

## **DAILY CLOTHING NEEDS & DRESS CODE:**

### **In General:**

- Most activities will require **business dress**, which is a suit, or a coat, dress shirt and tie for men and dress or coordinated pant suits with dress blouse/shirt for ladies.
- We will enjoy one formal evening. Ladies should plan to bring a long evening gown. Gentlemen should plan on a dark suit.
- Please be aware that we will be visiting with many very influential leaders in prestigious locations which require we all have a **conservative business professional look**.
- Since most of us will not have a different suit or outfit to wear each day of the conference, it is perfectly acceptable to mix and match the same suits, etc.

Each day involves **lots** of walking, **so keep that in mind when selecting shoes**. Each year during the post conference evaluation, the Youth Governors encourage us to **stress even more stringently the importance of bringing comfortable walking shoes**, even if it requires you to carry your dress shoes in your bag for quick changes before meetings. You may sincerely regret not bringing a pair of shoes that will be good to your feet. D.C. weather in June is usually hot and the occasional thundershower will greet us during the afternoon, **so be prepared** - an umbrella might be a handy thing to have!

**Dress code will be enforced if there is inclement weather.**

If you have any questions or need clarifications about the dress codes for various events, please be in contact with the YGC Leadership Team. If you have difficulties gathering any of the items needed please let us know so we can help you.

Youth Governors who are not in dress code for any of the sessions will not be permitted to participate.

### **Dress code definitions:**

#### **Code #1: Briefing Attire (aka Your Best Youth In Government attire).**

This would include coat and tie for men and dresses, suits or the equivalent for women. Denim articles would not be appropriate. When in doubt, dress up rather than down. This would not be the proper area to test the system. **PLEASE NOTE:** For women, flip-flops or capris (**no matter how dressy**) are NOT APPROPRIATE FOR CODE #1

#### **Code #2: Nice casual attire.**

This would be casual clothes that are comfortable but look nice enough for you to represent this national conference. Shorts and shirts or long pants and shirt/top would be fine, but daisy-ducks, halter or mid-riff tops, worn jeans and clothes with advertising, inappropriate symbols or slogans are not acceptable. **PLEASE NOTE:** For women, flip-flops or capris (**no matter how dressy**) are NOT APPROPRIATE FOR CODE #2

**Code #3: Hang-Around Attire.**

This means whatever as long as it would represent well the top youth leadership in the YMCA Youth In Government Program. As above, daisy-dukes, halter or mid-riff tops, jeans with holes, clothes with questionable advertising, logos or other advertising across the buttocks or inappropriate messages are not acceptable. You are a leader representing the YMCA.

**Dress Code Schedule:**

**Saturday, June 9:** Code #3

**Sunday, June 10:**  
For events/sessions all day Code #3

**Monday, June 11:**  
DC Tours **YGC TOURING ATTIRE\***  
Evening Session Code #2  
Downtime Code #3

**Tuesday, June 12:**  
Morning & Afternoon Sessions Code #1  
Evening Session Code #2  
Downtime Code #3

**Wednesday, June 13:**  
Day on the Hill Code #1 - *Bring comfortable shoes for commuting*  
Formal Dinner (gowns/suits) **FORMAL EVENING WEAR\*\***  
Evening Recreation Code #3

**Thursday, June 14:**  
Final Day Sessions Code #3  
Return Home Code #3

**\* YGC Touring Attire:** This will be the only exceptions to the dress codes – we will be trying to balance comfort and professionalism. **Ladies and gentlemen will be expected to wear a royal blue golf shirt or polo, khakis, and athletic shoes** (comfortable and in good condition) – *no flip-flops or sandals*. Khakis can be shorts (long), capris, or pants. Remember that we will be walking a lot this day and it is likely to be hot and rain in addition there is *ALWAYS* a chance that we will have an opportunity to stop and see someone, so looking presentable is important.

**\*\*Formal Evening Wear:** this should be your most formal attire. Gentlemen are asked to wear a dark suit and ladies are asked to wear a long formal gown. Please make sure that shoes are also formal and appropriate. We expect to be joined by a number of dignitaries and again want to ensure that you are dressed in an appropriate manner.

## **Code #1 Attire: Considered Appropriate**

**MEN:**



**WOMEN:**



**MEN:**



**WOMEN:**



## **Code #1 & Code #2: Considered Inappropriate Dress & Shoes**

