

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

- ☛ Our Gathering will be housed at the Hyatt Regency Hotel
400 W Waterman St. Wichita, KS 67202
Phone: 316-293-1234 Fax 316-293-1200
- ☛ Hotels Reservations can be made by calling the Hyatt and giving them our group name “Lutheran Youth Gathering”
The cost is \$99 + tax per room per night.
Each room sleeps 4
- ☛ Tax exempt forms must be faxed or mailed to the hotel PRIOR to your arrival. Include your room confirmation # on the fax.
- ☛ If you have reserved extra rooms and no longer require them please contact Joyce Tate before you release them to the Hotel. We want to make sure they are used by gathering participants if possible.
- ☛ If you have made hotel reservations offsite or still need rooms and would like to be informed of openings contact Joyce Tate.



REGISTRATION QUESTIONS

- ☞ May I register somebody late?
Yes, however the registration fees do go up the later you register
- ☞ May I switch someone else for a person who registered and now is not going?
Yes, you may do so online by following the link in your registration confirmation e-mail
- ☞ Cancellations after November 2, 2009 will be subject to a \$25.00 per person cancellation fee.

ON-SITE REGISTRATION & INFORMATION BOOTH

- ☞ The Registration Table will **open at 7:00 pm** and will be located next to the Eagle Ballroom.

PRE-GATHERING BIBLE STUDY &

FAMILY GROUP QUESTIONS

This year we are providing a Pre-Gathering Bible study. It is included in this confirmation mailing. In addition during the gathering time is built into the schedule for your group to “reconnect”. In the Adult Leader Guide you receive at the gathering each adult will receive group questions to guide this time and link back to the speaker’s main points.

ROOM O FUN

- ⇒ The Room O’ Fun is full with oversized toys for your youth to play with and hang out in.
- ⇒ The room **opens Friday night at 7:00 pm** and is located in the Century II Second Level

HOTEL CURFEW

Please note that the hotel does have a curfew, which we have been asked to be mindful of. The **curfew is 10:00 pm**, however we still have scheduled activities after the curfew. **AFTER THAT TIME YOUTH MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.** What this means is that we must all be courteous as we travel to our hotel rooms at the end of our activities. So, upon checking in, **please remind your group we are sharing the hotel with other guests.** Thank you in advance for your help!

SERVICE PROJECTS

Saturday afternoon each youth and adult will be assigned to a specific servant event. Some of these projects are outside. Each participant should bring available work clothes, comfortable shoes, gloves, warm clothing, etc. so that they are prepared to be outside in November's unpredictable weather. When you leave your rooms in the morning for the group picture bring your outdoor clothing to Session 2.

There will not be time to return to your room to retrieve them.

GATHERING OFFERINGS

As part of our Gathering we will be collecting food pantry items. They will be given to the food pantry ministries of Immanuel Lutheran Church and Grace Lutheran Church, both of Wichita. Their suggestions for needed items are:

Immanuel Lutheran Food Pantry	
Canned Soups - any	Veggies
Saltine Crackers	Fruit
Mac & Cheese	Tuna
Jelly (grape & Strawberry)	Dry beans
Spaghetti sauce	Peanut Butter
Ramen noodles- Chicken	Spaghetti
Pancake syrup	Ramen noodles - Beef
Dish soap	Pancake Mix
Cereal: Raisin Bran, corn Flakes, Bran Flakes, Wheaties.	Toilet paper
	Bar soap - bath size

Grace Lutheran Food Pantry	
flour	Oleo/margerine
Pancake Mix	Sugar
Dry Milk	Syrup
Peanut Butter	Saltine Crackers
Pinto Beans	Long Grain Rice
Mac & cheese	Canned Vegetables
Spaghetti	Spaghetti Sauce
Tuna	Pork & Beans
Canned fruit	Applesauce
Canned Soups	Quick Oats
Toilet paper	Cake Mixes
Laundry soap	Hand Soap
	Dish Soap.

LARGE GROUP PICTURE 9:00 AM SATURDAY

We are once again going to have a large group picture taken. We will meet on the outside of the hotel on the River Side. If your group would like to purchase a picture, complete the "Group Picture" form from the registration packet and drop it off at the registration booth. The cost is \$20 and includes the cost of mailing to the church or home. Please be punctual for our group photo on **Sat. morning @ 9:00!!!**

WICHITA RESTAURANTS & POINTS OF INTEREST

Saturday Morning, Early Saturday evening, and Sunday morning meals are on your own. Wichita has several choices. For more information go to www.gowichita.com

TIPS FOR LEADING A BIBLE STUDY

As a Bible study group leader, you'll find your role changing back and forth from expert to cheerleader to lover to referee during the course of a session.

Since you're the leader, group members will look to you to be the expert guiding them through the material. So be well prepared. In fact, be over-prepared so that you know the material better than any group member does. Start your study early in the week and let its message simmer all week long. Be ready to share some additional gems that your group members wouldn't have discovered on their own. That extra insight from your study time or that comment from a wise Bible teacher or scholar, that clever saying, that keen observation from another believer, and even an appropriate joke adds an element of fun and keeps Bible study from becoming routine, monotonous, and dry.



Next, be ready to be the group's cheerleader. Your energy and enthusiasm for the task at hand can be contagious. It can also stimulate people to get more involved in their personal study as well as in the group discussion.

Third, be the lover, the one who shows a genuine concern for the members of the group. You're the one who will establish the atmosphere of the group. If you laugh and have fun, the group members will laugh and have fun. If you hug, they will hug. If you care, they will care. If you share, they will share. If you love, they will love. So pray every day to love the youth God has placed in your group. Ask Him to show you how to love them with His love.

Finally, as the leader, you'll need to be the referee on occasion. That means making sure everyone has an equal opportunity to speak. That's easier to do when you operate under the assumption that every member of the group has something worthwhile to contribute. So, trusting that the Lord has taught each person during the week, act on that assumption.

Develop a pleasant but firm opening statement. You might say, "This lesson was great! Let's get started so we can enjoy all of it!" or "Let's pray before we begin our lesson."

PRE CATHERINE BIBLE STUDY



Matthew 11:28-30

Key Concepts: The Great Invitation
In the beginning was the first step

Purpose of the study: Student will better understand that God only wishes a relationship from them. That our life begins to make since when we put our time and energy toward that relationship. Look up what historically a yoke was used for. Apply this imagery to who we are and who God is and what He is asking from us.

The 3 Greats:

The Great Commission: Matthew 28:18-20. Discuss what it is.
Tell the world

The Great Commandment: Matthew 22:36-40. Discuss what it is.
Love one another as I have loved you

Consider the Great Invitation: Matthew 11:28-30. Discuss what it is. Take my yoke and learn from me.

The Great Invitation in depth:

Read Matthew 11:25-30:

Read Matthew 11:1-24, so that verses 25-30 have some context. Consider the following questions

- 👉 Describe the place
- 👉 Who is there?
- 👉 Who asked the first question?
- 👉 What was Jesus answer?
- 👉 What did Jesus ask the crowds?
- 👉 What did he say about John the Baptist?

Read Matthew 11:25-30 three times. What do you notice after each time?

- 👉 What does Jesus ask us to do in verse 28?
- 👉 To whom does he extend this invitation?
- 👉 What are the verbs in verse 29?
- 👉 How does Jesus describe himself in verse 29?
- 👉 What will we find when we take his yoke on us?

Sample District Youth Ministry Covenant

Covenant: An agreement or pledge between two or more people. For us the agreement will be between each individual participant, his/her group, and the entire District Youth Ministry event family.

Before you come to the event, take a few minutes to discuss your and your leader's expectations.

Discussion Starters:

1. Here are some things I expect to happen at this event...
2. During the event we promise to treat each other...
3. We expect our adult sponsors to...
4. We expect our youth participants to...
5. We promise to encourage each member of our group and each person at the event to...
6. If we keep this covenant, these things will happen...
7. If our covenant gets broken, this is how it will be restored...

(Note: problems are not anticipated, but should they happen, they should be addressed with love, forgiveness, and respect prescribed by Scripture. Efforts to correct the problem will include an adult sponsor, the youth involved, and possibly a leader from the district-sponsored youth event team. Failure to comply could result in notification of parents and being sent home at parents' expense.)

8. When we return home we would like the group to...

Some suggestions:

1. Enjoy yourself as you discover more about being a child of God, as you celebrate with your fellow youth, and as your faith continues to grow in Jesus Christ.
2. Include others intentionally, both those you know well and those whom you will meet for the first time.
3. As maturing young Christians, remember to think about how Christ would handle the various situations you encounter throughout the event and then imitate Him. These situations might include group singing, devotions, prayer times, disagreements, hassles, opposite sex relationships, etc.
4. Females are not allowed in men's sleeping quarters and visa versa.
5. Sleep will be very important. Lights out and quiet at designated times will be observed.
6. Some issues that should be non-negotiable:
 - a. No use of cigarettes, illegal drugs and/or alcohol
 - b. Full participation in all youth event activities
 - c. Cooperation with adult leaders
 - d. Observation of lights out and quiet times
 - e. Alerting an adult if they need to be aware of a situation that could put someone at risk or in danger.
7. Other items to consider...
 - a. Discouraging the use of personal electronics (including use of cell phones)
 - b. Traveling in groups of 3 or more with members from the same group

After reading and agreeing with the articles set forth in the written document, I sign this document in the presence of my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ; praying that God will give me the strength to fulfill its intentions.

Parent signature:

Participant signature: