



EMERGE YOUTH
Youth Convention 2018



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Dear Emerge Youth Parents,

Greetings on this spring like day!

I am writing to let you know of our upcoming Youth Retreat, which will be held on March 29-31 at the Giant Center in Hershey, PA.

Your child has expressed an interest in attending so I wanted to follow up with what will be required for this event.

- The cost for this weekend is approximately \$175 per person. We are having a fundraising spaghetti dinner on Sunday, March 11 at our church that the teens will host and all proceeds will be split between the teens who worked that dinner. Once we know how much money they have earned from the spaghetti dinner, I will give you a final cost breakdown for your child/ren.
- All meals will be on our own. We always have one meal at a restaurant and the remaining meals are fast food and pizza. We have suggested that each teen bring approximately \$60 additional to spend on eating out and other items they may wish to purchase at the convention. (See attached meal schedule)
- The retreat is an overnight event and we will be staying at the hotel reserved for us by our church's main office. The cost is dependant on how many teens are able to share a room. The maximum is 4 per room.
- It will be well chaperoned by Pastor Jeff & Brad Caldwell.
- We will be leaving the church in our church van on Thursday, March 29 at 2:00. This means if your child has school that day, they will need to be dismissed early. I have a letter for the school describing this as an excused absence if you should need one.
- We return to the church Saturday around noon.

I have enclosed a set of rules that all teens are required to follow to ensure that everyone is kept safe and that God is able to fully work in each and every person.

Every Youth Retreat is a chance for our young people to grow closer to each other and most importantly, develop their relationship with the Lord. Please pray for our teens as we prepare for this tremendous weekend.

Serving together,

Pastor Jeff

EATING OUT SCHEDULE REQUIRING SPENDING MONEY:

1. We stop at Taco Bell when we arrive Thursday (around 3:00 pm), this is their tradition.
2. We usually get pizza to bring back to the hotel following the Thursday night service.
3. We stop at Panera on Friday morning for breakfast on our way to the first service.
4. We go to a nicer restaurant (Fridays, Applebees, etc) for lunch on Friday.
5. We go to McDonalds or other such fast food restaurant following the Friday evening service.
6. We stop at 83 Diner on our way home Saturday morning for breakfast/lunch.
7. The teens also like to purchase snacks and drinks at the convention center, but it is not required.



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Permission Slip & Medical Release Form

(Please complete form in its entirety – one form is needed for each child age 18 yrs and younger.)

While striving to ensure a wholesome, safe and closely supervised environment for all of our children/youth (18 years and younger), Dover Assembly of God cannot be liable for any unseen and/or any unforeseeable accidents or injuries which may occur during the course of any church-sponsored activity. Responsible Leaders and persons acting as agents transporting on behalf of Dover Assembly of God assume no personal liability in the case of accident or sickness.

This permission slip covers our annual youth convention trip to Hershey, PA. This year's trip will be held March 29-31, 2018. The cost of the trip is approximately \$175. Please see the attached letter from Pastor Jeff for more information.

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT

I hereby consent to allow my teen, _____ to attend and/or participate in all youth convention from March 29, 2018 – March 31, 2018. I give my permission, in case of medical emergency, for the leader in charge to hospitalize and/or secure the services of a licensed physician or surgeon in providing necessary care for my teen as named on this form. Also, I agree to cover all costs not provided for in Emerge Youth fundraisers.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____

Phone: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____ (Work) _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Relationship to child: _____

E.C. Phone: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____ (Work) _____

CURRENT MEDICATIONS (to include Inhaler, Epi Pen, allergy meds, etc.)

Medicine Name: _____ Meds to be administered while on outing? Y / N

If meds are to be administered on outing, please give dosage instructions. It is important that all medications be in their original container and that all medications names and dosage are clearly written out.

RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR THE TRIP

Van Rules:

- Guys and girls cannot sit next to each other on the van.
- Bus/van needs to stay clean, take garbage off the van.
- No standing while the vehicle is moving.
- Van riders must wear safety belts.
- Do not make everyone wait for you on the van. Be respectful.

Housing Facility:

- No one of the opposite sex is allowed in a guy/girl housing facility, unless there is a group meeting or Bible study with leaders. Anyone violating this will be sent home and not allowed to attend youth convention.
- Any guy and girl caught together alone anywhere in the housing facility will be sent home and not allowed to attend youth convention.
- **No pranks.** Any damages to a person's personal belonging or the housing facility will be your family's responsibility.

Pastor's CONVENTION Rules:

- Dress code in effect. No revealing or inappropriate clothing.
- At services, the youth group sits together, no exceptions.
- No one leaves the services. No exceptions. Bathroom breaks are to be taken before the service starts.
- If someone wants to sit with our group that will only be ok ONLY if their Pastor approves it and there is enough room for our group.
- When ready to leave, please don't make everyone wait.
- All cell phones are to be off. If they are being used, we will confiscate them.

Free Time Rules:

General:

- There should always be a buddy system in place (at least 2 people). No one strolls around by themselves.
- During free time there will be some options that are offered, please stay within those options. When there is a time to return, please be back on-time.

Curfew and Other Rules:

- Curfew will be announced each night. Once we are back to hotel for the night, there is NO going outside. Anyone caught outside without permission will be sent home.
- This is a Youth Group trip. That means that we do things together and we include others. We are not small packs. We are one group.

What to Bring: Bible, paper, pen, clothes, toiletries, teddy bear and last but not least a good attitude. Snacks for the bus may be brought, IPODs/MP3 players can only be used during designated times. **No non-Christian music unless it is approved by Pastor Jeff (LOL).** Cell phones may be brought, but there will be designated times of use. All cell phones should be off during the services. We want to limit the distractions. Phones will be confiscated if needed. Each student will be responsible for his/her belongings.