



Dear Interested Students and Parents of the YMCA Youth In Government Program (YIG),

Please take some time to review the Stevens Point Area YMCA Youth In Government information packet and complete the attached application materials. Please note that parents and students are required to sign in several locations on the application materials. **It is important that new and interested members attend the introductory meeting on Monday, October 1st, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. or contact me before the end of November. We will have open enrollment and open meetings throughout October and November. Deadline to register is November 30, 2018.**

**The Stevens Point Area YMCA Youth In Government program is for any student (grades 7-12). As with all YMCA Teen programs, participants do not need to be YMCA members. The YIG program begins at the start of the school year in October and ends in mid-March following the Model Government Session in Madison. General meetings are held about twice a month on Sunday nights, 6-7:15p.m. The two key program dates for 2018- 2019 are Pre-Government on January, 27 (location TBD) and Model Government held at the State Capitol Building, March 1-3, 2019.**

General meetings at the YMCA involve fundraising preparation and learning and discussion on parliamentary procedure, bill/brief writing, public issues debate and the operation of State Government and the YIG program. **Funding through United Way of Portage County and other grants make operation of this program possible. Participation in the two major fundraisers (Halloween Overnighter and Christmas Tree Sales) can also further reduce participant fees. Financial assistance is available as well.**

The Purpose of the YMCA Youth in Government program is to encourage life-long responsible citizenship through the study of public issues, debate of public policy, writing of legislation and an experience in the State Government Process. Youth in Government programs also provide the opportunity for self-fulfillment and lasting friendships, and dramatize to the community the active leadership potential of our junior high and high school students.

There are several different roles in which students can participate in the main YIG function, Model Government. **Students in 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade** have the opportunity to act as State Senators, State Representatives of the Assembly, members of the State Supreme Court, members of the Press Corps, or even as elected and appointed State Officers. Students then also have the opportunity to participate in the YMCA Youth Conference on National Affairs during the summer.

Don't take the back seat; find out what it's like to be a Law Maker! If you have any questions regarding Youth In Government or any other teen programs please feel free to contact me at (715) 342-2980 ext. 326 or by email at [tpraeger@spymca.org](mailto:tpraeger@spymca.org).

Sincerely,

Tiffany Praeger  
Teen & Camp Director & YIG Advisor &

2018-2019 YIG Teen Executive Board

Daphne G- President  
Matthew C- Vice-President  
Rachel S- Secretary



## Stevens Point Area YMCA

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**YMCA Mission:** To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.



## Stevens Point Area YMCA-Schedule of Events and Due Dates 2018-2019

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Mon. Oct. 1st	6-7pm	Info Meeting (Common Room), Receive Registration Materials
Sun. Oct. 14 <sup>th</sup>	6-7:15pm	First Meeting: Halloween ON Planning, Online Registration
Thurs. Oct 25 <sup>th</sup>	6-7:00pm	Halloween ON Planning Meeting-Volunteers Req'd to attend
Fri-Sat. Oct. 26-27th	5:30pm-9am	Halloween Overnight! (Kids 7pm-8am)
Sun. Oct. 28th	6-7:15pm	General Meeting: Parli Pro, How to Write a Bill, Topics, etc.
Sun. Nov. 4th	6-7:15pm	General Meeting- <u>ALL Reg Forms &amp; Reg Fee (\$50) DUE!</u>
Sun. Nov. 18th	6-7:15pm	General Meeting-Submit Online Officer Nominations -Tree Sale Training
Fri. Nov. 23rd	9:45am	Start selling X-mas Trees at 10am! Volunteers Needed!
Sun. Dec. 2nd	6-7:15pm	General Mtg-LEG. Bills due by Dec. 10 <sup>th</sup>
Dec Date TBD	Time TBD	Gov. Cabinet and Comm. Chair Training
Sun. Dec. 16th	6-7:15pm	General Meeting
Sun. Jan. 13th	6-7:15pm	General Meeting-Prep for Pre-Gov
Sun. Jan. 27th	9am-5pm	PRE-GOV : Location TBD (Req'd attendance to attend Mod Gov)
Sun. Feb. 10th	6-7:15pm	General Meeting-Prep for Model Gov
Sun. Feb. 24 <sup>th</sup>	6-7:15pm	<i>Potential Meeting Date if needed-TBD</i>
Mon. Feb. 18th	6-7pm	Model Gov & Parent Informational Meeting-Conference Room
Fri-Sun., March 1-3 <i>Friday!</i>	8am Fri-6pm Sun.	Model Gov at State Capital-Madison - <i>Get excused from school</i>
TBA	6-7:30pm	Wrap up and Debrief Mtg & Party!
July 2018	TBA	YMCA Conference on National Affairs (CONA)

### Important Notes:

\*Total Fee: \$200/Fundraiser Credits Available: \$40 for Halloween ON, \$20/Xmas Tree Shift\*Meetings are MANDATORY unless absence is approved; missing meetings will affect your chance to attend Model Gov.

\*Meetings are subject to change due to weather or special events. Email and YIG Facebook page will be used to communicate cancellations; the YMCA front desk can also verify cancellations.



# WISCONSIN YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT

## Delegate Code of Conduct

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The purpose of the Wisconsin YMCA Youth in Government Program is to develop within our youth a dedication to the values of democracy and an awareness of the need for their participation and leadership in the democratic process. Participants in this program are especially privileged because they are allowed to use the historic chambers and offices in the State Capitol.

A level of conduct that requires self-control, individual decision-making, responsibility, and adherence to a dress code is required for each conference experience. The Code of Conduct should be observed by both youth and adults. With this in mind, the following Code of Conduct has been established for the WI Youth in Government Program.

Registration for the Wisconsin Youth in Government program implies personal acceptance of the code of conduct as stated:

1. Each delegate, advisor or other participant agrees to conduct themselves in an orderly manner before, after, and during the functions of the program; remembering that conduct to, at, and from meetings, retreats, conference and Capitol facilities, public and private facilities, and the hotel reflects upon oneself, one's delegation, and the YMCA.
2. Each delegate agrees to abide by and foster all YMCA rules and philosophies and agrees to create an atmosphere compatible with the YMCA's mission to help develop caring, capable leaders.
3. It is the responsibility of each participant to attend all scheduled sessions and activities. **Any absence from a state event must be prearranged with the Delegation Advisor and the State Director.**
4. Participation will be maintained on respectful, intellectual and productive levels. Each participant is a role model. The group's behavior should be viewed as irreproachable. Inappropriate sexual behavior and sexual harassment will not be tolerated. Activities, language and debate of questionable intent or safety will not be allowed, as interpreted by the State Director. Any criminal behavior or actions that endanger self or others will not be tolerated.
5. Each participant will respect the property of others and that of the Capitol and conference facilities, the hotel, and any other public or private facility used by a group or delegation. In the event of willful destruction of private or public property, each delegate is held responsible, including for any financial cost incurred. Theft will not be tolerated. Materials of officials in the state government should not be touched and/or tampered with.
6. Conservative, professional, business dress is the expectation during program activities and official functions. Clothing choices should reflect preparation for a job interview or work in government service. Anyone not in compliance with the dress code may be asked to change clothes. Nametags must be worn at all times to identify your participation.
7. Cell phones, laptops and other personal electronic media devices, including those with headphones, may only be used as directed for research during any scheduled activity.
8. The use or possession of alcohol, non-prescription drugs, or any tobacco product is forbidden, in accordance with the law and YMCA policy. Smoking is not permitted in any facility or at any function.
9. Delegates are to observe curfew and quiet hours at Model Government functions, facilities, hotel rooms and hallways. Swimming pools may be used by participants and advisors at their own risk. Hotel charges for room service, phone calls, and other charges must be covered by room occupants before checking out.
10. Delegates are to observe a threshold rule in the hotel; delegates may only enter and convene in their assigned rooms.
11. Participants (delegates, volunteers, advisors) who drive vehicles to/from program events assume all cases of liability.
12. Participants who violate the code of conduct may be suspended from program activities and the conference. The delegation and state directors will recommend disciplinary action, including the removal of the delegate from activities and/or the termination of the delegate's program participation. **Should a delegate be sent home, it is at their own expense.** The State Director has the final authority to administer any disciplinary action deemed necessary, as well as the authority to delegate his or her disciplinary powers to any staff person he or she deems appropriate.
13. All participants share responsibility for their actions when violations of the Code are witnessed. Those who decide to be present when a violation occurs shall, by their own choice, be considered a participant in the violation.

As a participant in the Wisconsin YMCA Youth in Government Program, I realize that such a privilege involves certain responsibilities. I understand the expectations set before me in the Wisconsin Youth in Government Code of Conduct and all other rules and regulations for the good of the program. I further understand that if my conduct does not meet these standards, I relinquish the right to the opportunities afforded to me by the Wisconsin YMCA Youth in Government Program and that I may be sent home from any YIG activity at my own or my parent's expense immediately.

Delegate Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# WISCONSIN YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT Delegate Registration Form

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Male ( ) Female

**Delegation:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Number of years in YIG (including this year):** \_\_\_\_\_

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell phone (delegate):** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail (delegate):** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Program Choice:</b> This will be used as a reference; placement is not guaranteed		
_____ Harvey Assembly	_____ Nelson Assembly	_____ Senate
_____ Supreme Court	_____ Press Corps	_____ Executive Branch (elected only)

**Parent Names:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Contact Number(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email (parent):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Non-parent Emergency Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Delegate Health History – please list any relevant medical conditions/allergies:**  
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**Parents' Authorization:**

In the event I cannot be reached in emergency, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the director to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and to order injection and/or anesthesia and/or surgery for my child as named above. I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the director to order X-rays, routine tests and treatment for the health of my child.

**Photo and Video/Audio Recording Release:**

I hereby give my permission and consent to the YMCA of the USA and collaborating third parties to make, reproduce, edit, or broadcast any video film, footage, soundtrack recordings, or photo reproductions of me and/or my narrative account of my experience within the Wisconsin Youth in Government program. I understand that I may or may not be identified in such reproductions; however, I shall not be stated by name to have endorsed any particular commercial products or services. I hereby release and discharge the Wisconsin Youth in Government program and its affiliate YMCAs from any and all claims in connection with the uses of these reproductions and/or narrative accounts of my experience.

**Delegate Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**STEVENS POINT AREA YMCA**  
**Adult or Parent/Guardian Consent/Release Form**  
**YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT 2018-2019**

\_\_\_ **P/G Initials** I hereby certify that my child is in good health and capable of safe participation, and can participate in the **YMCA Youth In Government Program 2018-2019**.

\_\_\_ **P/G Initials** I understand and acknowledge that the activity in which my child is about to participate in has inherent risks. I agree that my child's voluntary participation in this YMCA activity shall be undertaken at his/her sole risk, and that the YMCA, its directors, employees, and volunteers shall not be liable for any claims, injuries, damages, losses, illness, diseases, death, actions or causes of action whatsoever, to my child and his/her property, arising out of or connected to participation in this program.

\_\_\_ **P/G Initials** In the event that I or emergency contact listed below cannot be reached in an emergency, I give my consent for YMCA staff to act in my behalf in granting permission for my child to receive emergency treatment. I will be responsible for the payment of any and all medical services rendered.

\_\_\_ **P/G Initials** I give my permission for the YMCA or other media to use photographs, slides, and/or videotapes of my child for promotional purposes.

\_\_\_ **P/G Initials** Participants with special needs or challenges will be accepted provided that reasonable accommodations can be made for their participation in the program and/or their participation does not require an inordinate amount of staff time. I understand that if my child or I requires an unusual amount of one to one attention, whether due to special needs or behavior, my child may be denied or removed from the program without refund.

**Participant Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Birth Date** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age** \_\_\_ **M or F**

**Participant Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street City State Zip*

**Parent/Guardian Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Other Phone(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Name & Relationship** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone(s)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Other Emergency Info** \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical Insurance Carrier** \_\_\_\_\_ **Policy/Group #** \_\_\_\_\_

Please list and describe any participant **ALLERGIES** (medications, food, insects, animals, plants, etc...) \_\_\_\_\_

Please name any **MEDICATIONS** taken by participant (Also describe reason for taking) \_\_\_\_\_

Will participant medication need to be taken during this program \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Maybe

*All medications are required to be in their original container and be clearly labeled.*

Please list and describe any other participant **Health or Behavioral Conditions/Disorders/Impairments/Special Needs and indicate if there are any Restrictions** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ **P/G Initials** The information I provided above is accurate and complete and I understand that it is my responsibility to provide any changes/updates to the YMCA. I have carefully read and initialed each of the above parental/guardian consent sections. I fully understand that by signing this form I have given my consent on all sections contained within.

I \_\_\_\_\_ (participant) agree to abide by the Stevens Point Area YMCA policies and guidelines and the Youth In Government Code of Conduct. If I fail to follow these guidelines or code of conduct, I understand that the YMCA will notify my parents and that they will be expected to pick me up immediately and that I may be removed from the program without refund.

**Signature of Participant** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Parent/Guardian** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_