

2010-2011 YMCA NC Youth Legislature

Student Registration Form

Teen's Information

Teen's name (first, middle, last) _____ Name called _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home # (_____) _____ Teen Cell # (_____) _____ County _____

Student Email (providing an e-mail address authorizes e-mail communication with your child about YMCA NC Youth Legislature)

Male Female Birth date ____/____/____ Grade (as of Aug. 2010) _____ Vegetarian? Yes No

School _____ YMCA _____

Including the 2011 Conference, how many years have you attended the YMCA NC Youth Legislature? _____

Role at 2011 Conference (choose one) Legislative Judicial Press Lobbyist Officer

If you chose "Officer" above, what office will you hold at the 2011 Conference? _____

Check all that apply to your child, or check "None" for those that don't apply:

Allergies (type) _____ None

ADD Yes No ADHD Yes No

Medication (type and schedule) _____ None

Emotionally, behaviorally, intellectually or physically (explain) _____ None

Special circumstances (provide additional information if necessary) _____

_____ None

Family Information

Mother/guardian's name _____ Employer _____

Home address (if different) _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home # (_____) _____ Work # (_____) _____ ext. _____ Cell # (_____) _____

Email Address (providing an e-mail address authorizes e-mail communication about your teen's program)

Father/guardian's name _____ Employer _____

Home address (if different) _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home # (_____) _____ Work # (_____) _____ ext. _____ Cell # (_____) _____

Email Address (providing an e-mail address authorizes e-mail communication about your teen's program)

Emergency Information

Insurance company _____ Policy # _____

Emergency Contact _____ Relationship to teen _____

Home # (_____) _____ Work # (_____) _____ ext. _____ Cell # (_____) _____

YMCA NC Youth Legislature Program Policies

Please read each of the following policies and sign below to indicate your understanding of these policies. Policies are subject to all applicable laws.

Waivers/Permissions:

1. I permit my child to participate in all events related to YMCA NC Youth Legislature including, but not limited to, District Meetings in October, Program Development Training in January, and the Conference in February.
2. **Photography** - I give the YMCA of the Triangle Area, Inc. ("YMCA") and its employees and agents permission to use for any lawful purpose my and/or my child's likeness, image, voice and/or appearance as such may be embodied in any pictures, drawings, renderings, photographs, video recordings, audiotapes, digital images or the like, with the understanding that the YMCA will not publish my child's name.

I agree that the YMCA has complete ownership of such pictures, etc., including but not limited to illustrations, bulletins, exhibitions, videotapes, reprints, reproductions, publications, advertisements and any promotional or educational materials in any medium now known or later developed, including but not limited to the internet, television, newspapers, magazines, social media sites (e.g., MySpace, Facebook, Twitter, Flickr, etc.), and/or YMCA audio, print or internet publications.

I also agree that the YMCA has permission to release such pictures, etc. to the news media. I acknowledge that I will not receive any compensation or remuneration for the use of such pictures, etc. I understand that once such pictures, etc. are published to the media or on the internet, or are otherwise published, they may be used in publications and/or on website outside of YMCA control.

3. **Transportation** - I understand and agree that my child will be transported by chartered, school, or local YMCA buses to and from events related to YMCA NC Youth Legislature. I also understand that all decisions as to when and how transportation is provided will be at the discretion of my child's school or YMCA.
4. **Communication** - I hereby give permission for my child to communicate via email and phone (including cell phone text messages and images) with YMCA staff and/or volunteer advisors. I understand that my child and the staff and/or volunteer advisors may be communicating about information related to the YMCA NC Youth Legislature while not supervised by YMCA personnel. I release and hold harmless the YMCA from any legal claims or liability related to such communications via email and phone (including cell phone text messages and images).
5. **Hotel Accommodations** - I understand that, while at the YMCA NC Youth Legislature Conference in February, my child will share a room with at least 2 other student participants and no more than 3 other student participants. Students are in rooms grouped by quads (4 students with 2 double beds) and triples (3 students with one king bed and one rollaway). I understand that while my child's school and/or local YMCA will work in collaboration with the YMCA NC Youth Legislature staff to honor rooming requests, there is no guarantee that all requests will be accommodated. However, all parties will work diligently to make every student feel comfortable while at the Conference in February. I understand that rooming concerns are not terms for a refund in whole or in part.

Program Policies:

6. **Indemnity** - I understand that YMCA activities have inherent risks, and I hereby assume all risks and hazards incident to my child's participation in all YMCA activities. I further waive, release, absolve, indemnify and agree to hold harmless the YMCA and its employees, organizers, volunteers, supervisors, officers, directors, and participants, as well as all persons or parents transporting participants to and from activities, of any legal claims, liabilities, damages and costs for any physical injury or damage to my personal property sustained during my child's participation in any YMCA activities.

Payment Policies:

7. **Cancellations** - I understand that nonattendance, without written cancellation by given deadlines, does not relieve me of the responsibility to pay for the program. I will refer to my child's school teacher(s) and/or local YMCA advisor(s) for exact dates of deadlines.
8. **Refunds** - I understand that nonattendance does not entitle me to a refund. I understand that no refunds or adjustments are granted for illness, vacation, or when YMCA programs are cancelled due to inclement weather. I understand that refunds are only issued through my child's school or local YMCA and not the host of the program, YMCA of the Triangle.

Medical Treatment Policies:

9. **Accident Insurance** - Participants are responsible for their own accident insurance while in attendance at all events related to YMCA NC Youth Legislature including, but not limited to, District Meetings in October, Program Development Training in January, and the Conference in February.
10. **Medication** - I understand that the staff of the YMCA NC Youth Legislature will not administer any type of shot or medication to my child. The one exception to the forgoing is epipen injections. I understand that all medications will need to be administered through my child's school and/or local YMCA staff.
11. **Blood Borne Pathogen Exposure** - I understand that, while my child is in the care of the YMCA, if a child is exposed to a body fluid on broken skin or mucous membrane, (e.g. splashing in mouth or eye), from another child, the YMCA NC Youth Legislature staff will contact the parents of both children. They will explain what occurred, and then provide the name of the attending physician of the source child to the parents of the exposed child. If a staff member has a blood or body fluid exposure from a child, the YMCA will provide the name and telephone number of the child's attending physician to the staff member. I have read and agree with the statement and specifically authorize the YMCA to release the name and telephone number of my child's physician, and a description of the event to the parent or guardian of any child who is exposed to blood or body fluid or any staff member who experiences such an exposure from my child.
12. **Emergency** - In the event of an emergency in which the parent or guardian cannot be contacted, the YMCA will contact emergency medical personnel and, pending their arrival, take those actions that are, in the YMCA NC Youth Legislature staff's judgment, in the best interest of the child.

Special Circumstances:

13. Parents or guardians are required to inform the local school and/or YMCA staff, as well as YMCA NC Youth Legislature staff, in writing, prior to a child's acceptance in YMCA NC Youth Legislature, of any special circumstances which may affect the child's ability to participate fully and within the guidelines of acceptable behavior, including but not limited to any serious behavioral problems or special circumstances regarding psychological, medical or physical conditions. Upon being informed of such circumstances, the local school, YMCA, and/or YMCA NC Youth Legislature staff may require a conference with the parent(s)/guardian to discuss issues created by these circumstances.

I understand and acknowledge that: (i) it is the responsibility of the parent(s)/guardian to make full disclosure to the local school and/or YMCA staff, as well as YMCA NC Youth Legislature staff, of any special circumstances which may affect the ability of my child/ward to participate, as described above; (ii) it is the responsibility of the parent(s)/guardian to inform the local school and/or YMCA staff, as well as YMCA NC Youth Legislature staff, of any requested accommodation believed by the parent(s)/guardian to be necessary and readily achievable for such participation; and (iii) full disclosure of any special circumstances is material to the local school and or YMCA staff's, as well as YMCA NC Youth Legislature staff's, evaluation of the child's/ward's ability to participate and the local school, local YMCA, and YMCA NC Youth Legislature's consideration of any requested accommodation.

I have read and understand all the policies stated above.

Parent/guardian signature _____

Date _____

YMCA NC Youth Legislature

Student Code of Conduct

It is important that staff maintain good order and discipline in all programs. Top objectives in all YMCA programs are safety and a positive atmosphere for learning and developing social skills. The YMCA makes every effort to help children understand clear definitions of acceptable and unacceptable behavior.

1. All participants shall conduct themselves in an orderly and responsible manner in transit to and from, and during all functions of the YMCA NC Youth Legislature. Personal behavior reflects upon the quality of the program, one's delegation, the YMCA, one's school, and one's self.
2. Participants are expected to conform to all regulations on the honor system. Those who are present when a violation occurs may be considered a participant in the violation.
3. Participation in all dimensions of the program shall be maintained on an intellectual and productive level.
4. Nametags shall be worn at all times when outside assigned lodging facility rooms. Nametags shall be worn visibly on the front of the upper torso. **BADGE SWITCHING OR SHARING IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.** Participants will wear their assigned badges at all times when they are not in their sleeping rooms, and must be able to produce their badge at all times. Badges are not to be defaced, decorated, or altered in any way.
5. Each participant shall attend all scheduled program functions, activities, meetings and training sessions.
6. Harassment or intimidation by words, gestures, body language or any other menacing behavior will not be tolerated at any YMCA NC Youth Legislature function, activity, meeting or training session.
7. The use, possession or concealment of flame producing devices, incense, candles, tobacco products, alcoholic beverages or non-prescription drugs is forbidden at any YMCA NC Youth Legislature function.
8. The use, possession or concealment of any weapons is forbidden at any YMCA NC Youth Legislature function.
9. Intimate sexual behavior is not appropriate and will not be tolerated.
10. The use or possession of electronic devices (including but not limited to compact disc or tape players, mp3 players, video games, radios, TVs), shall not be permitted during official program functions. Cellular telephones and pagers must be turned off during official program functions. Laptop computers may not be used in any chamber, committee, or meeting room while business is being conducted.
11. Each participant is legally and financially responsible for any removal, defacing or willful damage to public or private property. This includes the property of fellow participants, advisors and staff, organizations, businesses, lodging & conference facilities, and the State of North Carolina. Any act of vandalism, destruction of property, or misuse of a facility may be a crime and will be treated as a potential criminal violation.
12. Materials of officials and employees of any facility shall not be removed or tampered with in any manner. Unless there is a fire, pulling a fire alarm is a serious offense. Hotel alarms automatically summon the fire department and create a great inconvenience and fear for the hotel and other guests.
13. No participant shall leave a program function unless the approval of his/her advisor AND the YMCA NC Youth Legislature State Office Staff is secured. The participant must be picked up and returned by a parent or legal guardian.
14. Participants shall not leave the lodging facility except while in transit to or from an official program activity or function. Participants may not use or be transported in private vehicles during any program function without approval of a parent or legal guardian, adult advisor and YMCA NC Youth Legislature State Office Staff.
15. Participants are not allowed in each other's lodging rooms at any time for any reason.
16. Lodging facility room switches will not be permitted without the approval of the YMCA NC Youth Legislature State Office Staff.
17. All individual, group or delegation meetings must take place on the lobby or meeting room levels of the lodging facility. No sessions or meetings (formal or informal) may take place in the sleeping rooms of the lodging facility, or in any hallway of the sleeping room levels of the lodging facility.
18. Participants shall observe quiet hours in consideration of those who choose to retire. Participants shall be in, and remain in their assigned lodging facility room by the curfew listed in the official program schedule. Curfew will remain in effect until 6:00 AM the following morning.
19. Visitors, alumni, etc., are not permitted in the lodging facility during evening activities unless approved by the YMCA NC Youth Legislature State Office Staff. Visitors, alumni, etc., are not permitted in lodging facility sleeping rooms at any time under any circumstance. Participants shall not invite or receive visitors.
20. Guests and official observers to any YMCA NC Youth Legislature program activity are restricted to public meeting spaces, lobbies and visitors' galleries unless approval is secured from the YMCA NC Youth Legislature Staff Office Staff.
21. Participants, advisors and staff will dress appropriately during scheduled program activities and official functions.
 - Appropriate dress for men: dress pants, dress shirt and tie, jacket or sweater,, or suit and dress shoes.
 - Appropriate dress for women: dress pants or skirt and top, dress or suit and dress shoes.
 - T-shirts, flip-flops, sneakers, tank tops and jeans (denim) in any form are not appropriate during official functions. Visible under garments and bare midriffs are not appropriate at any time.
 - Casual dress and proper footwear is appropriate for most evening activities; pajamas, slippers or any other sleeping attire is not appropriate to be worn outside of sleeping rooms.
 - Personal attire reflects upon the attitude, quality, purpose and dignity of the entire YMCA NC Youth Legislature program. Appearance must be neat and tidy with shirts tucked in and pants pulled up to the waistline.
22. Chewing gum, candy, food and beverages are not permitted in any facility or meeting room.
23. The facility pool and workout center at the conference hotel may not be used at any time during YMCA NC Youth Legislature events.
24. I understand that YMCA NC Youth Legislature delegates are housed at least four (4) to each room and that in order to participate in this program, I must share a room and bed with at least one other student of the same sex. I further understand that I may not room with anyone other than YMCA NC Youth Legislature delegates – not an advisor, parents, or other relatives. I also understand that I may not room alone.
25. I understand that the YMCA NC Youth Legislature State Office Staff expect all persons associated with the YMCA NC Youth Legislature to act maturely, to behave responsibly, and to respect the rights and dignity of others. The actions listed above, which are not intended to be an all-inclusive list of behaviors, are considered inappropriate and are prohibited in our programs. The YMCA NC Youth Legislature State Office Staff reserves the right to address other behavioral matters not listed above if the behavior of the student is deemed to be in conflict with the mission of the YMCA. Failure to follow the Code of Conduct may result in one or more of the following actions (but is not limited exclusively to them):
 - The loss of privileges or position
 - Parents of the delegate notified
 - Removal of the delegate from the program
 - School officials notified
 - Summons of police when necessary

I have read, understand and agree with the policies as stated in this Code of Conduct. I understand that the YMCA has the authority to revoke my right to participate in the YMCA NC Youth Legislature for behavior which is not in keeping with the mission of the YMCA or for failing to follow the policies/procedures of the YMCA. My signature below indicates that I agree to all policies, procedures and the mission of the YMCA.

Student participant signature _____ Date _____

I have read, understand and agree with the policies as stated in this Code of Conduct and have discussed the expectations of behavior with my child/ward. I understand that the YMCA has the authority to revoke my child/ward's right to participate in the YMCA NC Youth Legislature for behavior which is not in keeping with the mission of the YMCA or for failing to follow the policies/procedures of the YMCA. My signature below indicates that I agree to all policies, procedures and the mission of the YMCA.

Parent/guardian signature _____ Date _____