

MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE

JULY 21-28, 2018

Join with other youth from around the Presbytery of Arkansas this summer at the Montreat Youth Conference! The Montreat Youth Conferences are designed for high school students, entering freshmen through graduated seniors. A Youth Conference is a unique gathering of young people from all over the country for a week of study, worship, and recreation. Activities include morning energizers, music, keynote, small groups, afternoon recreation activities, and evening worship. You will spend time exploring your faith and enjoying friends (new and old!). All in the beautiful setting of the North Carolina mountains!

Who can go? Any current 8th-12th grader in the Presbytery of Arkansas! Churches can send a group of students, or students can register on their own.

What is it? An amazing conference for High School students that happens every year at Montreat Conference Center. Each week of a Montreat Youth Conference (there are 6!) brings in about 1,000 high school students from all over the country!

When is it? July 21-28, 2018. We'll depart from Little Rock on July 21, spend the night mid-way at a church, then arrive at Montreat on July 22. We'll get back to Little Rock late in the evening on July 28.

Where is it? Montreat, North Carolina, which is: 1) a beautiful little town in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Western North Carolina, 2) a cool Presbyterian college, and 3) a PC(U.S.A.) Conference Center. Find out more or see pictures at www.montreat.org.

How much does it cost? \$799. That includes transportation, the conference registration fee, a t-shirt, and meals and housing at Montreat. Meals while traveling (2 lunches and 2 dinners) will be out of pocket. A \$200 deposit (non-refundable) is required to secure your spot. Spots are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, so get your registration in early! The balance of the trip fee is due March 30, 2018.* Only those students who are paid in full by March 30 will be registered for the conference.

How do I pay for this? We strongly encourage local churches to help individuals fund their trip, whether that be through a fundraiser or from budget funds. Many churches pay for 1/3 or 1/2 of the trip cost. Individuals should discuss this with their Pastor, Educator, Youth Worker, or Clerk of Session. Some scholarship money is available through the Presbytery. Please do not let cost keep you from joining us on this trip! For more information about scholarships, please contact Rachel Cowan, Adult Moderator of the Youth Advisory Team at rcowan@yahoo.com.

Who chaperones the trip? Adults (23 or older) selected by the Presbytery's Youth Advisory Team. This year's trip Trip Advisors will be Sarah Leer (Trip Co-Leader), Loretta Mansell (Trip Co-Leader), and Rev. Kade Curry. Adult Advisors work hard before, during, and after the trip to ensure a safe, fun, and faith-building experience for all. Adult chaperones are required to complete a background check through the Presbytery.

How will we get there? We will be traveling in a chartered bus. Cline Tours, the bus company, is fully-licensed and insured.

How many spots are there? We have registered for 16 youth spots and 3 adults spots. Spots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. If we have more people register than this, we will gladly attempt to add them (if we are able to increase our lodging and registration spots through the conference, and if there are bus seats left). A waiting list will be kept if needed. Get your registrations in early to secure your spot!

Questions? Contact Trip Co-Leaders Sarah Leer (sleer@fpcbentonville.org) or Loretta Mansell (themansells@cox.net).



**No refunds can be made after March 30 unless we can find someone to fill your spot — we will have already sent payment to Montreat and for transportation. If you must drop out of the trip after March 30 and we can find another youth to fill your spot (every effort will be made, but no guarantees!), we will refund your trip fees, minus your deposit. Thanks for understanding!*

Presbytery of Arkansas Youth Summer Trips 2018 Registration and Personal Information Form

Mail to:
Presbytery of Arkansas Youth Summer Trips Registration
9221 N. Rodney Parham Rd.
Little Rock, AR 72227
With \$200 deposit
by February 28, 2018

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CURRENT 8TH-12TH GRADERS

\$799 (\$399 FOR ADULT ADVISORS)

Church: _____ City: _____

Youth name: _____ Grade: _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Sex: M F

Youth cell phone: _____ T-shirt size (adult sizes): _____

Youth email: _____ Birthdate: _____

Home phone: _____ Parent cell: _____

Parent/ Guardian Name/s: _____

Parent/ Guardian email: _____

To be signed by the youth participant:

- Yes, I am excited to attend a Summer Trip with the Presbytery of Arkansas! I agree to be open and welcoming to new experiences, people, and faith; to be an engaged part of the group; and to have fun!

Youth signature Date

To be signed by the parent/ guardian:

- Yes, I want my son/ daughter to be a part of one of these amazing, faith-building trips!
- Acknowledgement of Financial Policy.** I understand that a \$200 deposit (non-refundable) is due with this registration form and that the balance of trip fees is due by March 30, 2018 (only those paid in full by March 30 will be registered for the conference). I understand that no refunds can be made after March 30 unless we find someone to take my son/daughter's spot. I understand that if my son/ daughter must drop out of the trip after March 30 and we can find another youth to fill his/her spot (every effort will be made, but no guarantees!), I will receive a refund for trip fees paid, minus my deposit.

Parent/ Guardian signature Date

Other Stuff You Might Want to Know About Presbytery of Arkansas' Summer Trips

Who is sponsoring these trips?

The Youth Advisory Team of the Presbytery of Arkansas. The Presbytery will handle all registration details, arrange transportation, and provide Adult Advisors (21 or older for Middle School trips; 23 and older for Sr. High trips). The Presbytery's budget supplements the cost of this trip, pays for the Trip Leader's fees and helps to pay for the other Adult Advisors, and decreases each participant's fees.

What is the Youth Advisory Team (YAT)?

The Youth Advisory Team is made up of youth (10th-12th graders), college-aged students, and adults who care about young people and about Youth Ministry. The Youth Advisory Team plans events and trips, which are open to all youth in the Presbytery. If you are interested in serving on the YAT, or if you have questions, please contact the 2017-2018 YAT Moderator, Rachel Cowan, at rscowan@yahoo.com.

How is registration handled?

For financial and logistical reasons, space is limited on summer trips, so spots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis! The registration deadline is February 28. Registrations received after February 28 may be accepted if spots are still available, but are not guaranteed. You are encouraged to register early to secure your spot! A Waiting List will be kept if needed.

What happens after I register?

Youth and parents will be emailed after February 28 to confirm that their registration was received. If no confirmation email is received, please contact sleer@fpcbentonville.org or themansells@cox.net. Closer to the date of each trip, participants will receive more information about the trip, including conference-specific forms that must be filled out and returned.

How can my church encourage youth to attend?

Please make sure information about these trips gets into the hands of the Youth Ministry team at your church! Churches are encouraged to consider paying a portion of the trip fee for those youth attending from your church. You are also encouraged to support your youth in prayer before, during, and after the trip!

Who do I contact with questions?

Contact Trip Co-Leaders Sarah Leer (sleer@fpcbentonville.org) or Loretta Mansell (themansells@cox.net).

How do I find out more about Presbytery of Arkansas Youth Ministry Offerings?

"Like" our Facebook Page!

www.facebook.com/PresbyteryofArkansasYouthMinistry

Watch the website:

<http://www.presbyteryofarkansas.org/firmYouthCouncil.aspx>

You'll find information there to keep you updated about these trips and other offerings by the Presbytery!