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PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH TRIENNium
JULY 16-20 2019

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Triennium 2018 Info Sheet

What is Triennium?

Triennium is a huge and wonderful youth event hosted every three years by the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. It usually attracts around 5,000 youth! Participants spend five days together at Purdue University in amazing worship, small groups, recreation, and mission. It is a fun, faith-building, friendship-making, and very often life-changing experience!

Who is sponsoring this trip?

The Youth Advisory Team of the Presbytery of Arkansas. The Presbytery will handle all registration details, arrange transportation, host a pre-trip gathering; and recruit, coordinate, and train adult advisors. The Presbytery's budget supplements the cost of this trip and decreases each participant's overall fee.

Who can go to Triennium?

High school youth (entering 9th grade through graduated 12th grade) who attend a Presbyterian church. Churches can send a group of students, or students can register on their own. We will not have a quota per church this year – churches can send as many youth as they can gather. Our only size-limiting factor is transportation.

College-age young adults (at least out of high school, approximately 18-23 years) can attend Triennium as work crew members if they are selected by Triennium leadership. Approximately 50-75 young adults will be selected to serve on work crew. Work crew pay the same registration fee (\$710) as youth and will travel and house with our delegation. Potential work crew should notify Hannah Lahodny at hlahodny@gmail.com so that a bus seat can be reserved, then complete work crew application (posted on Triennium website) as soon as possible. Note: Priority will be given to youth participants. We are tentatively holding 8 seats for work crew.

Where is Triennium and how will we get there?

Triennium takes place at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. Participants are housed in dorms and eat in the University cafeterias. We will be taking a 56-passenger charter bus that is fully licensed and insured.

When is it?

July 15 – 20, 2019. We will depart from Little Rock on the 15th, spend the night at a church on the way there, then arrive at Triennium on July 16th.

What is covered in the cost?

The Trip fee (\$710) covers the event registration fee, transportation, housing and food at Purdue, conference supplies, a Triennium t-shirt, and a Presbytery t-shirt. Meals while traveling and any souvenirs purchased during the trip will be out-of-pocket expenses for each participant.

Who will chaperone this trip?

Churches who send youth are invited and encouraged, but not required, to send one adult from their church for every 7 youth (or portion thereof) who are attending. Adult advisors (chaperones) must be 21 years or older and be active in youth ministry. Adult advisors will serve as chaperones for the entire delegation, not just the youth from their home church. The fee for adult advisors is \$400. Adult advisors will complete a background check and receive training prior to the trip. The youth advisory team will recruit other adult advisors to provide overall leadership and meet the required ratio of youth to adults. For more information, see the adult advisor page in this packet.

Are there nay pre-trip requirements?

Yes! Trip participants will be required to attend a pre-trip gathering on Saturday, June 8th in Central Arkansas. This gathering will be concurrent with the Presbytery meeting. We will spend some time getting to know each other and preparing for or trip, and we will be commissioned during worship at the Presbytery meeting. This will be a very important part of the trip and we ask that you hold this date on your calendars.

Can I go on this trip AND the Presbytery Montreat trip?

Yes! The Presbytery trip to Montreat is scheduled for July 20 – 27, immediately following Triennium. It will be possible for individuals who are doing both trips to transfer from the Triennium bus to the Montreat bus on July 20th. More info about the Montreat trip will be coming soon.

How do I register?

In order to be registered, each youth, work crew, or adult must 1) submit a personal information form (attached) signed by a pastor, educator, youth director, or clerk of session from their church AND a parent/guardian (if youth), and 2) a \$200 deposit. In addition, adults must submit an adult advisor form from their church. Deposits are non-refundable after January 15th. Checks should be made out to the Presbytery of Arkansas. Closer to the event, participants will be contacted with several other forms that must be filled out (medical information, covenants, etc.)

Personal Information forms and deposits should be sent to:

Presbytery of Arkansas Triennium Registration
9221 N. Rodney Parham Road
Little Rock, AR 72227

What is the deadline to register?

February 15. We will officially register for Triennium on February 16th to hopefully secure air-conditioned dorms. Spots will be filled on a first-come first-served basis until the bus is full. After that, participants will be placed on a wait list. Every effort will be made to arrange additional transportation, but please register early!

What happens after I register?

Youth and parents will be emailed within a few weeks of registration to confirm that their registration form and deposit was received.

What are the payment deadlines?

- **February 15 - \$200 deposit due** with registration forms (non refundable)
- **April 15 – balance paid in full.** All registration fees must be paid in full by April 15 to remain on the trip roster. No refunds will be issued after April 15 unless we can find someone to fill your spot.

How do I cover the cost?

Many Presbyteries use a model where individuals, churches, and Presbyterians each pay a portion of the Triennium fees. Our Presbytery is covering approximately 1/3 of the real trip cost, and we are encouraging churches to consider covering \$350 of the registration for the youth attending from their congregation. Please talk to your church about whether they might be able to cover this, or any portion of the total trip cost. Limited scholarship funds are available through the Presbytery office.

How do I share this information?

Please make sure that this information gets into the hands of the youth ministry team at your church, and that your youth ministry team shares it with all the parents and youth at your church.

Where can I learn more?

Find this packet on the Presbytery website: <http://presbyteryofarkansas.org/frmYouthCouncil.aspx>

Check out the Triennium website: <https://presbyterianyouthtriennium.org/>

Follow the Presbytery of Arkansas Youth Ministry Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/PresbyteryOfArkansasYouthMinistry/>

What is the Youth Advisory Team (YAT)?

The youth advisory team is made up of youth (10th-12th graders), college-aged young adults (18-22), and adults (23+) 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. For more info about YAT, contact adult moderator Sarah Leer at sleer@fpcbentonville.org

Presbytery of Arkansas Triennium 2019 Registration Form

**July 16 - 20, 2019 Current 8th - 12th graders
\$710 (\$400 for adult advisors)**

Mail this form and the Participant Information Form, along with a \$200 deposit to:
Presbytery of Arkansas Triennium Registration
9221 N. Rodney Parham Rd. Little



Church: _____
City: _____
Participant name: _____
Current grade: _____
Gender (Circle One): Male Female Non-Binary
Participant e-mail: _____
Parent/Guardian email: _____

To be signed by the participant:

Yes, I am excited to be a part of the Triennium delegation 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! I will attend a pre-trip meeting on June 8th.

Youth Signature **Date**

To be signed by the parent/guardian and/or financial sponsor:

Yes, I support my child's participation in this amazing, faith-building trip! I understand that attendance at the pre-trip meeting on June 8th is a requirement and I will make every effort to be there.

Acknowledgement of Financial Policy:

I understand that a \$200 deposit is due with this registration form and that the balance of trip fees is due by April 15, 2019. I understand that no refunds can be made after April 15 unless we find someone to take the participant's spot. I understand that if the participant must drop out of the trip after April 15 and we can find another person to fill their spot (every effort will be made, but no guarantees!), I will receive a refund for the trip fees paid, minus my deposit.

Financial Sponsor and Parent/Guardian Signature **Date**

To be signed by the Pastor, Church Educator, Youth Director, or Clerk of Session:

Yes, we are excited to send this person to Triennium! We will support them in thought and prayer before and during the trip and will look for other ways to support their participation in this amazing event.

Signature, Title **Date**

