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The first "Y" Club was started in 1919 at Fort Valley High School in Fort Valley, Georgia. The State YMCA was incorporated in 1929 with the primary purpose of establishing YMCA programs within the schools. Since that time, the State YMCA and the local YMCAs of Georgia have developed different programs with a common mission: "To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build a healthy spirit, mind and body for all." We maintain a mutually beneficial but independent relationship with local YMCAs.

Programs of the State YMCA of Georgia

Mission: To provide programs and opportunities for our youth which will promote self-esteem, leadership skills, and moral and civic responsibility.

"Y" Clubs

There are 100 Hi-Y, Tri-Hi-Y, Co-ed "Y" Clubs in more than 84 Georgia counties. The "Y" Club program provides thousands of middle and high school students with a school-based structured environment to develop leadership skills, understand the importance of civic responsibility, and enhance community awareness. "Y" Club members learn about the importance of giving back to their community through monthly school and community service projects. The "Y" Club purpose is, "To create, maintain, and extend throughout the home, school and community, high standards of Christian character."

Youth Training Conference

YTC is a fun and energetic statewide summer retreat that focuses on training "Y" Club officers and the development of leadership skills utilizing a servant leadership model.

Christian Life Conference

CLC is an annual spiritual emphasis retreat for members and Advisors from across the state. Participants are inspired and challenged through drama, speakers, music, classes, games and fellowship.

At CLC, District Officers are elected, and Club and individual achievements are recognized.

District Rally

Rally is a one day pep-rally to excited Clubs about the start of the new school year.

Youth in Government

Our Youth in Government programs are open to all public and private middle and high schools in Georgia. These programs are curriculum adaptable and provide hands-on civic experience in the workings of local, state and national governments.

Youth Assembly

Since 1946, more than 40,000 high school students in grades 9-12 have participated in this annual model state legislative and judicial program. Students may serve in one of the following positions: legislator, media, youth justice/attorney, lobbyist or as an elected youth official.

Junior Youth Assembly

This model state legislative program for students in grades 6-8 closely resembles the youth legislature. Students may serve as legislators or media reps.

Georgia United Nations Assembly

GUNA is a three day experience in diplomacy that provides students with a greater appreciation for our global community through hands-on interaction with international issues and solutions.

Global Citizenship...Around the Corner...Around the World.

Basketball Tournament

Saturday basketball tournament, where teams from across the state participate in District specific tourney's. Students will learn what true sportsmanship at this event.

Conference on National Affairs

Each year some of Georgia's best and brightest compete to represent Georgia at the YMCA Conference on National Affairs held at the YMCA's Blue Ridge Assembly in Black Mountain, N.C. These students select a topic of national interest, research the topic, and write a proposal relating to the topic. Students from across the country participate in this mock Congressional session.

Civic Youth Day

This civic experience is a locally coordinated effort between schools and local governments, allowing students to serve in the roles of their local officials.

Georgia Initiative Service Trip

GIST is a program offered that allows students to participate in a 3-6 day service trip traveling across parts of the state. Students will raise funds locally by speaking at community organizations and networking with those around them. Funds collected will go to a scholarship fund for students who are economically disadvantaged to attend State YMCA events. Students will experience service in action, as we travel to small communities that have a need for work in their community.

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