

OH, THE PLACES YOU'LL GO



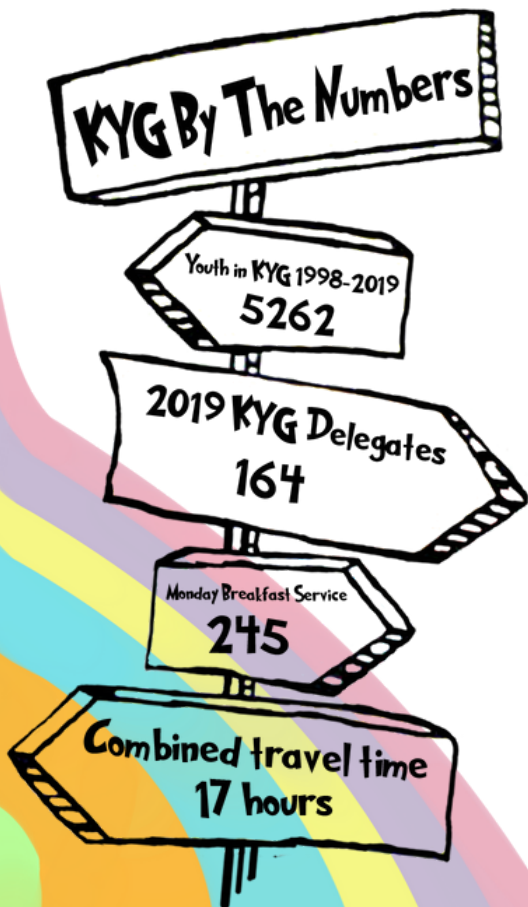
TOGETHER

It is a scary thought to believe that an organized, fun, and knowledgeable conference is put together by a group of youth in high school. The adults help execute different portions of the conference when the youth can't. Other than that, the steering committee for the Know Your Government steering committee is made up of teenagers and we run the show.

This committee is also, not just a team of dedicated youth to their government and 4-H clubs, but rather a close knit family. The relationships made during planning and executing the Know Your Government Conference last forever. And the memories made have a lasting impact on the adults, conference delegates, and with each other in this family.



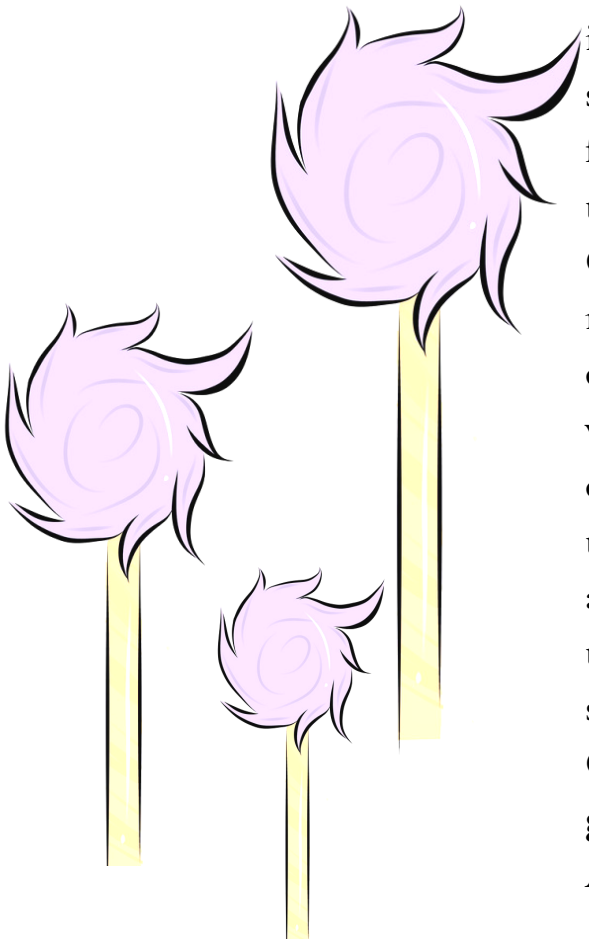
I remember the most trivial items that happened my fourth and final year of being on the steering committee, during the summer planning meeting. My three other fourth year best friends and I were going up to our room, we were sleep deprived and everything we looked at was hilarious! We entered the elevator and began to shake very aggressively, Erin Olson proceeded to comfort the elevator, "Bertha, my woman, you're okay." Big Bertha is now a trivial memory that we know forever and I treasure that. We have traveled and grown together these last years. -By: Alyssa Murillo, News Editor



Where We're Going



This year's KYG theme is "Oh the Paces You'll Go," which is also a book by Dr. Seuss and was adopted by the steering committee who wanted a warm and fun theme for this year's conference. The basic idea of the theme is that we are all heading to good places, which Know Your Government provides a starting point. Everyone can relate to this theme because Dr. Seuss stories and the idea of going somewhere is something we can connect with. This theme was picked because the steering committee wanted to bring awareness on how 4-Hers go through 4-H and will go places afterwards, 4-H will always be a part of their life. The steering committee also thought that through this theme they would be able to show the delegates all the opportunities Know Your Government has to offer and how they would be able to go forward by taking advantage of those opportunities. - Alyssa Murillo, News Editor. Lauren Young, Reporter



WHERE WE'VE BEEN

Chocolate milk is like Know Your Government (KYG). It is really fun to have and way better than a normal government class, the "skim milk" of ways to learn about our government. KYG is a weekend conference where 4-H youth in eighth and ninth grade come to Boise for an immersive experience. During KYG the youth have the opportunity to play the roles of legislators, lobbyists, attorneys, and several other roles. They get to review and edit bills, lobby for bills, go through a court case, and see for themselves how our state government works. During Know Your Government, the delegates are given opportunities to meet with real lobbyists, judges, and lawyers that are there to share their experiences in their respective fields. One of the highlights of KYG is that the youth get to have breakfast with their state legislators and ask them questions. To sum it all up, Know Your Government is a wonderful learning and growing experience for the 4-H youth that attend, and it is fun like a bottle of chocolate milk. -Hunter Squires, Video Producer

