



Ohio-West Virginia Youth Leadership Association

Preparing the Next Generation of Civic Leaders

Leadership • Character • Service • Entrepreneurship • Philanthropy

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YLA

YLA youth groups are incubators of leadership! Teens learn what it takes to plan, organize, and work out— through trial and error—how to make their schools, communities, and world a better place to live. *This is the best thing I've done in school. I've learned so much, gained confidence I never dreamed I could have, got involved and now I am ready for the future!* YLA Chapters are most often school based. We do have one group sponsored by a City Council. YLA staff often travel to local YLA Chapters to participate in programs and activities and to provide training.

YLA Fall Leadership Conference - Nov. 9 – 11, 2018

YLA Fall Conference is a three-day opportunity for YLA members from across the region to gather for skill- building sessions, networking, best practices, and to strengthen the bonds between local YLA groups. Participants get an introduction to the entire program and return home with the enthusiasm and skills to become more involved. Fall Conference will be held at Jackson's Mill.

Youth & Government Seminars (YGS) 2019

Session 1 - Jan. 14 - 16 Session 2 – Jan. 21-23 Session 3 – Feb. 4 - 6
Session 4 – Feb. 13-15 Session 5 – Feb. 25 – 27

YLA Youth & Government Seminars (YGS) offer 8th graders an opportunity to witness first-hand how state government works through observation and interaction with government officials during the annual legislative session. **Offered in cooperation with the WV Department of Education, this hands-on laboratory complements the WV Studies standards and the Golden Horseshoe competition.**

8th Youth & Government Seminars are held in the Capitol and Federal Court House in Charleston. Housing is Embassy Suites.

YLA Model United Nations – March 1 – 3, 2019

YLA Model United Nations offers a “window on the world” opportunity for students to participate and experience a personal perspective in solving global and international issues. *Model UN is a great way to learn about the world. I came into this program with no knowledge about the UN or my nation. I left with that knowledge plus the ability to think as my nation and a greater appreciation for other nations.* Model United Nations is currently held at Comfort Inn Suites, Mineral Wells, WV.

YLA Youth in Government – April 26 – 28, 2019

Where else do teenagers get to “take over” the state capitol for three days? *This is great! We get to be legislators sitting in the same seats and using the same facilities they use. I've learned more about civics and state government this way than from any book or classroom. We take what we learn in class and get to apply it. Some of the laws we propose have actually become state law. Judicial is great! We get to see how the judicial system works. I don't want to be an attorney, but I need to understand the court.* YLA's West Virginia Youth in Government is held in the Capitol in Charleston with housing at Embassy Suites.

Horseshoe Leadership Center - 2019

Nestled in West Virginia's Appalachian mountains, **Horseshoe's** Teen Entrepreneurship (**June 9 – 15**) and Leadership-Service Summits (**Sr. High June 16 – 22 and Jr. High June 23-29**) are exceptional experiences for teens to network, work together, and learn how they can “make a difference” in their world for a better future. *This literally was the best week of my life. I'm going home a new person, I know who I am!*

Later in the season, Youth Opportunity Camps help low income 7 – 12 year old boys and girls get on the path toward success. *I see differences Horseshoe makes to kids' lives in just one week. They feel safe here, they get to be themselves here, they can forget about their worries here. Kids may come with nothing, but are given something priceless that lets them know someone cares!*

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