



Registration Information

Who can register?

The Gathering specifically targets middle school youth. To register, a youth must be in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade during the 2010-2011 school year. Non-LCMS youth are certainly welcome to attend also!

What is a Junior Guide?

A junior guide is a high school youth who shows leadership skills and would be a tremendous asset to any youth director taking his/her youth group. *Two junior guides are allowed for each church.* We encourage you to invite two of your high school youth to participate. They will be given specific responsibilities and opportunities for leadership training.

What is a Primary Adult Leader (PAL)?

All communication between the Gathering committee and the congregation will be done through the Primary Adult Leader, whom we like to call our "PAL." The PAL will fill out the Church Registration form and see that all registration forms are complete. See the step-by-step registration directions.

Who can be an Adult Leader?

Adult leaders must be 21 years old at the time of registration. An adult leader is responsible for the care and nurture of their youth participants throughout the Gathering experience. The Gathering expects an adult leader to attend all activities and participate with their youth. They will also be asked to "supervise" at least two event activities, inflatables, etc. The schedule for adult leader duties will be given at the Adult Leader Meeting on Friday night.

Adult/Participant Ratio

For safety we require that each church provide 1 adult leader for every **6** attendees under the age of 18. This means that even if you only have one male/female, you should have a male/female leader.

Scholarship Information

If there is a financial need for a youth scholarship, there are funds available from the Sally Serrine Scholarship fund. The maximum amount of scholarship available per individual youth attendee is \$50. You can find that form on the registration website.

Registration Forms and Fee

Each church will go to www.flga-lcms.org to register their church, PAL, Junior Guides and youth.

Online you will be asked to provide

- Church information
- PAL contact information

- name of youth attending
- breakout information,
- t-shirt sizes
- some basic rooming preferences

You will see that you cannot complete the online form without all your information. So gather it all up beforehand and just sit down and complete. It shouldn't take long at all.

We will ask again this year to indicate preferred roommate pairs during online registration. The camp offers different style of housing, but your pair of students will be sure to be placed together. The Gathering Registrar will tell you the type of housing that your youth are placed in on the confirmation letter. Housing will be best suited for each size group. Thank you for your cooperation in this.

You will still need to mail payment, download, complete and bring along individual registration and medical forms to the camp. The registration cost is \$128. If your registration is completed online by October 11th, the price is \$118. To ensure that price, you will need to make payment within one week of registering. You can do that by going online to www.flga-icms.org or by mailing a check to:

*The Florida-Georgia District
7207 Monetary Dr.
Orlando, FL 32809
Attn: Cindy Hammerstrom*

The price covers all program and administrative costs, two nights lodging, four meals, and a t-shirt for each participant. Please only send the registrar one check drawn from the congregation's bank.

Substitutions

Substitutions can be made online until the final registration deadline of *October 25, 2010*. After that you will need to contact Jen Marts at jenmarts72@gmail.com or (813) 961-2182 to make any same gender substitutions.

Medical Forms

Please keep the original with you at all times. Make a copy and have your student carry theirs at all times. You do not need to send these to anyone else.

Gathering Covenants

Your registration downloads include a sample covenant. Please use this tool in your pre-gathering meetings with your youth. Each group is expected to have adopted a group covenant customized to your group. DO NOT attend this gathering without a group covenant. Please do not return this covenant to the gathering registrar. Simply edit it, if necessary, have it signed by your participants and adult leaders, and keep it for your records.

Getting to the Gathering

Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center is located approximately 6 miles north of downtown Eustis, Florida on County Road 452 in Lake County. See the website for a link to download directions to the center.

Miscellaneous Gathering Information

Please do not forget to be prepared to bring towels and bedding for each member of your group. If you have asked to be roomed in a camp, please plan to bring these. If you are roomed in a hotel style room you will NOT need these. You will be notified in your confirmation letter of the need for towels and bedding. Bring bug spray also as we will be on a lake and bugs like water!! There will

also be a snack bar and a bookstore so have your students bring extra money. Be prepared to see lots of exciting wildlife, but also warn your students as to the dangers of such. Remind them not to try to touch or catch any wildlife they might see.

Servant Event

We will be having several servant events this year

- [The Society of St. Andrews](#) (click for their website) will bring a truck full of produce that the youth will bag. These bags will be given to agencies who will then distribute the food to the hungry in America.
- There will also be an opportunity for the youth to prepare potato bags and prayer placemats for the Society of St. Andrews.
- We will have demonstrations of police K-9 units. They will show how they track lost children, criminals, etc. There is a limited number that can attend this demonstration. Sign up will be at the Primary Adult Leader meeting on a first come, first serve basis.
- There will be additional servant opportunities announced as we get closer to the event.

Breakouts

This year you will sign up your youth online for both the morning and afternoon breakout sessions. Locations and times will be in the gathering booklet. Listed below are the breakout sessions. Each of these will be available in both the morning and afternoon sessions.

- What a Lady of God LOOKS like: Girls Only
- What a Man of God LOOKS like: Boys Only
- An Inside Look at High School: 8th Grade Only
- Do You See What I See?...Media, a look at how to stay safe in
- Cyberspace
- Sticks and Stones may break my bones BUT words are like grenades! How to deal with Bullying.
- How do I Reflect? Spiritual Gifts
- APPEARANCES: Looking past gossip and cliques...what does a True Friend look like?
- A Picture of Prayer
- Let's Get Up and Get Moving! The Importance of staying active
- Why Worship? I go to youth group...Why do I have to go to church too?
- The Bible = The Big Picture: Where to start and why it's SO important
- Snapshot of Jesus: Not sure who Jesus is? Learn more here
- Illusion vs. Reality – Got tough questions? We'll have pastors standing by to hear them. Try to "stump the pastor"
- My Life is Out of Focus: Getting through the tough stuff
- Sharing the Vision: How do I share the Good News of Jesus
- PG: Parental guidance. Trying to understand our parents
- Does God Look The Same Everywhere?: God's work all around the world
- I Spy Something Creative: Art Lessons on God

Individual Registration & Emergency Medical Information Form

Name (Last, First, Middle) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Male/Female _____ Date of Birth _____ T-shirt size _____

Email: _____ Grade (circle) 6 7 8 Junior Guide Adult Leader

Mother's Name: _____ Cell # _____

Father's Name: _____ Cell # _____

Other Emergency Contact: _____

Relationship to person: _____ Phone # _____

Do you have any special needs: _____

Emergency and Health Information (If yes to any questions, please provide explanation and pertinent information)

Date of last Tetanus shot? _____

Do you have:

___ Allergies _____ Heart Condition _____

___ Diabetes _____ Other _____

Do you have a reaction to:

___ Bee Stings _____ Penicillin _____ Other _____

Drugs _____

___ Plants _____ Other _____

Are you subject to:

___ Headaches _____ Seizures _____ Fainting _____

___ Sleep walking _____ Asthma _____

___ Other _____

Any serious illness or surgery in the past 10
years? _____

Any condition that would prevent participation in activities? _____

Any drugs ineffective in treatment?

Sight or hearing
impaired? _____

Please list all medications currently being used

Please indicate anything else that would be important for adult leaders to know in case of
emergency

*I will participant fully in the District Middle School Gathering and seek to help others to do the
same.*

Participant's Signature

Date

Parent's/Guardian Signature (for those under 21)

Date

Primary Adult Leader's Signature

Date

**Medical and Liability Release Form
RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS**

(To be completed by adult participants and the parents/guardians of youth participants)

In consideration for participation in the 2010 Florida-Georgia District Middle School Gathering, **"IMAGES"**, we (I), being 21 years of age or older, do for ourselves (myself) (and for and on behalf my child-participant if said child is not 21 years of age or older) do hereby release, forever discharge and agree to hold harmless the Florida-Georgia District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center, and _____ (name of home congregation) and the directors thereof from any and all liability, claims or demands for personal injury, sickness or death, as well as property damage and expenses, of any nature whatsoever which may be incurred by the undersigned and the child-participant that occur while said child is participating in the above-described trip or activity.

Furthermore, (I) [and on behalf of our (my) child-participant if under the age of 21 years] hereby assume all risk of personal injury, sickness, death, damage and expense as a result of participation in recreation and work activities involved therein.

Further, authorization and permission is hereby given to said church to furnish any necessary transportation, food and lodging to this participant.

The undersigned further hereby agree to hold harmless and indemnify the above organization, its directors, employees, and agents, for any liability sustained by said church as the result of the negligent, willful or intentional acts of said participant, including expenses incurred attendant thereto.

Consent is given to the photographing of myself and the recording of my voice and the use of these photographs and/or recordings singularly or in conjunction with other photographs and/or recordings for advertising, publicity, commercial or other business purposes. It is understood that the term "photograph" as used herein encompasses both still photographs and motion picture footage. Further consent is given to the reproduction and/or authorization by the Florida-Georgia District LCMS to reproduce and use said photographs and recordings of my voice, for use in all domestic and foreign markets.

(if the participant has not attained the age of 21 years):

We (I) are the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of this participant, and hereby grant our (my) permission for him (her) to participate fully in said trip, and hereby give our (my) permission to take said participant to a doctor or hospital and hereby authorize medical and/or dental treatment, including but not in limitation to emergency surgery or medical and/or dental treatment, and assume the responsibility of all medical/dental bills, if any.

Further, should it be necessary for the participant to return home due to medical reasons, disciplinary action or otherwise, we (I) hereby assume all transportation costs.

Type or Print full name of participant

(Father) (Mother)

(Legal Guardian) (Participant, if age 21 or older)

Hospital Insurance _____ Yes _____ No
Insurance Company: _____ Policy # _____
Physician _____ Phone # _____



FL-GA District-LCMS Middle School Gathering 2010 Covenant

A covenant is a promise or agreement between two or more people. This group Covenant contains our promises and commitments to each other for how we will act, interact, and react at the Gathering. You may wish to add items specific to your youth group.

We agree to honor one another as members of God's family during this Gathering experience by treating each other in the following Christian manner:

- Show concern for other's physical and emotional well being (Matt. 19:19)
- Use words that build people up, avoid put-downs and sarcasm at all times (1Thes 5:11)
- Have a positive attitude and be flexible when things go wrong or schedules change
- Deal with any problems that may arise in a Biblical manner (Matt. 18:15-17)
- Pray for one another (James 5:16)

We agree to care for each other in our group by helping each other in these ways:

- Offer to carry luggage, open doors, or assist with any job even before being asked
- Be on time for meetings, so we don't hold everyone up
- Not try to "sneak out" of commitments made in this covenant
- Be tidy in rooms and considerate of other sleep needs (not staying up all night talking)

In addition, we expect our Adult Leaders to:

- Model a Christ like, servant motivated attitude to all
- Follow all the same rules youth must follow
- Show patience and try to get the "whole story" before reacting
- Be flexible when change of plans or rules is needed
- Show a lighthearted, loving, and fun side of themselves
- Consult youth in decision making as much as possible
- Follow this covenant fairly when dealing with problems

In this Covenant, we willingly agree to abide by these rules and expectations set by Lake Yale Conference Center and the District Gathering Committee:

- Full participation in Gathering events
- Abide by quiet time and lights out guidelines.
- Always travel in groups of 2 or more
- Adults must accompany youth to dorm rooms or motel rooms

- Be respectful of all property, including the natural habitat.

I agree to dress in modest fashion. If an adult tells me to change clothes, then I will change. I will dress in agreement with the guidelines set by Lake Yale Conference Center:

- I will not wear strapless tops or midriff revealing clothing.
- I will wear modest length shorts that fit properly. (no underwear showing)
- If I wear a two-piece swimsuit, I will wear a shirt over it.
- I will not wear any clothing with inappropriate words or pictures that are not in keeping with our Christian standards.

If an individual participates in any activities or others deemed severe, he/she will be sent home immediately at the parents/guardians expense. The following are examples of severe actions.

- Possessing an alcoholic beverage, narcotic, or tobacco product
- Possessing a weapon
- Breaking the law
- Inappropriate sexual behavior

When someone fails to keep their promise this covenant, we will handle the problem with the following consequences:

- They may be asked to consult privately with the Adult Leader or other youth involved
- Youth may be required to sleep on the floor in an Adult Leader's room (same gender)
- Youth may be required to spend part or all of a day under the direct supervision of an adult leader

This covenant shall serve as my promise to the other members of the group as my commitment to abide by the guidelines of the covenant. All members are responsible for honoring and upholding this covenant, and all members are responsible to remind others of the importance of the covenant.

Participant's Signature (Youth and Adult)

Date

Parent or Guardian's Signature

Date

Primary Adult Leader Signature

Date



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_____ is at Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center from
_____ to _____ with
their _____ group. The following
is an itemization of the counselors / supervisors on whom they have run background checks in
compliance with Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center policies and the State Florida regulations.

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Group Representative Signature

Date

Group Representative Name Printed

LYBCC Witness Signature

Date



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