



**YMCA of Delaware Youth in Government
Middle School Conference Sample Schedule
November 12th, 2016**

9:00am **Arrival & Registration**

9:30 am **Opening Remarks – House of Representatives Chamber**

10:00 am **Ice Breakers for Family Groups**

Students would be split into 6-8 separate “Family Groups” which they will work with throughout the day. This will allow students to meet peers from other schools from around the state. The family groups will be led by 2-3 High School Youth in Government students who will work with the family group for the day.

10:30 – 12:30pm **Legislative Process & Bill Writing**

Our High School leaders will help the students gain a better understanding of the Legislative Process, and how a bill becomes law. Students will then have the chance to write their own piece of legislation for a change they would like to see in their community.

LUNCH

11:00 am **Lunch A**

11:30 am **Lunch B**

12:00 pm **Lunch C**

12:30 pm **Bill Sharing & Ranking**

Each family group will hold a bill sharing session where the students will present their Bill to their family group. Students will be asked to rank each Bill and the top Bill from each group will be debated at the end of the day.

1:15 pm **Parliamentary Procedure Practice & Mock Bill**

Students will be introduced to the basics Parliamentary Procedure and Roberts Rules of Order. They will be given an opportunity to practice those skills with funny mock legislation written by our high school leaders.

2:00 pm **Debate in Chambers**

The top ranked bill from each family group will be presented by the bill author(s) and debated in the House or Senate Chamber. This final session will give the students the opportunity to put all of the skills they have learned to use.

4:00 pm **Closing Ceremonies**