

Reminders and helpful information for attending the LCMS Youth Gathering in Houston!

There are 18,200 participants registered for the 2022 LCMS Gathering! 47 hotels throughout Houston are being used.

MAY 4 was the DEADLINE to add people to your congregation's registration. NO MORE ROOMS ARE AVAILABLE!

Substitutions may be made for those already registered.

BY JUNE 1 ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE COMPLETE!

THERE WILL BE SPECIAL GATHERING APPS TO DOWNLOAD

The **Gathering APP** will have schedules, descriptions and more. This will be available sometime the beginning of June.

The **SEATING APP** is new for the 2022 LCMS Gathering. Each District will have assigned seats in MINUTE MAID PARK for the Mass Events. These will be rotated for each Mass Event. Be sure at least one adult leader has downloaded this APP so they know where to lead your group. The SEATING APP will be shared the week prior to the Gathering.

HOW TO PAY WHILE IN HOUSTON. . .

Many places are cash-free these days. This includes Minute Maid Park and other Gathering venues. Be sure that your youth are informed and prepared to make payments for meals and other things while in Houston. Bank cards and Gift cards will work. You can also look into the LCEF VISA cards that can be prepaid and ordered for your group's participants.

GATHERING BIBLE STUDY LEADERS, WORKSHOP LEADERS, SPEAKERS AND OTHER SPECIAL PRESENTERS will be announced during the week of May 16-20.

There are so many things to see and do in the **George R. Brown Convention Center**. Be sure to get to the District Region areas. There will be activities and trivia questions! There will also be a **drawing for a gift card** for those who complete their visits to the District Regions!

Eating while at the Gathering. . .

Be sure you have some plans for your group before getting to Houston. If you've gone to past Gatherings, you recall that there's been about a mile or more to stroll to get from the convention centers to the dome or arena where the Mass events have been held. The distance between the Convention Center and Minute Maid Park is just a few blocks. There will be food trucks open tentatively from 11 a.m.-- 7 p.m. There are restaurants in the tunnel system, too, but they and the tunnel system are to close at the end of the work day by about 5 p.m.

HOTELS are still short staffed. Be sure to hang towels. Maybe bring clothespins to mark who used which towels. Bring some extra garbage bags to collect your group's trash each day and leave outside your doors. The hotel should pick those up regularly. Be kind and tip the hotel staff.

Participants staying in **Galleria area hotels** will have **shuttles** offered by the Gathering. Be sure your group knows the schedule and is ready!