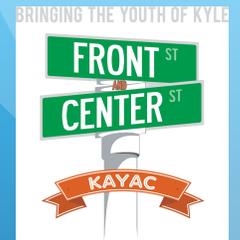


Kyle Area Youth Advisory Council (KAYAC)



Newsletter

Winter 2019

Welcome!

Thank you for reading the KAYAC newsletter. We want everyone to know what we're all about.

Join KAYAC!

Students: get on board with KAYAC and go places! This group of dedicated members are involved in local government.

Upcoming Events

The annual YAC Summit takes place in February in Fort Worth. Then in April, KAYAC will volunteer at the Kyle PARD Easter Egg-stravaganza.

Get to know KAYAC

The Kyle Area Youth Advisory Council provides students with an opportunity to learn about local government and to lead substantial projects that benefit the entire community.

The Kyle Area Youth Advisory Council (KAYAC) was created in 2013 as a sixteen-member committee that consists of youth ages 14-18, enrolled in grades 9-12, who either reside in the city limits of Kyle or currently attend a high school in the Hays CISD school district. Members can also be home schooled as long as they live within Kyle's city limits.

KAYAC is advisory in nature. It was created to provide a youthful point of view to the Kyle City Council on community affairs and issues.

This commission provides the opportunity for youth in the City of Kyle to learn about municipal government and to advise Kyle City Council from the perspective of area teens.

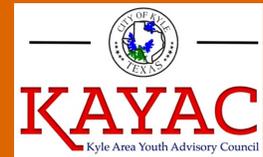
Past projects include an All Inclusive Playground Study, which KAYAC presented to Kyle City Council in May 2018. Council has since authorized funds to assist in bringing all-inclusive playground equipment to city parks.



KAYAC at the 2018 Founders Parade: Melina Garza, Kenna Weisenberger, Gabriel Barrientos and Mia Cariaga.

Learn more and contact us!

We're looking for great KAYAC members. Want to learn more? Visit our [website](#) and check us out on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)!



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KAYAC members attended last year's YAC Summit in Cedar Hill, Texas. In this photo: Dominick Hernandez, Melina Garza, Cassandra Wright, Mia Cariaga, Connor Weisenberger, Ben White, Destinee Cabrera and Toby Hammond.

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Projects and Happenings

Volunteer Resource Guide

KAYAC members are compiling a volunteer resource guide.

Over the past several months, members researched volunteer opportunities in Hays County and South Austin. The goal was a Volunteer Resource Guide that would benefit the entire community, with an emphasis on students.



KAYAC volunteered for Kyle Blue Santa!

As part of their research, members included information about the organization along with contact information, address and any age restrictions.

The guide will be available in February and will be shared with local high schools. It will also be accessible on the KAYAC website and will be linked in the spring newsletter.

YAC Summit 2019

This year's KAYAC members will attend the annual Youth Advisory Council Summit, held in Fort Worth. Each year, a different YAC from around the state hosts the annual event.

The YAC Summit is a fantastic way to see what other groups are doing and to bring back great ideas for KAYAC.

Hosts offer informative sessions and professional development opportunities. They also provide meals and fun events. One of the most memorable was a silent disco! Students wore earphones and could listen to the type of music they liked, all while dancing.

These YAC Summits are also a fun way to recharge our batteries and focus on how we can continue to improve and expand KAYAC's reach in our communities.



KAYAC at the 2018 YAC Summit in Cedar Hill.

Easter Egg-stravaganza

KAYAC members will volunteer at the Kyle PARD Easter Egg-stravaganza!

This fun, family, free event is an annual tradition. Takes place April 13 at Gregg-Clarke Park.



BIG NEWS!

Later this year, KAYAC will share an important announcement with the Kyle community. *Stay tuned!*

