

**PENNSYLVANIA YMCA YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT PROGRAM
PARTICIPANT AUTHORIZATION FORM**

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS
(Code of Conduct)

All participants in the YMCA Youth & Government program should demonstrate the positive values of Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility. The types of personal behavior that are consistent with our purpose and objectives of the Youth & Government Program are listed here. The items within this "code" are based upon performance and are designed to protect the welfare of the program for future generations. Registration in this program indicates personal acceptance of these expectations. A signed copy will be required from each participant as a part of the registration process.

ASSUMPTIONS:

- A. Club Advisors are responsible for the conduct and welfare of their student club delegate at all local and statewide functions. It is the responsibility of the advisor to help students live up to these expectations.
- B. Every adult associated with the program is expected to perform as a Caring Adult Role Model. As such, they should take every opportunity to mentor to all Y&G members regardless of their actual club affiliation.
- C. Key to consequences for violating the code of conduct:
 - (DOS) Discretion of Staff
 - (LP) Lose position – become observer
 - (CP-SH) Call parents – send home
 - (CS) Call Hotel or Capitol Security
 - (SP) Summon Police

THE CODE:

- 1. Members are expected to remain on site for all statewide functions unless the approval of his or her advisor AND the Director of the program are secured. The Delegate must be picked up and returned by a parent or legal guardian. (CP-SH).
- 2. Members are expected to be faithful stewards of the facilities, supplies, and equipment that we encounter. This includes the property of fellow delegates and staff, schools, the Capitol and hotel. (Many furnishings in the Capitol are of great historic value). (CP-SH), (CS) and possibly (SP).
- 3. Members are expected to be respectful of the materials of officials in the State Government and shall not remove or tamper with them in any manner, either at desks in the Senate and House Chambers or any other room. (LP) and possibly (CS).
- 4. Members are expected to faithfully adhere to the rule prohibiting food and beverages in the Senate and House Chambers, Committee or Caucus Rooms, Library, offices and Governor's Reception Room. (LP).
- 5. Members' health and safety are very important to the YMCA and therefore we ask you respectfully refrain from the use of incense, tobacco products and the use of or possession of alcoholic beverages or non-prescription drugs. Possession or use of a firearm or other instrument that could be used as a weapon is forbidden at any Y&G function. (CP-SH) and possibly (CS), and (SP).
- 6. Male and female delegates may visit in each other's hotel rooms ONLY when accompanied by an advisor. (CP-SH).
- 7. Members are expected to strictly observe the established curfew when participating in overnight events. This means delegates must be in and remain in their assigned rooms with the doors closed until the curfew ends. (DOS) and possibly (LP).
- 8. Members are not permitted to invite or receive outside visitors at program events without previous approval from the Director. (CP-SH).
- 9. Members are expected to respect the sleep needs of others by eliminating all loud noises after scheduled curfew for overnight events. (CP-SH).
- 10. Visitors to Y&G programs are always welcome. However, they are expected to be pre-registered, and are restricted to observing the program. (DOS) and possibly (LP).
- 11. At overnight events, members are expected to lodge in their assigned rooms unless switched with the approval of their advisor and the Director is informed. (CP-SH).
- 12. Delegates are expected to attend ALL sessions of a program unless options are designated. (LP)
- 13. Members are expected to be identifiable by wearing their name badges at all times (including social activities) while attending Y&G events. (DOS) and possibly (LP).
- 14. Personal attire reflects upon personal attitude and the quality, purpose, and dignity of the entire Y&G Program. In the State Capitol, men are expected to wear a suit or sport coat with tie and trousers; women wear a dress, skirt and blouse, pants suit or dress pants with appropriate top. Shorts, jeans, and revealing attire are inappropriate in the Capitol. (DOS).

