

CHRISTIAN LIFE CONFERENCE

Christian Life Conference (CLC) is held in the spring. CLC is the time when Club members focus on the "C" in the YMCA and on what that "C" means as individuals. **CLC is inspiring and uplifting.** It "builds Club members up" to help them become **stronger and more confident in their daily lives.** It is also when Club members gather for a great time of **friendship, games, growth, singing, skits, District Officer elections, and more.** It is a time for "looking back" on the school year and also "looking forward" to the next.

At CLC, "Y" Club members "look back" at the school year where Honor Club Awards are presented, recognizing **individuals and Clubs** for their hard work. District Officers are also elected to serve for the coming year.

Christian Life Conference is the conference that every "Y" Club member should attend because it can be the most memorable event in one's year in "Y" Club.

DISTRICT RALLY

Each District will host a District Rally in early fall to help Clubs get a **jumpstart to their school year** with pep and enthusiasm. This one-day rally provides a "refresher course" for students on how to effectively run a "Y" Club and provides them with tools and resources to have a successful Club year.

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS

District Basketball Tournaments are held in late winter/early spring. The one-day tournaments are beneficial for the Clubs in membership recruitment, and also in teaching **sportsmanship** and **teamwork.**



WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING...

"It is a comfort to me, as a principal, to know that our school has a program in place to develop "high character" leaders in our student body and community. "Y" Club serves as a great opportunity to develop future civic leaders and personal growth within our school. The influence these students have among our student body is priceless. One of our goals is to have a healthy culture for students at school. "Y" Club students contribute to the culture of our campus because of their value of others. At Cartersville High School, "Y" Club is open to all students who wish to become servant leaders in their schools and communities and who accept the core values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility."
Jay Floyd
Principal, Cartersville High School

"Colleges are looking for givers not takers. They like students who are well-rounded, have taken initiative, and shouldered responsibility because they know they will bring additional assets to campus," said Dr. Mark Fisher, president of Fisher Educational Consultants in Atlanta. If you haven't already, become involved in extracurricular activities. Besides building for you future, you'll be having fun now."
Atlanta Journal Constitution

"As an educator, I strongly believe that student organizations such as the "Y" Club, brings several quality opportunities for our young people. The State YMCA of Georgia has a rich history of promoting not only leadership skills but also emphasis on character development. Many leaders today in the State of Georgia obtained their leadership skills first by being a member of the "Y" Club in their local schools. That is why I am a big proponent of offering the "Y" Club and the opportunities it offers in our schools. It is a win-win situation for all involved."
Dr. Ron Saunders
Superintendent, Barrow County Schools

"Y" Club is more than just a club. It is an experience that has taught me a lot about myself and others. I have a new perspective on serving others."
Demetrius,
"Y" Club Member

"My child has been in "Y" Club for three years now, and he has really come out of his shell and developed into a well-rounded, outgoing young man."
Sarah, Parent

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GEORGIA UNITED NATIONS

Georgia United Nations Assembly (GUNA) is held in early Spring. GUNA is a fun and educational opportunity to meet cool teens from all over the state, learn from your peers about the different cultures, foods, ideas, dances, and people that make up our world. Best of all, it is the cheapest way to take a trip around the world!

This program creates a working replica of the United Nations, conducted almost entirely by students. Student minds are challenged to research world issues and global concerns while studying a particular nation's history, culture, economy, and system of government. They also form country groups of one to three people to represent their choice of one of the United Nations' 190 plus member states. In its "learning by doing" approach, GUNA is an innovative teaching technique that helps students develop a global perspective and sharpen their researching, writing and speaking abilities. Through various stages of inquiry, study, negotiation and debate, students acquire new skills and gain substantive knowledge about international issues and the various national perspectives on those concerns.

Georgia United Nations Assembly is a simulation in which students, representing U.N. member states, meet to find solutions to common problems. It is a fascinating laboratory where concepts and principles from the classroom can come to life as students begin to find new answers to tough questions, to learn and respect opposing points of view, and to utilize the tools of peaceful change. They also gain a better understanding of the role of the United Nations in the world community and often develop a life-long interest in international affairs.



YOUTH ASSEMBLY

The purpose of this three-day learning opportunity is to bring the workings of the Georgia State Government alive to students in grades 9 - 12. Students are given an opportunity to discuss current state issues with state administrators, elected officials, and students from high schools throughout the state.

Each conference is led by teens elected to office by their fellow delegates. Held annually at the State Capitol in Atlanta, this conference features volunteers from various state departments who act as resources for the students while they debate the issues. These volunteers, along with State YMCA staff, help guide the students through mock committee meetings and procedures as students debate and vote on the bills that their fellow delegates have written and presented. Bills that pass in committee are then taken to the floor of the House or Senate for full debate and vote.

Youth hold the offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House. Participants also engage in campaigns and elections for officers who will serve during the following year.

JR YOUTH ASSEMBLY

Junior Youth Assembly is a three-day learning opportunity for middle school students, grades 6-8, designed to give participants an experience in the operation of Georgia's State Government. Legislators meet in committees and in the House and Senate chambers to debate legislation.

Volunteers and the State YMCA staff help guide the students through mock committee meetings and debate. Also, students vote on the bills that their fellow delegates have written and presented on the floor of the House or Senate.



YOUTH TRAINING CONFERENCE

The Youth Training Conference (YTC) provides an opportunity for Georgia teens to come together with other teens from across the state in a hands-on learning environment. The conference focuses on leadership development for Advisors and students. Students can expect to learn team building exercises, Club Officer training, school and community service project ideas, and programs to strengthen their local Club.

During this three-day conference, students are busy rotating through assemblies, classes, and recreation. Assemblies are jammed packed with singing, games, skits, and inspiration. Classes will provide students with tools they can take home to share with their local Club. YTC is most famous for Bedlam Ball. Bedlam Ball is a unique game created by previous State "Y" Staff and can only be found and played at YTC. This game exemplifies its name and is complete "Bedlam". You will have more fun in two hours than any other time in your life.



"Y" CLUB

There are over 100 Hi-Y, Tri-Hi-Y, Co-ed "Y" Clubs in more than 84 Georgia counties. Thousands of middle and high school students develop leadership skills, understand the importance of civic responsibility, and enhance community involvement through monthly "Y" Club school and community service projects. "Y" Club is open to all middle and high school students.

The State YMCA (which sponsors "Y" Club) mission is "to provide programs and opportunities for our youth which promote self esteem, leadership skills and a sense of moral and civic responsibility."

Local "Y" Club Members...

- ...Organize, manage, and lead their own local Club;
- ...Recruit members into the Club;
- ...Select and support officers, committee chairs, and special project leaders;
- ...Conduct meetings and committee work to make and implement decisions;
- ...Create, plan and carry out school and community service projects monthly;
- ...Build school and community civic leadership;
- ...Participate in District and statewide conferences.

