



Conference FAQs

- Q: What meals are/are not provided for registered participants (advisors, students, Y staff) at the HS State Conference?
 - A:
 - Provided meals: lunch Friday afternoon, lunch Saturday afternoon, dinner Saturday night.
 - Meals not provided: dinner Thursday, breakfast Friday, dinner Friday, breakfast Saturday, breakfast Sunday.
 - For breakfast on Sunday, some districts provide an option for students to order \$5 worth of breakfast food from McDonald's to be delivered to them on the bus. Advisors should with District Directors and coordinate number of orders, and process for collection of money.
- Q: What meals are/are not provided for registered participants (advisors, students, Y staff) at the Junior YG State Conference?
 - A:
 - Provided meals: Saturday lunch, Saturday dinner
 - Meals not provided: Saturday breakfast, Sunday breakfast
- Q: What should my student do for the meals that are not provided?
 - A: Meal time is built into the schedule for students to purchase their own food from the restaurants both inside and outside the hotel(s). Students should bring spending money for these meals or bring their own non-perishable food for these meals.
 - Room service will not be available to students, nor will other hotel incidentals be allowed like pay per view movies.
 - Students must abide by all mealtime schedules and curfews. Advisors should make sure their students have enough time to eat and be where they need to be on time.
- Q: What are some rules for the state conference?
 - A:
 - Students and adults must wear name badges and wristbands at all times.
 - Students may not enter **any** hotel room other than their own. Connecting doors between rooms must remain locked at all times.
 - Advisors may not be one-on-one with any student at any time.
 - Sick students/students entering or leaving outside of scheduled conference time must be reported to the Security Office.
 - Students must be signed out by parents or advisors if they must leave the conference premises outside of the scheduled times.
 - Students must abide by all schedules and curfews listed in the Conference Brochure.
 - Any amendments to rooming lists must be reported to the Security Office by advisors. Students may not change their own room assignments.
- Q: Where can my students get extra supplies (toiletries, pillows, sheets)?





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- A: A room at the hotel will be designated as the Conference Security Office and will be the location to pick up these items. They must be retrieved before curfew. Please do not call the hotel, housekeeping, or conference office for these items. Supplies are limited.

- Q: Is there a first aid station at the state conference(s)?
 - A: First Aid will only be available at two conference locations, the Security Office at the hotel and Volunteer Check in at the Capitol. Over the counter (OTC) medication cannot be dispensed by conference staff or volunteers.
- Q: Does my student have access to hotel amenities during any free time?
 - A: There is no phone service, movie access or gaming capabilities in students' rooms. Students will not have access to the fitness or pool areas.
- Q: Can parents book a room at conference hotel to observe conference?
 - A: Yes, Texas Y&G reserved a small room block of no more than 10 hotel rooms that parents can reserve on their own by calling the Renaissance Hotel. The hotel will begin accepting reservations December 12, 2016.
- Q: Can YG students participating in the State Conferences (High School or Middle School) stay in hotel room with parents?
 - A: The Texas Y&G Program is designed for middle school and high school students ready to experience a hands-on civic engagement program, which includes sharing a hotel room, 4 students per room, with students from same delegation/school/club, traveling to Austin with adult chaperones and YMCA staff (background checked) and fully participating in conference activities from 8 am-10pm. YG students are socializing and building friendships throughout the conference with likeminded students interested in civic engagement. Therefore it is strongly discouraged that YG participants stay in rooms with parents who attend the conference as guests.
 - A: If parents want their YG student to stay in hotel room with them, and not with other students, the student registration fee still applies, costs are not reduced. Parents will need to make their own hotel arrangements as discussed above regarding room blocks with the hotel. Additional questions can be referred to the State Director, Angela Castilleja angela@austinyymca.org

