media	Join Section per your Media Assignment
3:15 PM		Buses DEPARTS to Hotel
	County Court	ACC Highland Bus loading – Same as drop off
	Media	Join Section per your Media Assignment
4:00 PM		Buses DEPARTS to Hotel
	Appeals Court	ACC Highland Bus loading – Same as drop off
	Media	Join Section per your Media Assignment
5:00 PM		Buses DEPARTS to Hotel
	District Court	Texas State Capitol Bus loading –at Brazos & 12th Street
	Legislative	Texas State Capitol Bus loading –at Brazos & 12th Street
5:30 PM		Dinner on your own
	All Districts	Coordinate with Campus Advisor; All groups must leave in 1 adult per 10 delegates

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FRIDAY MARCH 3rd: BUSINESS PROFESSIONAL

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Social Activities – All delegates must be on the Lobby floor ONLY!

Karaoke	Grand Ballroom
Board Games	Arbor
Art Mania	Frio
Movie Night	Brazos
Illusionist	Bluebonnet
Senior Cord	Pick up at Nueces Lobby Table
Study Hall	Bosque

9:30 PM

No Ups and Downs to Room

All Districts	Once you go up to your room you can't come back down to the lobby
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9:00pm Hotel Curfew

10:30 PM CURFEW – All delegates must be in their assigned hotel room

ADULTS TO DO ROOM CHECKS AFTER CURFEW

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SATURDAY MARCH 4th: BUSINESS PROFESSIONAL

LOCATIONS: Renaissance Austin Hotel on 9721 Arboretum Blvd, Austin, TX 78759,

Texas State Capitol on 1100 Congress Ave, Austin, TX 78701

ACC– Highland Campus on 6018 Wilhelmina Delco Dr, Austin, TX 78752

US Federal Courthouse in Downtown Austin

SCHEDULE

**** You MUST be at the bus 15 MINUTES BEFORE your assigned time! ****

7:30 AM		Buses DEPARTS to US Federal Courthouse– Dress Code will be enforced.
	Appeals Court	Bus loading outside by Glass Oaks entrance
7:45 AM		Buses DEPARTS to ACC Highland Campus– Dress Code will be enforced.
	County Court	Bus loading outside by Glass Oaks entrance
8:00 AM		Buses DEPARTS to the Texas State Capitol– Dress Code will be enforced.
	District Court	Bus loading outside by Glass Oaks entrance
8:30 AM		Buses DEPARTS to the Texas State Capitol– Dress Code will be enforced.
	All Legislative	Bus loading outside by Glass Oaks entrance
	Governors Cabinet	Bus loading outside by Glass Oaks entrance
	Lobbyist	Bus loading outside by Glass Oaks entrance
	State Affairs Forum	Bus loading outside by Glass Oaks entrance
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM		Media Meeting
	ALL Media	Guadalupe
8:00 AM		US Federal Courthouse Security Opens
	Appeals Court	Follow Signage
9:00 AM		Capitol Security Opens
	District Court	4 entry points N, S, E, W
9:30 AM		Sessions Begin
		Texas State Capitol Extension
	District Court	Rooms: E1.014; E1.018; E1.022; E1.026; E2.010; E2.012; E2.014; E2.016; E2.018; E2.020; E2.022; E2.024; E2.026; E2.028; E2.030; E1.012, E1.016 E1.028; E1.020
	Appeals Court	US Federal Courthouse Rooms: All 8 courtrooms, #5611, #5211, #5613, #5614
	County Court	ACC Highland Building 1000, 2000 Building 1000 Rooms: 2102, 2104, 2105, 2201, 2202, 2208, 2211, 2212, 2216, 2218, 2402, 2403, 2403 Building 2000 Rooms: 1130, 1230
9:45 AM		Sessions Gavel In
	House	Texas State Capitol: House Chamber
	Farabee Senate	Texas State Capitol: Senate Chamber
	State Affairs Forum	Texas State Capitol: Capitol Auditorium
10:00 AM		Bus Departs
	ALL Media	Bus loading outside by Glass Oaks entrance
11:45 AM – 12:15 PM		Lunch by Section
	District Court	Texas State Capitol Extension: Legislative Conference Center E2.002
	Media	Join Section per your Media Assignment

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SATURDAY MARCH 4th: BUSINESS PROFESSIONAL

12:15 PM – 1:15 PM	Appeals Court	US Federal Courthouse: 1 st Floor Jury Assembly Room
	County Court	ACC Highland Campus: Building 4000
12:30 PM – 1:00 PM	State Affairs Forum	Texas State Capitol Extension: Legislative Conference Center E2.002
	Media	Texas State Capitol Extension: Legislative Conference Center E2.002
1:15 PM – 1:45 PM	House	Texas State Capitol Extension: Legislative Conference Center E2.002
	Farabee Senate	Texas State Capitol Extension: Legislative Conference Center E2.002
	Governors Cabinet	Texas State Capitol Extension: Legislative Conference Center E2.002
	Lobbyist	Texas State Capitol Extension: Legislative Conference Center E2.002
1:45 PM	Sessions Resume	
	District Court	Texas State Capitol Extension Rooms: E1.014; E1.018; E1.022; E1.026; E2.010; E2.012; E2.014; E2.016; E2.018; E2.020; E2.022; E2.024; E2.026; E2.028; E2.030; E1.012, E1.016 E1.028; E1.020
		ACC Highland Building 1000, 2000 Building 1000 Rooms: 2102, 2104, 2105, 2201, 2202, 2208, 2211, 2212, 2216, 2218, 2402, 2403, 2403 Building 2000 Rooms: 1130, 1230
	County Court	US Federal Courthouse Rooms: All 8 courtrooms, #5611, #5211, #5613, #5614
	Appeals Court	Texas State Capitol: House Chamber
	Legislative: House	Texas State Capitol: Senate Chamber
	Legislative: Farabee Senate	Texas State Capitol: Capitol Auditorium
	State Affairs Forum	Join Section per your Media Assignment
	Media	
	Buses DEPARTS to Hotel	
	County Court	ACC Highland Bus loading – Same as drop off
	Media	Join Section per your Media Assignment
4:00 PM	Buses DEPARTS to Hotel	
	Appeals Court	US Federal Courthouse Bus loading – Same as drop off
	District Court	Texas State Capitol Bus loading –at Brazos & 12th Street
4:45 PM	Media	Join Section per your Media Assignment
	Buses DEPARTS to Hotel	
	State Affairs Forum	Texas State Capitol Bus loading –at Brazos & 12th Street
5:00 PM	Media	Join Section per your Media Assignment
	Buses DEPARTS to Hotel	
	All Legislative	Texas State Capitol Bus loading –at Brazos & 12th Street
	Governors Cabinet	Texas State Capitol Bus loading –at Brazos & 12th Street
6:00 PM – 7:15 PM	Lobbyist	Texas State Capitol Bus loading –at Brazos & 12th Street
	Media	Join Section per your Media Assignment
	Banquet	
	All Districts	Rio Grande

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SATURDAY MARCH 4th: BUSINESS PROFESSIONAL

7:30 PM – 8:45 PM

Closing Ceremonies

All Districts

Grand Ballroom

9:00 PM - 11:30 PM

Social Activities

Dance

Gazebo (Outside)

Gaming Truck

Trinity Patio (Near Gazebo)

Hamster Ball Race

Rio Grande A

Trivia Night

Sabine

360 PhotoBooth

Bluebonnet

Study Hall

San Saba

11:00 PM

No Ups and Downs to Room

All Districts

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6:00pm Hotel Curfew

12:00 PM CURFEW - All delegates must be in their assigned hotel room

ADULTS TO DO ROOM CHECKS AFTER CURFEW

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SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY MARCH 5th 2023: CASUAL ATTIRE

7:00 AM - 10:00 AM Departure based on times assigned. See Departure Times for your District.

******In order to reduce congestion on the elevator and stairs, please abide by the schedule below for your District. Please be courteous and allow those that have an earlier departure time to get on first if it is not your time to be on the elevator or stairs.

- Hotel keys can be 1. Given to your adult advisor to turn in to the front desk, 2. Placed in the drop box by the check-in desk, or 3. Kept as a souvenir.
- Before you leave your room, please place trash in the trash bag that is provided. Do a final sweep of the room to make sure you have not left anything behind.
- The State Office is not responsible for any lost or stolen items. Any lost items will be left here at the hotel. It is your responsibility to contact the hotel representative in order to try to retrieve your item.

10:00 AM DEPARTURE- ALL delegates must be out of hotel!

DEPARTURE TIMES BY DISTRICT

DISTRICT	ELEVATOR TIME	BUS DEPARTURE TIME
Dallas (District 5)	7:00-8:00 AM	8:00 AM
Ft. Worth (District 4)	8:00-8:30 AM	8:30 AM
Houston (District 3)	8:30 -9:00 AM	9:00 AM
Midland (District 1)	8:30 -9:00 AM	9:00 AM
Austin (District 2)	9:00-9:30 AM	9:30 AM

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STATE CONFERENCE
FROM
February 1st – February 4th**

**Mark your calendars for
FUTURE YMCA TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT
STATE CONFERENCE DATES**

YEAR	DATES
2025	February 27th – March 2nd
2026	February 26th – March 1st

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HELP DESK

Located: LOBBY BOOTH

Questions about the conference, volunteer check in, nametag reorders, visitor sign-in, lost and found and general information will be answered at our Help Desk located in Arbor at the conference hotel. If you are at the State Capitol, please go to the Legislative Conference Center E2.002 (Extension Second Floor). All visitors must check in and receive a visitor name badge prior to observing any part of the conference. All issues related to incidents, accidents, and shuttles, please go to the Y&G Security Office.

YMCA SECURITY OFFICE AND SAFETY

Located: PLAZA BOOTH A

The YG Security Office will be responsible for incidents and accidents, supervision of elevator use and shuttles, and the keeping of records of all incidents during the State Conference.

YG Security, in cooperation with the State Director and the Renaissance Hotel Security, will be responsible for supervision and security of the hotel facility during the State Conference (including routine floor sweeps, door duty, and elevator supervision). If required, discipline of delegates in cooperation with respective District Directors and training of delegates and advisors regarding hotel matters. This group will be a mix of YMCA Staff and Club Advisors. YG Security will be wearing designated name badges.

The safety of all participants is a major concern of the YMCA. YG Security will post key staff and volunteers in various locations at the hotel during activities. YG Security is NOT responsible for supervision of the students. Local club leaders (YMCA and School adults) are responsible for their student's supervision.

To provide protection, delegates are expected to remain in designated conference areas and further comply with the following restrictions:

- Delegates will be in their rooms at the designated curfews listed in the program schedule.
- Do not walk alone at any time, but in a group, with another delegate or advisors.
- Always lock your hotel room door when you leave and when you retire.
- Do not leave valuables in your hotel room or unsupervised.
- YMCA IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR STOLEN ITEMS.
- An adult cannot be one on one with students at any time.
- An advisor must be with you in order for you to ride in another vehicle that is not the YMCA chartered bus or vehicle.

Prior approval from State Director and District Director must be obtained.

YG STATE CONFERENCE OFFICE

Located: NUECES ROOM

This office is headquarters for the State Conference. Helpers will be here to assist you if there are any problems that an Info Depot, District Director or if JYG Security Office cannot assist you. Please note that for the most part all questions need to be referred to the JYG Security Office or Conference Office first, not the Hotel Staff.

CARE OF FACILITIES

Districts/Clubs and/or Delegates will be held financially responsible for any damage to the facility or equipment. The State of Texas and the Renaissance have been most cooperative in providing the fine facilities for the Youth and Government Program. Over the years, the delegates have shown their appreciation for this privilege through their care for the safety and condition of the facilities. Delegates of this Conference will want to continue this tradition by being

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especially careful while handling equipment at both the hotel and Texas State Capitol. Microphones and desk telephones are not to be used and paper in or on the desk must not be disturbed at the Capitol. NO food or drinks will be allowed in the Capitol. Cell phone use is prohibited while in session. Security cameras are in use at the State Capitol facilities and are monitored. When using the writing desks in the House or Senate Chambers, please use the Bill Book between your paper and the desk.

IN CASE OF SERIOUS ILLNESS OR EMERGENCY

Contact your local YMCA staff member and the Y&G Security office in case of illness. Attendance is taken at each session and any student not in the session must be accounted for. Call 911 in case of an emergency and then contact the Y&G Security Office.

Hospital near the Capitol: BRACKENRIDGE HOSPITAL, 1500 East Avenue (15th & I-35) 512/476-6461.

Hospital near the Hotel: SETON NORTHWEST HOSPITAL, 11113 Research Blvd. (Hwy. 183), 512/795-1010

CONFERENCE BADGES

Conference identification badges (nametags) will be issued to each delegate and advisor. This is your identification for admission to all sessions, buildings, and hotel. Always wear it, above the waist, and on the outside of jackets. Students, please note that only your Advisor should request a replacement badge for you, there will be a sign-up sheet in the State Office and then conference staff will print a new one. Your badge should be visible at all times throughout the Conference. All adults must always wear the conference badge.

VOTING

Voting for the new State Officers is required of all delegates for entry into the dance on Saturday night. In the event of a runoff for any state officer position, all delegates must vote for entry into the dance on Saturday night.

BEHAVIOR POLICY STATEMENT

The YMCA reserves the right to warn, suspend, dismiss, or remove any program participant or member from our programs, program locations and facilities upon the following conditions:

- If their behavior poses a threat to themselves or others.
- If they require an inordinate amount of attention from the staff thereby causing inadequate levels of supervision for the remainder of the participants or members.
- If their behavior is determined to be inappropriate within the scope and spirit of the YMCA values.
- For any reason within the discretion of YMCA management
- If a teen is removed from the program for any of the above reasons, parent/guardian must retrieve teen at their own expense.

DANCE GUIDELINES

The Texas YMCA Youth and Government Program strives to keep the dances at the State Conference appropriate and enjoyable for all. Each student is required to abide by the following guidelines and should read them prior to participating in the Saturday night dance at State. These guidelines must be followed at all times. Adults will be closely monitoring the behavior of students during the dance.

Students must abide by the Conference Dress Code.

- Avoid tightly packed groups and do not bounce/push into each other. Moshing is prohibited.
- Students are to refrain from all forms of "horseplay" (i.e., running around, wrestling, etc.)

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- All dance moves should be done with dignity and self-respect.
- Suggestive dancing is prohibited. No Grinding, straddling, bending over or other inappropriate moves.
- Feet must remain on the floor. Students are prohibited from lying on the dance floor.
- Shoes must be worn.
- Hands must remain visible during the dance and should be on the hips and shoulders only. Inappropriate touching and/or gestures are strictly prohibited.
- Any dance moves or behavior that an adult monitor deems inappropriate and/or indecent will not be permitted.
- A student will receive one warning for inappropriate dancing. If the behavior persists, the student will be restricted from the dance.

HIGH SCHOOLS AND YMCA-BASED Y&G CLUBS REPRESENTED

District	YMCA Branch	School
Austin	YMCA of Austin	Akins High School
Austin	YMCA of Austin	Austin CO-OP High School
Austin	YMCA of Austin	Austin High School
Austin	YMCA of Killeen	Belton New Tech High School
Austin	YMCA of Austin	Del Valle High School
Austin	YMCA of Austin	Dripping Springs High School
Austin	YMCA of San Antonio	Fox Tech High School
Austin	YMCA of Austin	Hays High School
Austin	YMCA of San Antonio	Holmes High School
Austin	YMCA of San Antonio	John Marshall Law and Medical Services High School
Austin	YMCA of Greater Williamson County	Leander High School
Austin	YMCA of Austin	Liberal Arts Science Academy
Austin	YMCA of Austin	NYOS Charter School
Austin	YMCA of Austin	Regents Austin
Austin	YMCA of San Antonio	Veterans Memorial High School
Austin	YMCA of Greater Williamson County	Vista Ridge High School
Dallas	Plano YMCA	Allen High School
Dallas	McKinney YMCA	Boyd High School
Dallas	Coppell YMCA	Coppell High School
Dallas	Coppell YMCA	Coppell Middle West
Dallas	Coppell YMCA	Creekview High School
Dallas	Oak Cliff YMCA	Duncanville High School
Dallas	Semones Family YMCA	Episcopal School of Dallas High School
Dallas	Frisco YMCA	Frisco High School
Dallas	White Rock YMCA	Garland High School
Dallas	Grand Prairie YMCA	Grand Prairie High School
Dallas	Semones Family YMCA	Greenhill High School
Dallas	Moody Family YMCA	Highland Park High School

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Dallas	McKinney YMCA	Imagine International Academy High School
Dallas	Plano YMCA	Independence High School
Dallas	Irving YMCA	Jack E. Singley Academy
Dallas	Lakewest YMCA	Judge Barefoot Sanders Law Magnet at Townview
Dallas	Plano YMCA	Lebanon Trail High School
Dallas	Plano YMCA	Liberty High School
Dallas	McKinney YMCA	McKinney YMCA Branch Club
Dallas	Palestine YMCA	Palestine High School
Dallas	Plano YMCA	Plano YMCA Delegation
Dallas	Plano YMCA	Reedy High School
Dallas	Richardson YMCA	Richardson Homeschool Delegation High School
Dallas	Oak Cliff YMCA	Village Tech High School
Ft Worth	Ryan Family YMCA	Bill R Johnson CTE
Ft Worth	Northwest YMCA	Boswell High School
Ft Worth	Northwest YMCA	Chisholm Trail High School
Ft Worth	Benbrook Community Center YMCA	Christian Life Preparatory High School
Ft Worth	Northwest YMCA	Hollenstein Career and Technology Center
Ft Worth	Northpark YMCA	Keller High School
Ft Worth	Arlington/Mansfield Area YMCA	Lake Ridge High School
Ft Worth	Hood County YMCA	North Central Texas Academy High School
Ft Worth	Northwest YMCA	Saginaw High School
Ft Worth	Arlington/Mansfield Area YMCA	Timberview/ ECHS
Ft Worth	Bedford YMCA	Trinity/Buinger
Ft Worth	Arlington/Mansfield Area YMCA	Uplift Summit High School
Houston	Lake Houston Family YMCA	Acton Academy Kingwood
Houston	Alief Family YMCA	Alief Early College High School
Houston	YMCA of Southeast Texas	Bob Hope School
Houston	East End YMCA	First Baptist Christian Academy
Houston	The Woodlands Family YMCA at Shadowbend	Frassati Catholic High School
Houston	Fort Bend Family YMCA	Ft. Bend YMCA Branch High School Delegation
Houston	Vic Coppinger Family YMCA	Glenda Dawson High School
Houston	Houston Texans YMCA	Houston Texans Onsite Club
Houston	Baytown Family YMCA	Lee High School
Houston	Perry Family YMCA	Perry Family YMCA Onsite Club
Houston	Baytown Family YMCA	Woodrow Wilson Early College
Midland	Midland YMCA	Midland Legacy High School

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BUS SCHEDULE

FRIDAY MARCH 3rd 2023

MORNING

Shuttle Route 1: Renaissance Hotel to State Capitol

7:30AM Buses Depart for Capitol – District Court Teams + Media

Buses 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

Media, judges and teams with byes load last

Shuttle Route 2: Renaissance Hotel to ACC Highland

8:00AM Buses Depart for ACC Highland – County Court + Appellate Teams + Media

Bus 8, 9, 10, 1, 2, 3

Media and teams and judges with byes load last

MID-DAY SHUTTLES

Shuttle Route 3: Renaissance Hotel to State Capitol

11:55AM Buses Depart from Renaissance to Capitol – All Legislative/Gov Cab/Lobbyists + Media

Buses 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

AFTERNOON

Shuttle Route 6: ACC Highland to Renaissance Hotel

3:15PM Buses Depart from ACC Highland – County Court Teams

Buses 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

Shuttle Route 4: ACC Highland to Renaissance Hotel

4:00PM Buses Depart from ACC Highland – Appellate Teams

Bus 1 & 2

Shuttle Route 8: State Capitol to Renaissance Hotel

5:00PM Buses Depart from Capitol – District Court Teams

Buses 8, 9, 10, 3, 4, 5

5:00PM Buses Depart from Capitol – All Legislative/Gov Cab/Lobbyists + Media

Buses 6, 7, 1, 2, 8, 9, 10, 3

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BUS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY MARCH 4th 2023

MORNING

Shuttle Route 1: Renaissance Hotel to US Federal Courthouse

7:30AM Buses Depart for US Federal Courthouse – Appeals

Buses 1, 2

Shuttle Route 2: Renaissance Hotel to ACC Highland Campus

7:45AM Buses Depart for Capitol – County Court Teams

Buses 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

Shuttle Route 3: Renaissance Hotel to State Capitol

8:00AM Buses Depart for Capitol – District Court Teams

Buses 8, 9, 10, 1, 2, 3

Shuttle Route 4: Renaissance Hotel to State Capitol

8:30AM Buses Depart for Capitol – All Legislative/Gov Cab/Lobbyist/Media SAF

Buses 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 1, 2, 3, 4

AFTERNOON

Shuttle Route 5: ACC Highland Campus to Renaissance Hotel

3:00PM Buses Depart from Travis County – County Court Teams

Buses 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

Shuttle Route 6: US Federal Courthouse to Renaissance Hotel

4:00PM Buses Depart from US Federal Courthouse – Appeals

Buses 1, 2

Shuttle Route 7: Capitol to Renaissance Hotel

4:00PM Buses Depart from Capitol – District Court Teams

Buses 8, 9, 10, 3, 4, 5

Shuttle Route 8: Capitol to Renaissance Hotel

4:45PM Buses Depart from Capitol – SAF

Buses 6, 7, 1, 2, 8

Shuttle Route 9: Capitol to Renaissance Hotel

5:00PM Buses Depart from Capitol – All Legislative/Gov Cab/Lobbyists/Media

Buses 9, 10, 3, 4, 5, 6

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Thank you to all the Advisors for supporting your clubs and helping these young leaders attend the State Conference. Thank you students, it is an honor and inspiring to observe future leaders in action.

Thank you to our Special Guests:

Opening Ceremony Keynote Speaker

Opening Ceremony Swearing in Justices

Derek Summerville, Director, Youth Advocacy, Voice, & Civic Health from the YMCA of the USA

Thank you to the family of former Youth Governor and Texas Senator Ray Farabee, namesake of our YG Senate, for their generous support. We remember Mr. Farabee and Mrs. Hyde, former outstanding advisor for Cleburne High School and namesake of our Hyde House and Hyde Senate.

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers, YMCA staff, and alumni from across Texas. THANK YOU for all the support you provide to the students and to the program. We could not do it without you.

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