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MONTREAT CONFERENCE CENTER

High School Youth Conference Trip

July 13-20, 2019

Montreat, North Carolina

Rising 9th graders through Completed 12th
Graders

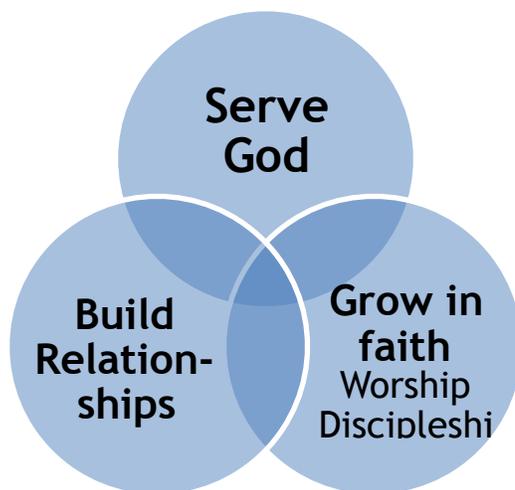




This summer our high school students will be retreating together in Montreat, North Carolina for another year of Montreat Youth Conference. This is the largest Presbyterian youth conference in the nation, and it brings youth together from all over the nation over six different week-long conferences (about 1100 a week!). They have been forming the faith of Presbyterian Youth for generations, making disciples of Christ and many who grow to be leaders in the church! Below, you'll see three objectives of FPC's youth ministry. Our program is committed to service, building relationships, and growing in faith. Montreat gives us a great opportunity to focus on building relationships and growing in faith, then carrying that momentum into the upcoming year. We believe that this week of worship, personal reflection, and fellowship will leave our youth telling their stories long into the future.

The conference consists of a consistent schedule. The mornings start with recreation, including energizers, music, and our keynote. Then youth disperse to mixed small groups of about 25 students and adults, with youth from all over the country, to form relationships and discuss keynote. After we eat lunch as a church, we return for small groups in the afternoon. Next is free time to enjoy the campus and community as well as organized recreation activities in which the entire conference participates. After dinner, we return to Anderson Auditorium (where the morning's activities began) for evening worship. After worship, there is planned recreation and free time. Finally, we gather back at our house to discuss the day. The are long, full, spirit filled, joyful days.

We will travel by van, with a couple of other chaperones travelling in their own vehicles in caravan. We stay in two private houses near the main campus of the conference center, with at least two chaperones in each house. We will have 2-4 chaperones with the group, so if you're a parent interested in leading the trip, please let Wilson Kennedy or Elise Cardot know!



Sign-Ups

Trip sign-up this year will be every Sunday from September 9th through November 4th in the Fellowship Hall before or after Youth Group. You may also sign up with Wilson or Elise any Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday afternoon during the enrollment period in the church office, from 2:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Each youth and a parent must sign up in person with Wilson or Elise and a non-refundable deposit is due at the same time.

Spaces are limited on this trip. If it fills up, a waiting list will be created.

Trip Costs

The total cost of this trip includes the preparation costs, Conference fees, van rentals, fuel, supplies, and most of the meals. The Youth Ministry budget will cover part of the total cost, and your family is asked to pay the remaining balance. Partial and full scholarships are available for anyone in need, and are strictly confidential.

- Your Cost: **\$400.00**
- Non-refundable deposit of **\$100.00** is due **at sign-up**
- Second payment of **\$150.00** is due no later than **March 24, 2019**
- Final payment of **\$150.00** is due at the preparatory Youth/Parent meeting which will be held on **June 13, 2019**



The Commitment

Going to Montreat is much more than taking a fun trip in the summer. It is a pilgrimage: a faith journey as well as a geographical journey. You'll have a great time, but understand that the Montreat experience is emotionally and spiritually demanding. When we take time out of our lives to fellowship with other believers and are conscious of our faith journey and the journeys of others, extraordinary things happen. You will be transformed by your experience in one way or another, whether it's in the mountains, when you get back home, or years from now.

- You do not go on a trip alone, but with your FPC family. Therefore, you commit to participate in FPC's Youth Ministry (Bagels & Bibles, Youth Group, Intermission, etc.).
- To fully prepare for your trip, you commit to attend the mandatory preparatory meeting on June 13, 2019.

Preparatory Meeting: June 13, 2019

Conference trips are challenging, and this meeting helps us to be as prepared as we can before we leave home to spend a week worshipping God with His people.

This meeting is **REQUIRED** for all mission trip participants, both youth and adults.



**Youth Covenant 2019
First Presbyterian Church
Montreat Youth Conference, July 13 - 20, 2019**

First Presbyterian Church Covenants to:

- plan organized opportunities for you to serve God's mission in the world
- prepare you for these opportunities as best we can
- provide adult leaders who are responsible, safe, and prepared to build healthy relationships with youth participants
- respect your time by beginning and ending the retreat, fundraisers, and the mission trip on time
- provide a portion of the cost of your mission trip
- provide a prayer partner for each participant during each trip

As a youth participant, I covenant to:

- be an active participant in FPC Youth Ministry, which includes regular attendance at Youth Group, Sunday School, Intermission, etc.
- take responsibility for my own schedule, and help my parents remember my commitments
- be on time for the meeting and the trip
- participate fully when we meet together

As a parent/guardian, I covenant to:

- support my child with prayer throughout preparation and the trip
- mark the dates of the mission trip, retreat, fundraising opportunities, and Youth Mission Sunday on our family calendar
- help my child arrive on time for the meeting and the trip
- help my child fulfill his/her commitment to be an active participant in FPC's Youth Ministry
- be responsible for the stated costs of my child's mission trip
- send my child on the mission trip with appropriate clothing and supplies

Youth Name (please print)

Youth Signature

Parent Name (please print)

Parent Signature