



**YOU'RE
INVITED!**

Youth & Government
Open House/Informational
Meeting!
August 26, 6:30-7:30pm
at the YMCA

Kishwaukee Family YMCA
**YMCA YOUTH &
GOVERNMENT**



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Illinois Youth and Government:

Youth and Government (Y&G) provides students the opportunity to experience the democratic process and develop the leadership skills needed to become citizens of a participatory society.

YMCA Youth and Government promotes:

- An understanding of local, state, national, and international concerns
- Research, study, and debate on public issues
- Exploration of careers in public service
- Interaction with adult and youth leaders involved in decision-making processes
- An understanding of political systems and the forum they provide for the effective and peaceful resolution of issues and concerns
- Appreciation for the diversity of viewpoints on public issues and a concurrent respect for ideas, beliefs and the positions of others
- Demonstration of citizenship responsibilities and leadership roles essential to the health of a participatory democracy

Beginning in the fall of each year, students come together in their local delegations to choose their roles and prepare for the State Convention. All Y&G participants come together for a three-day event at their State Capitol. Legislators meet in committees and in the House and Senate chambers to debate legislation. Attorneys try their cases before student judges and engage in a moot trial competition. The entire event is covered by a student newspaper, published four times in three days, and by a student television news program that airs several times each day. Participants also engage in campaigns and elections for officers who will serve during the following year.



2019-2020 Program Info

Program dates: September 2019–March 2020

(Meets weekly at the Kishwaukee Family YMCA to collaborate with fellow community students to research and develop a bill to bring in front of model legislative program. Mock legislations to occur in the Chicagoland area twice in preparedness for model legislation in Springfield.)



Important Dates:

Open House/Informational Night

August 26, 6:30–7:30pm at the Y

Kick-off & Introductions

September 9, 6:00–7:30pm at the Y

1st Full Meeting, Officer Elections, and Roles

September 16, 6:00–7:30pm at the Y

**NEW!
MONDAY
NIGHT
MEETINGS!**



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