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## **CODE OF CONDUCT: HI-Y FAMILY OF PROGRAMS**

*Hi-Y, Youth in Government, Model United Nations, Horseshoe, Cave Lake, Youth Action Council*

### **HI-Y Leadership Center (Ohio-West Virginia YMCA)**

Hi-Y programs work to build responsible life-long good citizens of character who work to build better homes, schools and communities for all.

Participation in all parts of a HI-Y program shall be maintained on an intellectual and productive level. A level of conduct is expected of all participants (youth, advisor, and staff) that require self-control, individual decision-making, responsibility and adherence to a dress code that is appropriate to each HI-Y program.

Responsible HI-Y conduct must be the concern of each participant for the responsibilities and rights of every individual and that of the group. Being responsible for one's own behavior at all times is a necessary part of self-government. It is essential that all students, advisors and staff act responsibly to ensure that their own conduct and attitude are beneficial not only to themselves and all other participants but also to ensure the continuation of the HI-Y program. By choosing to participate, it is expected that each individual has read, understands and agrees to follow the Code of Conduct while attending any conference sponsored by the HI-Y Leadership Center.

All participants share equally the responsibility for their actions when violations of the Code of Conduct are witnessed. Those who decide to be present when a violation occurs shall by their own choice, be considered participants in the violation. In this program there are no "innocent bystanders."

Each person must recognize that their failure to carry out the Code of Conduct may lead to their own and perhaps their delegation's dismissal from the program.

Each person and every delegation is to support the purpose and procedures of the HI-Y program they are attending in both spirit and action and work for the success of the program for everyone.

In general, the behavior that is expected can be summarized in these four (4) points:

1. Treat others as one wants to be treated.
2. Do not do anything that hurts another person, place or thing.
3. Do not do anything that could potentially bring harm to another person, place or thing.
4. Do not fail to do something that would help others, make the place we are using cleaner, safer and a better experience for all.

More specifically, this Code of Conduct has been developed to identify the type of personal behavior that is consistent with the purpose of HI-Y Leadership Center Programs. The items in the Code are based upon performance and are designed to protect everyone involved including the welfare of these programs for future generations. Participation in a HI-Y Leadership Center Program indicates personal acceptance of this Code of Conduct.

Individuals, Delegation and Advisors are to carry out the Code. Where necessary, HI-Y Leadership Center Staff will assist and reserve the right (*discretion*) for the "final say" as these programs are HI-Y Leadership Center Programs.

We, the Participants, Advisors, and Staff taking a part in HI-Y Leadership Center Programs are to uphold the following CODE OF CONDUCT.

1. **Each participant shall conduct themselves in an orderly and responsible manner in transit to and from, and during all functions of HI-Y Leadership Center Programs. Personal behavior reflects upon the quality of the program, one's delegation, the HI-Y Leadership Center, school and one's self. Participants are expected to conform to this Code of Conduct on the honor system.** (*Discretion of HI-Y Staff*) and possibly (*Lose position or privileges*) and/or (*Call parent-send home*) and/or (*Notify school officials*).
2. **Participation in all parts of a HI-Y Program shall be maintained on an intellectual and productive level.** (*Discretion of HI-Y Staff*) and possibly (*Lose position or privileges*).
3. **Nametags shall be worn visibility on the front of the upper torso at all times at conferences when outside assigned lodging facility room.** (*Discretion of HI-Y Staff*) and possibly (*Lose position or privileges*).
4. **Each participant shall attend all scheduled program functions, activities, meetings, etc.** (*Discretion of HI-Y Staff*) and possibly (*Lose position or privileges*) and/or (*Call parents-send home*) and/or (*Notify school officials*).

5. **Harassment or intimidation by words, gestures, body language or any other menacing behavior will not be tolerated at any HI-Y function, activity, meeting and training session.** *(Discretion of HI-Y Staff) and possibly (Lose position or privileges) and/or (Call parents-send home) and/or (Notify school officials) and/or (Call security) or (Summon police).*
6. **The use, possession or concealment of incense, candles, tobacco products, alcoholic beverages or non-prescription drugs are forbidden at any HI-Y program, function, activity, meeting, and training session.** *(Call parents-send home) and/or (Notify school officials) and possibly (Call security) and/or (Summon police).*
7. **The use, possession or concealment of any weapons is forbidden at any HI-Y conference or function.** *(Call parents-send home) and/or (Notify school officials) and possibly (Call security) and/or (Summon police).*
8. **The use, possession or concealment of electronic devices including but not limited to compact disc or tape players, video games, radios, TV's cell phones, etc. shall not be permitted during official program functions. They are not permitted anytime at Y programs held at Horseshoe.** *(Discretion of HI-Y Staff) and possibly (Lose position or privileges) and/or (have the item(s) taken for the duration of the conference, camp or activity).*
9. **Each participant is legally and financially responsible for any removal, defacing or willful damage to public or private property. This includes the property of other participants, advisors and staff, organizations, businesses, lodging and conference facilities and the State.** *(Discretion of HI-Y Staff) (Call parents-send home) and/or (Notify school officials) and possibly (Call security) and/or (Summon police).*
10. **Materials of lodging and conference facilities, State and state officials at Youth in Government, and any other facility in use by a HI-Y Leadership Center Program shall not be removed or tampered with in any way.** *(Discretion of HI-Y Staff) and possibly (Call parents-send home) and/or (Notify school officials) and possibly (Call security).*
11. **No participant shall leave a program function unless the approval of their advisor AND HI-Y Staff is secured. The participant is to be picked up and returned by a parent or legal guardian.** *(Call parents-send home) and/or (Notify school officials).*
12. **Participants shall not leave the lodging facility except while in transit to or from an official program function or activity. Participants may not use or be transported in private vehicles during any program function without approval of a parent or legal guardian and adult Advisor and HI-Y Staff.** *(Discretion of HI-Y Staff) and possibly (Call parents-send home) and/or (Notify school officials).*
13. **Lodging facility room switches are not permitted without the approval of the delegation Advisor and HI-Y Staff.** *(Discretion of HI-Y Staff) and possibly (Call parents-send home) and/or (Notify school officials).*
14. **There is NO coed visiting in lodging facility rooms nor coed delegation meetings in lodging rooms.** *(Discretion of HI-Y Staff) and possibly (Call parents-send home) and/or (Notify school officials).*
15. **Participants shall observe quiet hours in consideration of those who choose to rest. Participants shall be in and remain in their assigned lodging facility room by the curfew listed for the program. Curfew will remain in effect until 7:00 a.m. the next morning.** *(Discretion of HI-Y Staff) and possibly (Lose position or privileges) or (Call parents-send home) and/or (Notify school officials).*
16. **Participants shall not invite or receive visitors. Visitors, Alumni, etc. are not permitted in the lodging facility unless approved by the Advisor and HI-Y Staff. Visitors, Alumni, etc. are not permitted in lodging facility guest sleeping rooms at any time.** *(Discretion of HI-Y Staff) and possibly (Lose position or privileges) or (Call parents-send home) and/or (Notify school officials).*
17. **Guests are restricted to lobbies and visitor areas unless approval is secured from HI-Y Staff.** *(Discretion of HI-Y Staff) and possibly (Call security) or (Summon police).*
18. **Participants, Advisors and Staff will dress appropriately for the program they are attending. Of particular concern is YG where appropriate dress for men are suits or dress pants, dress shirt, tie and jacket. Appropriate dress for women is a business suit or business dress. YG is in the State Capitol where proper business dress is expected. See YG manual for complete description. For recreation at YG, casual dress is appropriate.** *(Discretion of HI-Y Staff).*
19. **Chewing gum, candy, food and beverages are not permitted in the Capitol, Supreme Court, and in certain areas of other programs.** *(Discretion of HI-Y Staff) and possibly (Lose position or privileges) or (Call parents-send home) and/or (Notify school officials)*

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Student LEGIBLY PRINTED NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_