

## Horseshoe Summits Produce Results!



YG Leadership Summit at Horseshoe "opens your mind to the possibilities of what working with others can accomplish . . . It WILL change your life . . . You'll find your true self and leave a changed person . . . I have learned more, grown more and become the person I was intended to be . . . Horseshoe made me who I am and proud of who I am . . . This is an absolute masterpiece of time . . . You'll come away with a different perspective – always for the better."

Join an adventure of meeting new people in a new place surrounded by the spectacular mountain beauty of the Monongahela National Forest in one of America's most popular recreation destinations. Charter bus transportation available.

## Youth Opportunity Camps

**For A Better Life!** Horseshoe's YOC helps boys and girls build confidence, develop self-control, get along with others and set goals. YOC promotes physical and mental activity, good nutrition, school success, positive choices and healthy living. Children thrive in Horseshoe's guided atmosphere of purpose, positive role models, caring expectations, learning and character building activities. The residential experience of family and community is Horseshoe's distinctive difference in the lives of children.

**YOC Camps June 30-July 6, July 7-13, 14-20, 21-27, 2013**



## Preparing West Virginia's Next Generation of Civic Leaders

57<sup>th</sup> West Virginia Youth in Government April 25-27, 2014

*"YLA teaches us things we can't and DON'T learn in school. It breeds thinkers, problem solvers, and the next generation of leaders. It arms us with skills and an understanding that no one can ever take away from us. YLA helps those who cannot help themselves and helps students adopt a mindset that allows them to effectively help others. To not have HI-YLA is to not want students to be educated, helpful citizens."*

Michaela Cloutier  
Fairmont Sr. High School



*"Youth in Government is an invaluable learning experience for our youth and for adults to learn what today's teenagers believe will improve our state. All YLA programs help youth direct their lives to achievement and active citizenship. Today's generation is our future. We count on you to learn all you can, do all the good you can, and build better futures for all our citizens."*

Senator Roman Prezioso  
Chairman, West Virginia YLA Youth in Government Committee

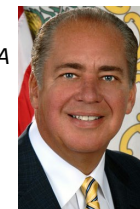


WV YLA Youth in Government survey reveals that

- 100% of those in the Legislative portion would recommend WV YG to others, and
- 97% of the Judicial participants would recommend the program
- 100% of both the Legislative participants and Judicial participants learned more in YG than in the classroom
- 100% of the Legislative and Judicial participants plan to attend college

*"I am pleased you have a genuine interest in how government works. Your YLA experience is geared to move your knowledge beyond the traditional classroom to give you the perspective of a state leader. Your participation helps you develop leadership skills and civic responsibility while demonstrating your commitment to good citizenship and the governmental process."*

Earl Ray Tomblin  
Governor



*"HI-YLA is one of the few programs that can actually lead to change. I've seen many of my friends and my own sister grow, mature, and become entirely different people because of YLA. HI-YLA teaches leadership and values we often find lacking in this world and sets young adults on the right path."*

Ally Rey Carpenter  
St. Mary's High School

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## Teen Leadership Summits at Horseshoe

**June 16-22, 2013, SR Teen Leadership Summit • June 23-29, 2013, JR Teen Leadership Summit**



During the six-day summit, participants will:

- ♦ **Discover their potential.**
- ♦ **Welcome new experiences - chart their future - bring new enthusiasm and in the process discover all they can be and all they can offer.**
- ♦ **Learn the basics of successful youth groups.**
- ♦ **Make their youth group the best it can be when they return home!**

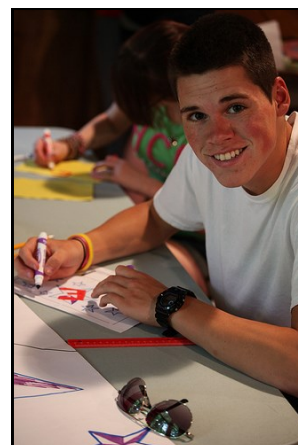


## Teen Entrepreneurship Summit at Horseshoe

**June 9-15, 2013**

Participants will discover the principles of entrepreneurship, civic leadership and volunteer service in six days of fun interactive learning. They will also meet business persons and successful entrepreneurs. Topics discussed include:

- ♦ **Behaviors and Personal Attributes**
- ♦ **Private Enterprise**
- ♦ **Entrepreneurship**
- ♦ **WV Business and Industry**
- ♦ **Business & Public Relations**
- ♦ **Community Development**
- ♦ **People are Key**







YLA Spirit of the Mountains honored former **Governor Gaston Caperton** with the Lewis N. McManus YLA Service Award in special ceremonies hosted by Governor Earl Ray and First Lady Joanne Yeager Tomblin. The House and Senate recognized Governor Caperton with Resolutions commending his leadership advancing education, public service, and youth.



## YLA Youth in Government & 8th Grade Youth & Government Seminars Build our Future Leaders

Academic / learning skills students use and develop in the YG process include-

- ◆ Research
- ◆ Writing
- ◆ Public Speaking
- ◆ Social Skills
- ◆ Debate
- ◆ Thinking on your feet
- ◆ Issues of state concern
- ◆ Reasoning
- ◆ Other perspectives
- ◆ Networking
- ◆ Value of advance preparation and work
- ◆ Formulating, editing, and writing arguments



### 2014 West Virginia Youth in Government Elected Officers

Front row (l-r): Kinna Poling – Senate Chaplain – Buckhannon-Upshur; Garrett O'Connell – House Clerk – Hedgesville; Jillian O'Connell – House Chaplain – Hedgesville

Back Row (l-r): Mikenze Poling – Speaker of the House – Buckhannon-Upshur; Jacob Boyce – Chief Justice – Wyoming East; Ashley Barlow – Governor – Buckhannon-Upshur; Michael MacKnight – President of the Senate – Bend Area; Kiersten Bennett – Senate Clerk—Roane County



## YLA's Distinctive Difference



**On-going process** – leadership preparation is a process, not an event;

**Learn by doing** – leadership requires action best learned by doing;

**Time away** – leadership preparation requires time away from everyday distractions—YLA offers Youth in Government, Model UN, Entrepreneurship and Leadership Summits at Horseshoe, plus teen leadership retreats and conferences;

**Making a real difference** – the value of leadership training must be measure by differences youth make in their homes, schools, communities, and world.



## YLA Connects Youth to their Communities



**Bend Area HI-YLA** gives Christmas gifts to children hoping for a visit from Santa.



Members of the **Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity** assist Horseshoe in spring repairs and cleanup.



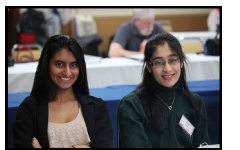
**Oak Hill HI-YLA** Grandma Pageant.



## YLA Opens Windows on the World ~ YLA Connects Youth with Peers beyond their Communities and State

34<sup>th</sup> YLA Model United Nations March 14 – 16, 2014

2014 UN Officers : **Secretary General** - Kennedy Roberts, Roane County  
**President, General Assembly** – Devin Spinks, Nicholas County **Council Presidents** – Mary Bean and Tim Cichanowicz, Dayton; Isaac Liu, Charleston; Riley Keaton, Roane County.



## YLA Model United Nations



*YLA Model UN opened my world view on international affairs. I'm excited to see other students as interested and as passionate as I am.*

*UN is a wonderful experience. You learn so much more in three days than you can in weeks of social studies class.*

*I'm from Germany. I'm going to do this back home.*



Upon the closing of the 2013 Model UN Conference, student surveys indicated:

**100% learned a great deal about international issues**

**100% will recommend YLA Model United Nations to others**

**Model United Nations March 14 – 16, 2014**

## YLA Fall Conference

*I learned a lot about being a leader and met a lot of nice people. I'll be back next year.*

*It was a lot of fun and as a new delegation we left with a better sense of HI-YLA and its purpose. We have new friends and a new vision.*

*A survey taken at the end of the last Fall Conference indicated:*

100% of the students will recommend Fall Conference to others.

100% will be better YLA members because of FC.



**Fall Conference November 15 – 17, 2013**