



YOUTH LEADERSHIP

PATRIOTIC AND CIVIC EDUCATION



I loved this conference. And I am so blessed to have received the opportunity to attend. Thank you so much for providing an amazing camp at which I learned to become a better leader and a patriot.

THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE WORLD WARS (MOWW), founded in 1919 after World War I, is a patriotic, non-partisan Veterans Service Organization (VSO) dedicated to promoting and encouraging good citizenship, patriotic education, military and public service, national security, and youth programs.

Multi-day Youth Leadership Conferences (YLC) are educational conferences that allow US high school students to develop leadership skills via patriotic education. MOWW sponsors over 20 multi-day YLCs in 17 states and several single-day Youth Leadership Seminars (YLS).

By fostering leadership skills in high school students and educating them in civics, the constitutional framework of our government, capitalism, and entrepreneurship prepares them to assume influential positions in our society. The goal is to improve students' leadership abilities as well-informed citizens to benefit their schools and communities.





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Leadership

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American Heritage &
Patriotism

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Free Enterprise System

Over 15,000 students each year follow a curriculum focused on Leadership (50%), American Heritage & Patriotism (30%), and Free Enterprise System (20%). The curriculum also includes writing, speaking, and leadership exercises. Students may compete in the national Phoenician Essay competition, the winners of which are awarded a cash prize.

Numerous experts from different backgrounds and life experiences engage the students in lectures, interactive discussions, and participatory exercises to attain these goals.

Much of the YLC is a team activity where participants develop their teamwork with inter-group competitions. Our participants hear and interact with civic, educational, military, and other professionals who inspire and challenge students to be impactful leaders. Activities include flag-raising and lowering ceremonies, team-building, communication exercises, essay writing, and student-led discussion sessions. Student teams conduct an exercise involving current critical topics facing our country. Each team presents a skit to persuade their fellow students of their solution, using various governmental and non-governmental levers of power.

Participants benefit as they are more likely to take responsibility for themselves and their lives, take on the complex challenges presented during high school, college years, and beyond, and embrace those challenges with a can-do attitude.





“YLCs Help Students To Get Ahead”

YLC STUDENT TESTIMONIAL BY JONNY PHAN

At the San Diego Youth Leadership Conference (SDYLC) participants take part in a variety of activities that involve public speaking, teamwork, and learning about the nuances of city counseling, entrepreneurship, and the American heritage. Students are assigned into respective “Patriotic” groups to function as a team for the rest of the conference. Participants have an unforgettable experience developing valuable skills from the focused workshops, group discussions, and debates while cherishing memories from friendships and bonds outside of their own schools.

Students learn about civics and historical events that influenced our country. A mnemonic device helps them memorize the Bill of Rights. These amendments, as well as Constitution knowledge that the students learned before arriving at the YLC (requirements to be President, Senator, etc.) are subject material in a Jeopardy-style game show run by the student instructors.

Patriotic groups start a business from scratch and compete for their business to be chosen based on their business plan, marketing, and creativity. At the end, groups present their business to a panel of judges.

The goal of SDYLC is for students to expand their leadership knowledge and apply it back to their communities. As a result of the YLC experience, students are prepared to become better citizens and future leaders of our country.

Jonny Phan attended the San Diego Youth Leadership Conference at the University of California, San Diego

The Phoenician Award

The Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) annually selects winners of the national YLC essay competition from among the top graduates of each YLC, presenting them the MOWW Phoenician Award and cash prizes in local ceremonies attended by family, friends, schools, government and media.

MOWW's Patriotic Education Committee is responsible for the judging of this award based on the best essay on a specific national issue. Upon selection of the award recipients, they receive several awards:

- The winner receives a \$2,000 scholarship, a Phoenician Award Certificate, the Commander-in-Chief's Coin of Excellence and Letter of Congratulations.
- The First Runner-Up receives a \$1,000 scholarship, a Phoenician Award Certificate, Commander-in-Chief's Coin of Excellence and Letter of Congratulations.
- The Second Runner-Up receives a \$500 scholarship, a Phoenician Award Certificate, Commander-in-Chief's Coin of Excellence and Letter of Congratulations.

The National Sojourners

The Military Order of the World Wars partner with the National Sojourners. National Sojourners attend YLC and YLS sessions where they teach the meaning and history of the Flag.





Youth Leadership Seminars (YLS)

MOWW Youth Leadership Seminars (YLS) are one-day educational seminars similar to the YLC. Of shorter duration, these seminars focus on specialized topics such as civics, law & order, flag education, etc. The primary means for sharing this information are presentations by credentialed experts who interact with students and facilitate discussion and activities in which attendees work toward a team solution.

In addition to presenters from various military components who speak on leadership and patriotism, historical interpreters entertain and educate students about significant historical characters and events. Pictured, retired National Guard Sergeant Major Willis Phelps tells the story of an African American Civil War soldier.



I had the time of my life at this conference. The way leadership was approached here will stick with me the rest of my life. This whole place was so positive and helped me open my shell to others.



YLC Schedule

Youth Leadership Conferences

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| Jan | New England YLC | Northfield, VT |
| Feb | Augusta YLC | Augusta, GA |
| March | New England YLC | Northfield, VT |
| March | Philadelphia YLC | Valley Forge, PA |
| April | Kentucky YLC1 | Fort Knox, KY |
| April | Region4 YLC1 | Williamsburg, VA |
| May | Region4 YLC2 | Williamsburg, VA |
| May | Region4 YLC3 | Williamsburg, VA |
| May | Tampa Bay YLC | St. Petersburg, FL |
| June | Oklahoma Christian YLC | Edmond, OK |
| June | Schreiner University YLC | Kerrville, Texas, TX |
| June | San Diego YLC | San Diego, CA |
| June | Thousand Oaks YLC | Thousand Oaks, CA |
| June | Rocky Mountain YLC | Pueblo, CO |
| June | Northwest YLC | Tacoma, WA |
| July | Texas Wesleyan Univ. YLC | Ft Worth, TX |
| July | Arizona YLC | Glendale, AZ |
| July | Texas A&M YLC | College Station, TX |
| Sept | Kentucky YLC2 | Fort Knox, KY |
| Nov | Huntsville YLC | US Space & Rocket Center |



Follow the QR Codes to view updated schedules, YLC and YLS Directors and their contact information.

Youth Leadership Seminars

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| Jan | Holland YLS | Rancho Bernardo, CA |
| Jan | Philadelphia YLS | Camden, NJ |
| Feb | Philadelphia YLS | Philadelphia PA |
| March | Philadelphia YLS | Fairless Hill, PA |
| March | Delaware YLS | Wilmington, DE |
| April | Law & Order YLS | Annapolis, MD |
| April | Empire Cadet YLS | San Diego, CA |
| April | Northeast Florida YLS | Starke, FL |
| May | Puerto Rico YLS | Puerto Rico, PR |

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| May | Sun City YLS | Sun City Center, FL |
| June | Central Arkansas YLS | Little Rock, AR |
| June | Baton Rouge YLS | Baton Rouge, LA |
| June | Great Lakes YLS | Great Lakes, IL |
| June | Hawaii YLS | Honolulu, HI |
| Oct | Puerto Rico YLS | San Juan, PR |
| Oct | Delaware YLS | Wilmington, DE |
| Oct | New Jersey2 YLS | Mays Landing, NJ |



YLS Schedule



NATIONAL YLC 2024



Beginning in July 2024, we will invite the most motivated YLC students to spend a week in Washington, DC. They will visit historical sites, observe the interactions between branches of government, view inter-departmental activities and gain exposure to the critical role the US plays with our global neighbors. The students who attend will leave with a much better understanding of the variety of opportunities to serve our nation in the 21st century.



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