Military Order of the World Wars, Region VIII Youth Leadership Conferences

Oklahoma Christian University (OCUYLC), Edmond, Oklahoma

12 - 15 June 2023 Director LTC Robert Mathews

Schreiner University (SUYLC), Kerrville, Texas

18 - 22 June 2023 Director COL Bobby Woods

Texas Wesleyan University (TWUYLC), Fort Worth, Texas

9 - 13 July 2023 Director LTC Paul Faidley

Texas A&M University (TAMUYLC), College Station, Texas

16 - 20 July 2023 Director MG Gary Bunch













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WHAT: The 2023 Annual Youth Leadership Conferences (YLCs) of Region VIII, Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) and affiliated organizations will be held in-person this summer.

The purpose of the program is to teach high school students the fundamentals of Leadership, Americanism, Patriotism, the American Free Enterprise and Judicial systems; the fundamentals of citizenship. The conferences provide excellent speakers, workshops, networking with their peers from across the state, and are a memorable experience for the high school students.

Approximately 250 students are selected annually to attend these conferences, with awards presented to the Outstanding Student at each conference. The expectation is that the students will return to their high schools with a better understanding of what a leader truly is, how they lead effectively, and impart that knowledge to their peers.

WHO: Participants are high school leaders from the states of Texas and Oklahoma who are entering their Junior or Senior years in the Fall of 2023. They are selected by sponsoring Chapters of the Military Order of the World Wars or by other affiliated sponsoring organizations.

HOW: Students are sponsored at no cost to them. The sponsorship includes all meals, lodging and program costs. Parents provide their student's transportation to and from the conferences.

While at the conferences, the students are always under adult supervision. The students are assigned to teams and led by previous graduates of the YLCs who serve as counselors and facilitators for the workshops. The students are housed in university dormitories with men and women separated. They eat in university dining facilities and meet in university auditoriums and classrooms. Some of the conferences have field trips to local attractions such as the President George H.W. Bush Presidential Library, the National Museum of the Pacific War, and the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

WHEN & WHERE:

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All the mandated COVID-19 precautions and protections required by Texas, Oklahoma and the host Universities will be observed.

Sample Youth Leadership Conference Schedule

Day 1	Theme: Orientation and YLC Focus	
12:00 PM		Student Arrivals and Room Key Issue
2:00	Orientation	Introductions, Conference rules and Policies
3:00	Workshop #1	Team Tasks & Preparations for "Talent Night"
7:0 8:00	Workshop #2	Team discussions: "Leaders I Admire" & Citizenship Challenge
10:30	Workshop #3 Quiet Time	Team discussions: "Defining Leadership & US Presidents Quiz' All students in quarters. Lights out by 11:00 p.m.
	Theme: Leadership and the Bill of Rights	
Day 2		• •
6:30 AM 8:30	Roll Call	Exercises and games Toom discussions "Identifying the Top National Issues"
9:30	Workshop #4.1 Workshop #4.2	Team discussions "Identifying the Top National Issues" Team presentations "Prioritizing the Top National Issues"
10:30	Workshop #5.1	Preparations for the Trial, "Carla Jensen vs. White Star Lines"
1:00 PM	Workshop #5.2	"The Titanic Trial"
2:00	Speaker #1	"The Law and You"
3:00	Field Trip #1	Local Landmark, Leadership Attraction
5:00	Speaker #2	"Leadership by Example"
7:00	Movie	Demonstrated Principles of Leadership
9:00	Workshop #6	Preparations for "Talent Night"
10:30	Quiet Time	All students in quarters. Lights out by 11:00 PM
Day 3	Theme: Leadership and Free Enterprise	
6:30 AM	Roll Call	Exercises and games
8:30	Speaker #3	"American Exceptionalism"
9:30	Workshop #7	Team discussions, "Federal Control vs. Free Enterprise"
11:00	Speaker #4	"You are Tomorrow's Leaders"
1:00	Speaker #5	"Free Enterprise and Capitalism"
2:00 3:00	Speaker #6	"Freedom isn't Free" Court cases, "Supreme Court decisions: The 10 Amendments"
6:30	Workshop #8 Workshop #9	Talent Night, "America's Got Talent"
10:30	Quiet Time	All students in quarters. Lights out by 11:00 PM
Day 4	Theme: Leadership and You	
6:30 AM	Roll Call	Exercises and games
8:30	Workshop #10	Letters to Sponsoring organizations and Student elections
10:30	Speaker #7	"Texas Leads the Way"
6:00	BANQUET	RECEPTION, FOLLOWED BY SUPPER
7:00	Speaker #8	Banquet Speaker
10:30	Quiet Time	All students in quarters – with lights out by 11:00 PM
Day 5	•	
6:30 AM	Rise and shine	All students pack for departure.
8:30	Speaker #9	"Lead, Follow or Get Out of the Way"
10:00	Out-processing	Final packing, dorm cleaning, key turn-in, and departure