

OUR 2024 FCUCC YOUTH TRIP

We are excited for this year's 2024 Youth Trip - one of Worship, Work and Wonder! We look forward to the faith formation, fellowship, and bonding opportunities this trip will bring. We also look forward to hearing from our youth at the close of the trip.

Want to attend next year's Youth Event? Want to go on a service-learning trip next year? Should we partake in a week-long service project in Appleton? Want to do it all?? ☺ There are a multitude of opportunities for Christian growth that we can look into!



INFORMATION

The first four pages of this packet (2 sheets) explain our trip, requirements, and opportunities; these pages are for you to keep.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The rest of the pages need to be completed and turned in. The Great Lakes Regional Youth Event requires some specific registration forms and permission slips. We minimized the need for you to rewrite information as much as possible, while still getting the permission granted that both the Event and our church needs. Because of that, a few of the following forms are formatted differently than you may typically see.

Complete and return these forms to Sarah or the church office, along with your \$100 deposit of cash or check. Alternatively, you may pay the deposit on Realm, but you will still need to complete these forms on paper. *You are registered when ALL of those steps are completed.* **Registrations are due by April 10, but Early Bird Registrations, received by March 13, will receive \$20 off your final cost!** The final cost will be relayed by June 1, but our goal is \$350. Youth will also need to bring about \$60 cash for food on the first and last days of the trip. The 2024 Youth Trip must be paid in full by June 30. Full or partial scholarships are available.

Please call, email, or stop to see Sarah Wilterdink with any questions you may have.

Register on Realm!



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2024 Youth Trip

UCC Regional Youth Event & Chicago

Our schedule is subject to change slightly after this 2/23/24 version.

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Tuesday, July 16

One day in Chicago will be indoors, one will be outdoors; weather will determine the order.

The July 16 hotel is still being determined. Final schedules will be sent prior to the trip.

6:30AM Board bus in the church parking lot

7:00AM Depart from the main church parking lot for a 3hr 40min drive to Maggie Daley Park, Chicago. *There is a bathroom on the bus, so we will not make any stops.* Bring a bagged lunch (in a disposable container), drinks, and snacks with you.

10:30AM Chicago Adventure: (small groups, each with a chaperone) We're working to get a deal on GoCity cards so small groups and their chaperones can choose destinations. <https://gocity.com/en/chicago/attractions> Either way, there are MANY options to explore within walking distance of Maggie Daley Park!

5:45PM Board bus at Maggie Daley Park

6:00PM Ed Debevic's Restaurant for dinner.

8:00PM Hotel – location within Chicago TBD-researching price and indoor pools

Wednesday, July 17

8:30AM Board bus for Shedd Aquarium or Field Museum (small groups, each with a chaperone)

1:15PM Board bus for the 3hr drive to Augustana College, Rock Island, IL

4:30PM Check into Regional Youth Event and unload bus

5:00PM Regional Youth Event Activities

Thursday, July 18 & Friday, July 19

8:00AM Breakfast, Youth Event Activities all day

11:59PM Lights out

Saturday, July 20

8:00AM Breakfast

11:00AM Closing worship

11:30AM Board bus with bagged lunch from the event

1:00PM River Tubing through Grant River Tubin' Company

5:00PM Begin drive home

8:30PM Arrive in church parking lot



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2024 Youth Trip

Pre-Trip Date Commitments

As Of 02/20/24

March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2, OR July 7, 10:30AM – 11:00AM *Kwik Trip Fundraising Sales*

Choose at least one date to sell cards after worship in the Narthex.

March 24 8:30AM – 12:00PM *Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser*

Participate in the preparation, serving, and cleanup of the Pancake Breakfast.

May 5, 11:00AM – 12:00PM *Mandatory Pre-Youth Trip Meeting with Q & A Time, Kwik Trip Sales*

A guardian(s) must attend with the youth either in person or via Zoom.

May 26 *Kwik Trip Fundraising Forms Deadline*

A portion of all Kwik Trip orders turned in by this date will be applied to your 2024 trip cost.

June 2, 9:30AM – 11:30AM *Trip Commissioning, Kwik Trip Sales, Service Sunday*

Participate in the brief worship time. Then engage in a Service Sunday activity and church lunch.

July 10, 6:00PM – 7:30PM *Wednesday Evening Pre-Trip Hang Out (Youth & Chaperones)*

Reconnect, plan adventures, and eat pizza.

August 4 OR August 11, 9:30AM – 12:00PM *Youth Testimonies, Thank You Event & Youth Lunch*

We know summer is busy but appreciate as many youth attending as possible, to show our gratitude.



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A Sample Day in the Life of a UCC Regional Youth Event

2018 UCC Great Lakes Regional Youth Event Agenda

Wednesday:

2:00-5:00pm	Check-In & Registration
5:00-6:30pm	Dinner
7:00-8:15pm	Worship
8:30-9:30pm	Service projects/Community groups
9:30-11:00pm	After Hours/Snack
11:00pm	In dorms
11:30pm	Quiet time
12:00am	Lights out

Thursday:

7:00-8:45am	Breakfast
7:45am	Bible Study
9:00-10:30am	Opening Plenary
10:45-11:15am	Service projects/Community groups
11:30am-1:00pm	LUNCH
1:15-2:15pm	Workshops
2:30-3:30pm	Workshops
3:30-5:00pm	Planned Activities/Free Time
5:00-6:30pm	Cookout
6:45-7:45pm	Worship
8:00-9:30pm	Root Beer Kegger
9:30-11:00pm	After Hours
11:00pm	In dorms
11:30pm	Quiet time
12:00am	Lights out

Friday:

7:00-8:45am	Breakfast
7:45am	Bible Study
9:00-10:30am	Opening Plenary
10:45-11:15am	Service projects/Community groups
11:30am-1:00pm	Lunch
1:15-2:15pm	Workshops
2:30-3:30pm	Workshops
3:30-4:00pm	Service projects/Community Groups
4:00-5:00pm	Planned activities/Free Time
5:00-6:30pm	Dinner
6:45-7:15pm	Conference meetings
7:30- 8:15pm	Worship
8:15-8:30pm	Break/Free Time
8:30-9:45pm	Concert- CMP
9:45-11:00pm	Pizza party/After hour activities
11:00pm	In dorms
11:30pm	Quiet time
12:00am	Lights out

Saturday:

7:00-8:45am	Breakfast
7:45am	Bible Study
8:00am	Chaperone meeting (tentative)
8:45-9:15am	Music/Bible Study Chapel
9:30-10:30am	Service Projects/Community groups
10:45am	Closing Worship with agape/communion
12:00pm	Depart for home. A boxed lunch will be provided as you exit worship.

*This is Being Shared as a Sample Schedule to Help
Us Envision What Youth Event 2024 Will Look
Like. Picture This – But Even Better!*

*“The Many is an uncommon,
intentionally diverse collective
making music for people to sing
together about peace and justice and
a world where all belong.”*

www.themanyarehere.com

They will perform often,
lead worship, interact in
workshops and more!



This Year's Fantastic Theme:
LOVE > FEAR

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By signing this form, I covenant to fulfill the expectations listed above to the best of my ability, including paying the full cost of my registration fee even if I do not attend the trip. I understand the church pays fees and purchases tickets way in advance and cannot re-coup those funds. If I am unable to meet any of these expectations, I will contact Sarah Wilterdink, Director for Children, Youth & Families, at swilterdink@firstcongoappleton.org or 920-540-2576.

Date _____ Youth Signature _____ Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Home Address with Zip Code: _____

Youth T-Shirt Size: (Adult) S M L XL XXL XXXL

*As of right now, which Sunday works for your youth to show thanks to our church?
 Aug 4 Aug 11 Both Work Neither Work .

*We know that participation in a large majority of the above events is necessary for a full experience, and to receive portions of fundraising. We already know that our youth has prior commitments on the following dates, though: _____

*Complete the Maggie Daley Park's rock-climbing permission slip NOW – just in case your youth wants to climb when we're in Chicago. <https://maggiedaleypark.com/things-to-do-see/climbing-wall/>

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2024 FCUCC Youth Trip Behavioral Covenant

As a youth trip participant, I promise to:

- _____ give of myself fully in worship, work, wonder, and all activities.
- _____ participate productively in discussions, with my thoughts and/or my voice.
- _____ respect and cooperate with peers, leaders, and hosts.
- _____ stay with my small or large group, and a chaperone, at all times. When on Augustana College campus, I will use the buddy system and only go to appropriately designated area.
- _____ respect myself and others, physically and emotionally. I will respect all genders. No person of a different gender is allowed to be in another gender's sleeping quarters. All socializing and activities must be conducted in other areas besides sleeping quarters. This includes casual conversations and free time.
- _____ not engage in sexual activity – including kissing, touching, intercourse.
- _____ fully engage in this experience by strongly limiting technology use. While in organized Youth Event activities, I will not have my phone out or check messages.
- _____ not take and send photos of people I do not know or who do not want to be photographed.
Any photos I take will be done so with positive intent and use.
- _____ use technology as a positive tool. I will discuss any possible frustrations or needs that arise in person.
I will not converse about other participants on my phone.
- _____ not participate in gross misconduct or property destruction.
- _____ not use or possess or buy any tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or possess any weapons (knives, guns, etc.).
I will follow local laws.
- _____ be aware that if I do participate in gross misconduct, use or possess or buy tobacco products, alcohol, drugs or possess any weapons, *I will be sent home at the cost of my parents.*
- _____ behave according to Christian principles and the law.
- _____ represent FCUCC as best as I can by being the hands and feet of Jesus Christ.

As a parent/guardian, I promise to:

- _____ encourage the above behaviors from my participating youth.
- _____ support the leaders and hosts in words and actions.
- _____ keep all participants in my prayers.
- _____ find a way for my child to travel home, at our cost, in the event that they participate in gross misconduct or if they buy, use or possess any of the following: tobacco products, alcohol, drugs, weapons.

Date _____ Youth Signature _____ Parent/Guardian Signature _____



Emergency Medical Form

To be completed by all youth and adult participants.

Youth Group Coordinators, please keep originals with your files during the trip.



Name: _____

Last

First

Middle Initial

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Last Grade Completed _____ Gender: _____

Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Home Church: _____ Church City and State: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Cell number: _____ Home/other contact number(s): _____

Other Emergency Contact Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Cell number: _____ Other contact number(s): _____

Health Insurance Company: _____ Policy #: _____

Group #: _____ Name of Policy Holder: _____

Doctor's Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Current medications: List name, dosage, frequency. (if needed use additional sheet)

For Parents/Legal Guardian:

☐ Youth may self-administer above medications.

☐ Group Coordinator or designated chaperone may assist as needed.

Permission is ☐ or is not ☐ granted **[check one]** for this youth to receive OTC medications from trip coordinator as needed. **Parent/Legal Guardian initials:** _____

Health History: List all conditions, including but not limited to allergies, sleepwalking, convulsions, diabetes, mononucleosis, epilepsy, mobility issues, emotional problems or hyperactivity, fatigue, headaches, dizziness. Please indicate how long since the last occurrence of problem. Use additional paper if necessary.

Have you been vaccinated against Covid-19? If so, please list dates of any immunizations.

By signing this form, I verify that the health/medical and insurance information provided on this form is true, accurate and complete. In case of medical emergency, I give permission to the physician(s) selected by my/my youth’s group coordinator to secure proper medical treatment for the participant named on this form. I agree to pay additional costs that arise from such medical treatment if not covered by insurance.

Parent/Adult Name

Signature

Date

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

A copy of this medical release form should be kept by the group coordinator for youth.

Adults are responsible for keeping a copy of these records on their person.

ADDITIONALLY

Please email one PDF copy glwcrye2024@gmail.com

THANK YOU!



Signing Below Allows This Medical Consent Form to Be Active for The ENTIRE YOUTH TRIP
Permission & Emergency Medical Consent for ENTIRE 2024 FCUCC YOUTH

Name _____ Age as of July 1, 2024 ____ Grade WILL BE in 2024-2025 School Yr. _____

The purpose of this form is to allow my child to attend all off-site activities for the Youth Trip to:
Great Lakes Regional Youth Event in Rock Island, IL, Chicago, IL, the Grant River and more, July 16-20, 2024.

I, _____, as parent/guardian of the above-named youth, give my permission for him/her to accompany pastors and/or authorized adult chaperones of my local church. I AUTHORIZE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEEMED NECESSARY FOR THE YOUTH NAMED ABOVE IN THE EVENT OF AN ACCIDENT OR INJURY, UNDERSTANDING THAT I WILL BE CONTACTED PROMPTLY IF SUCH A SITUATION ARISES. I also acknowledge that I will be ultimately responsible for the cost of any medical care not reimbursed by health insurance available to the child involved. I understand that any behavior unbecoming of Christian youth, including, but not limited to, tobacco, alcohol or other illegal drug use or any sexual relations, are grounds for the restriction and/or return of the youth from this activity. I agree to bring my child home at my expense should he/she become ill or if deemed necessary by the youth ministries staff member. I HAVE FILLED OUT THIS FORM TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY, AND I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND AND AGREE WITH THE ABOVE INFORMATION.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Great Lakes West Central Regional Youth Event

Youth Covenant



The core of our covenant for youth gatherings in the United Church of Christ is based on Matthew 22:36-39 which states:

“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

Statement of Covenant: I covenant to show love for God, neighbor and self in all aspects of my behavior and decision making during GLWCRYE 2024.

This includes:

- Showing respect and love for yourself and others by:
 - Sharing my gifts
 - Not engaging in illegal activities
 - Not taking or damaging possessions
- Staying in the room that has been assigned to me for the duration of the evening after curfew.
- Gathering in common spaces, not individual rooms during free time.
- Using language that is kind and up-building
- Holding to a zero tolerance for bullying or hazing behavior
- Participating in all group activities
- Following the direction of leaders
- Abstaining from the use of alcohol, drugs, and tobacco-based products (which includes vaping)
- Abstaining from sexual behavior
- Abstaining from using my cell phone and technology in a way that captures, shares or promotes any sexual behavior, nudity or inappropriate pictures for any purpose

I agree to abide by this covenant throughout the GLWCRYE 2024 program and hold my peers accountable to this agreement that we share. I understand and accept that violation of this Covenant could result in my returning home at my own expense before the meeting’s conclusion.

Youth Participant Name

Youth Participant Signature

Date



General Media Release and Waiver of Liability

In consideration of my, or my minor child's, attendance at, and participation in, the Great Lakes West Central Regional Youth Event 2024 (GLWCRYE), I grant the GLWCRYE, and any person or entity acting under the GLWCRYE permission or with GLWCRYE authority, permission to photograph, film, videotape, or record (to make "Recordings") of me or my child while attending GLWC RYE 2024, and to use these Recordings, without compensation, for any lawful purpose.

I hereby release and hold harmless GLWCRYE and its officers, directors, employees, members, agents, and related organizations from any and all claims for damages, libel, slander, invasion of the right of privacy or any other claim of liability that may arise, directly or indirectly, now or in the future, in connection with such Recordings.

Users who do not agree with the information-sharing policy will not be permitted to register.

Please check the paragraph below which is applicable to your present situation:

____ I am 18 years of age or older and I am competent to contract in my own name. I have read this authorization and release before signing below, and I fully understand the contents, meaning and impact of this release. I understand that I am free to address any specific questions regarding this release by submitting those questions in writing prior to signing, and I agree that my failure to do so will be interpreted as a free and knowledgeable acceptance of the terms of this release.

____ I am the parent or legal guardian of the below-named child. I have read this authorization and release before signing below, and I fully understand the contents, meaning and impact of this release. I understand that I am free to address any specific questions regarding this release by submitting those questions in writing prior to signing, and I agree that my failure to do so will be interpreted as a free and knowledgeable acceptance of the terms of this release.

Name (please print)

Date

Address (Street) (City) (State) (Zip code)

Signature

Name of parent or legal guardian (if under 18 years of age)

Signature of parent or legal guardian (if under 18 years of age)

2024 FCUCC Youth Trip: Notes About Me

Please tell us a little about yourself.

Have you ever gone overnight, for an extended period of time, without your immediate family members? _____

What are you most excited about when you think about this trip? _____

Is there anything that you are concerned, wondering, or worried about in regard to this trip? _____

Something else I want our leader to know: _____

Do you already know someone you would like to share a dorm room with, if they register (2 people per room)?

Do you have a parent/guardian or other family adult who might be interested in chaperoning or mentoring? _____

