

Youth in Government

Purpose:

The purpose of the Michigan YMCA Youth in Government program is to develop within youth a dedication to the values of democracy and leadership in the democratic process.

Advisor:

Ms. Blackburn/ Mr. Pollard

848-9385/848-9383

Mandatory Parent meeting: Monday, September 23th @6pm in Ms. Blackburn's classroom * subject to change

Conference date/place:

November 24-26, 2019 (*this is a change from the original date given*) Lansing, MI

Cost:

Students \$225.00

Due to the Ms. Blackburn: no later than October 1, 2019

***(Late payments CANNOT be accepted, and failure to pay will result in student not being able to attend conference.)

*checks made payable to Mason Middle School

The cost of the conference includes two nights at the Crowne Plaza West, banquet, t-shirt, dance, student bill book and all program materials, as well as transportation during the conference. Costs are based on students rooming 4 to a room.

A \$75.00 nonrefundable fee will be withheld for any student who drops up to two weeks prior to the Lansing conference. No refund is available after this period. (Per YIG)

Scholarship opportunity: We highly encourage all students to apply for the YIG scholarship to help offset the cost of the program.

Please apply at myig.org/cost-and-financial-assistance-60/

Deadline: September 28th at midnight

Departure:

We will leave from the Middle School promptly at **10:30 am on Sunday, the 24th**.

Snacks: Students may bring snacks for the ride up to Lansing. Any beverages must be in plastic containers or cans.

Students may bring snacks to keep in their hotel rooms--prepackaged please, and no coolers! There are beverage machines in the hotel, but in the past they have sometimes been unplugged. Therefore, students may want to bring a few drinks. We will provide a case of water for the trip.

We have several tree nut and peanut allergies, so please make sure that ALL student snacks are nut free to ensure that everyone has a positive experience! (I will provide a snack list closer to our departure.)

Additional money: At least \$40.00 for Monday's breakfast, lunch, Tuesday breakfast, lunch, and other snacks or souvenirs. There will be sweatshirts and T-shirts available to buy and competitive donation collections to help pay for next years' scholarships.

How should you dress?

Sunday on the bus - Comfy Clothes.

Sunday first meeting and rest of the day - Casual Dress (no jeans or T-shirts).

Monday - Business Dressed (no spiked heels)

Monday Dinner - Sunday Best

Monday Dance/movie - YIG T-shirts and jeans

Tuesday morning breakfast and send off meeting - Casual Dress (no jeans or T-shirts).

Conduct: Any student not following the YIG conduct rules will be asked to be picked up at the hotel by their parents.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this YIG experience possible!