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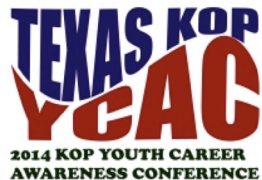
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TEXAS KOP INFORMATION BOOKLET

Training the next generation of leaders.

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TEXAS KOP PROGRAMS

Are active in these cities:

**AUSTIN
DALLAS
HOUSTON
STAFFORD
FORT WORTH
SAN ANTONIO
COPPERAS COVE
BELTON/KILLEEN
WACO
MCKINNEY
WAXAHACHIE**

**** Additional councils are forming in other cities****

TEXAS KOP FAMILY

YOUTH KNIGHTS (YK)



are young boys between the ages of nine through twenty years of age. They are from various backgrounds, nationalities, religions which makes this a diverse group of young men working together to learn, fellowship, and perform community services.

SIR KNIGHTS (SK)



are Prince Hall Master Masons who volunteer their time, money and support to assist youth in their communities and statewide. They become a mentor, a coach, or someone to talk to when it comes to the youth. They also serve as trainers or instructors when it comes to leadership training.

PARENT CLUBS



Parent Clubs are formed to help and support their local councils. They assist with fundraising, transportation, planning of events and community service projects. They form a partnership with the Youth Knights and Sir Knights.

Colleges & Universities

In 2001 and since 2005 the Texas KOP has provided youth leadership conferences at various colleges and universities for young boys between the ages 9 -20. Below represents a list of the colleges and universities they have attended:

Paul Quinn College, Dallas, TX (2001)
Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, TX (2005 & 2007)
Texas Southern University, Houston, TX (2006 & 2010)
Wiley College, Wiley, TX (2009)
Huston Tillotson University, Austin, TX (2011)
University of Texas @ Arlington, Arlington, TX (2008)
Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX (2012 & 2013)

Leadership, Responsibility, & Brotherhood



What is the Texas KOP Program

Texas KOP Conference



The Texas Order of the Knights of Pythagoras (KOP) is a leadership training program for boys between ages of nine through twenty. This youth led program allows young men to develop their leadership skills through community service, youth business meetings, training, annual conferences and fun-filled events. The primary focus of the KOP program is to train our youth in the areas

of **Leadership, Responsibility, and Brotherhood**. There are many active youth councils that exist in cities across Texas. Most council meetings are held once or twice a month. The youth also have an opportunity to elect and appoint their officers, learn and use the voting process, plan their activities/fundraising/community service events and may work with other organizations on various events. The KOP program allows a partnership to be formed between youth, parents, and Texas Prince Hall Masons. Working together helps us to provide our youth with various life skills they can benefit from. Each year in the month of July there is an annual youth leadership conference that allows for training, competition, & fellowship.

History of Texas KOP Program



The Texas KOP program was started in May of 1999 under the direction of then the late Grand Master of Texas Prince Hall Masons, Robert E. Connor Jr and has continued under the present Grand Master of Texas Prince Hall Masons the Honorable Wilbert M. Curtis. The first State Director of the program was Bro. Jamal Rasheed. The program is currently under the direction of Bro. Michael Simms, Sr.

KOP Youth Leadership Conferences

Young Men with a Purpose Leadership Conferences

Annually the Texas KOP hosts a 4-day youth leadership conference in the month of July. Since 2005 these conferences have been held on college campuses & universities across the state. Hosting this event at colleges or universities gives our young men an opportunity to experience college life in hopes that one day they will become graduates. On college campuses we have used classrooms, conference rooms, meeting rooms, cafeteria and sometimes the dormitory's for our conferences.

“It really is about training the next generation of leaders.” —SD Simms

Youth Leadership Workshops

When a youth attends a leadership conference he receives various types of life skills training. Some workshops are even provided to three different age groups (9-12, 13-15, 16-20). Some of the workshops included but not limited to:

- *Decision Making Skills*
- *Public Speaking*
- *Anger Management*
- *Developing & Maintaining Good Habits*
- *Developing the Right Attitude*
- *Leadership training*
- *Staying in the Driver's Seat (taking responsibility)*



Also at the conference the youth participates in various competitions that include debate,



officers.



oratorical, report card, brain bowl, basketball, football and they host their own elections of statewide youth

Past Leadership Conferences

