

Weekend Youth Retreat - January 9-11, 2026
led by Peacefully, Simply, Together student group from Etown College
Held at York 1st COB
2710 Kingston Rd, York, PA 17402

Please register ASAP – Limited to 50 youth participants.

The churches of the ANE district and surrounding areas will again be hosting a weekend youth retreat for 6-12 grade youth. Our weekend focus is to bring together youth from around the area for fun and service at an inexpensive retreat for both Jr and Sr High youth. Our weekend focus will be based in conversation around Brethren values and lifestyle.

Cost: \$15 per person (youth and advisors). This cost includes a Friday evening snack and Saturday breakfast and lunch. Additional cost will be incurred for groups staying for dinner on Saturday night.

Schedule: Arrive between 7 and 8 pm Friday evening. Groups may plan to leave after 5pm on Saturday. Groups may also choose to stay through Sunday morning worship. York First's service begins at 10:15am.

Groups need to provide transportation to the Service Project Site on Saturday (45-minute drive to Mt Joy)

Arrangements: Attendees will be sleeping at the church. Please bring bedding and air mattresses. There are no showers, so plan accordingly.

Attention Youth Leaders:

Leaders are expected to abide by your church's requirements for clearances and behavior as well as submit all necessary forms to the ANE District Office. **Additionally, all registered must complete the online UNTO waiver** for the service project. **(All required forms are linked below)**. One adult leader per 1-6 youth (need both male and female adult leader if sending male and female youth) – open to Jr and Sr High youth. Leaders need to have a medical file/permission form signed by parents with them.

Required forms for ALL participants: 2 (use links to view and print/complete form)

- **Covenant**
- **Service project registration & waiver**

*This link has information about the service project, including the location and time frame, and then at the bottom of the page is where participants can click to sign up. For those using the CERVIS online registration system for the first time, they will be prompted to create a Volunteer Profile when signing up for the session. Each member of your group that is planning to attend will need to create a profile to register themselves, and/or their children. Each participant will also need to have a signed liability waiver to volunteer and will be prompted to sign this electronically when creating a profile to register for this event (this is where parents can sign for minors under "Terms & Conditions"). The system has helpful prompts and should only take each person a few minutes to get signed up.

Forms for advisor to complete: 2 (use links to view and print form)

- **Registration Form** (one per church)
- **Congregational Verification Form** (must fill out form again for 2026 with the exception of those who submitted it for the DC Service Weekend)

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Form for youth to complete with parent/guardian signature: 1 (use link to view and print form)

- **Media and medical release**

***Please download, fill out, and submit forms by:**

**mail (Atlantic Northeast COB, 500 E Cedar St Elizabethtown, PA 17022),
scan and email to (mfitzkee@ane-cob.org), or fax (717) 367-8737**

For questions contact: David Witkovsky of York First COB - witkovskyd@gmail.com
or Linda Byers of Lancaster COB - lindab@lancob.org

Preliminary Schedule:

Friday

7:00 – 8:00 - Arrive and Check-in – move in gear
8:00 – 9:30 - Opening Activities and Session #1 – led by PST Team
9:45 – 10:45 - Options – 9 square, game room options, videos, etc.
9:30 – 10:45 - Snack Available
11:15 - LIGHTS OUT

Saturday

7:00 – 7:30 - Prep for the day and remove gear from sleeping spaces for everyone leaving on Saturday
7:30 – 8:00 - Breakfast
8:00 - Load into transportation to go to Service Project
9:00 – 12:00 - Work at project (packing humanitarian aid with Unto, a ministry of Cru)
12:00 – 12:45 - Return to York from Service Project
12:45 - Lunch at York 1st
1:30 to 2:30 - Session #2 – led by PST Team
2:30 – 4:00 - FREE TIME – Scavenger Hunt, Game Room, Craft time, Sunday Service Prep
4:00 – 5:00 - Final Session #3 – led by PST Team
5:15 - Goodbyes
Groups staying will plan dinner options (extra cost)
7:30 - Movie

Sunday

7:30 – 8:30 - Prep for the day and remove gear from sleeping spaces. Breakfast available (Bagels, Cereal, Fruit, Yogurt)
9:00 – 10:00 - Sunday School
10:30 - Church Service
12:00 - Goodbyes and Head Home