

YC 17 Information Packet



Hello Parents,

It is our hope and prayer that YC17 will be a week that has true-life impact on each of our kids. We will do everything we can to make it a blast while stretching our kids in new ways. We take this responsibly seriously and we look forward to working with you to make this trip a reality.

What is YC17?

YC17 is a national conference for and middle school and high school students from all Lutheran Brethren churches. It is focused on discipleship, encouraging Christian kids to pursue their faith in Christ.

Where is it located?

Estes Park, CO. Housing will be at the YMCA of the Rockies.

Who can go?

All students who are currently in 6th through 12th grades are encouraged to attend.

Who will the adults be?

We will first look to adults who are currently serving in student ministries and will continue to serve this coming school year. After that, if we are in need of more adults, we will look for others in this order: 1) Those who will be joining the team this fall. 2) Those who have served in student ministries in the past. 3) Other ministry leaders within the church body*.

*Exceptions may include those who work specifically with a student with special needs.

How are we going to get there?

We have 30 tickets reserved on a Sun Country flight out of Minneapolis.

Did you say flying? Is that not way more expensive than other options?

We had a group of individuals work on transportation options. In this chart you will see how different transportation options break down:

| | Fly | Train | Vans | Bus |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Transportation total | \$6,750 | \$11,460 | \$2,500 | \$14,000 |
| Per person (approx. 30) | \$250 | \$382 | \$83 | \$466 |
| Shuttle Per person | \$80 | \$80 | | |
| Lodging | \$40 | \$80 | \$120 | \$40 |
| Food | \$40 | \$40 | \$100 | \$40 |
| Total per person | \$410 | \$582 | \$303 | \$470 |

“Okay, but this is my kid you’re talking about, what about safety?”

Safety is the number one reason we have chosen to fly. Vehicle accidents are the leading cause of death for American teenagers. Add three 15-passenger vans, (not allowed by many organizations and insurance companies for trips) driven by sleep deprived mentally exhausted adult leaders... Well, you get the picture. It is a risk this team is not willing to take with other reasonably priced options available.

What does the trip cost?

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| Cost of conference: | \$365 * |
| Flight with one checked bag: | \$250** |
| Shuttle in Denver | \$80 |
| Housing and food in Denver: | <u>\$80***</u> |
| | \$775 |

*(For the first 30 spots), extra spots cost: \$430 ** (For the first 30 spots), extra plane tickets are subject to price increases. ***Another \$30 is recommended for meal money outside of Denver and additional money for incidentals.

What about fund raising?

We understand the challenge of cost for many families. Although we want to help as much as possible, we cannot raise the total funds needed for each student. Ultimately, it is the responsibility for each student and family to cover costs. Please see the attached student ministry fundraising policy and guidelines with this packet.

When and how do I register my kids?

- The first time anyone can register is at programming on Wednesday evening January 25th.
- A \$50 non-refundable, but transferrable registration fee along with an individual registration form for each student. Check made out to Bethesda turned in on January 25th during student ministry programming.
- After January 25th turn in the above to the church office.
- After January 25th registration is upon availability.
- The last possible day to register is May 25th.
- Transferring spots is an option up until the time of departure.

What to bring:

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Pillow, sheets, and blanket

Bible, journal, pen

Camera

Toiletries

Towel

Bug Spray

Flashlight

Extra Batteries (for flashlight)

Water bottle

Watch

Clothing/Footwear

- Swimsuit (one piece)
- PJ's
- Shorts/T-shirts
- Long Sleeve Shirt/Long Pants
- Sweatshirt/Jacket
- Socks, underwear
- Sneakers for games/hiking
- Shower shoes/Flip Flops



A note on cell phones:

We will require that all students leave their cell phones at home. We desire that our students are present and connecting with those on the trip and not their friends at home. In no means do we want to limit contact with their parents. Each leader will have a cell phone for parents to call in case of emergencies as well as landlines at YMCA of the Rockies. If you need to speak with your child, leaders' cell phones will be available to use. We will also post each day on Facebook how everyone is doing and what is happening.

Who has helped with the planning?

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