

DCPC Youth Winter, Spring & Summer Trips 2009

Please mark Sunday, June 6, at noon, on your calendar for a final trips meeting for all summer trips. All final paperwork and payments will be due at that time. Packing information and other last details will be passed out at this meeting. The June 7 meeting is for youth and guardians.

Asheville Mini-Mission, Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend, January 16-18 – This is a mission trip in partnership with our friends from Harpeth Presbyterian Church in Tennessee. The group will stay at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church in Asheville, work in local service agencies, take part in a worship service, etc. This trip is coordinated by Asheville Youth Mission

Trip Cost = \$75

To Register – Turn in \$40, by Sunday, December 20. The balance is due Sunday, January 10.

****You must have a yearlong permission form on file to take part.****

****Parents/Drivers are needed!!****

Middle & High School Ski Trip – Saturday, January 30 – Both Middle and High School Youth will take part in a day ski trip to Winterplace, WV.

*All youth/adults taking part in this trip who are skiing/snowboarding for the first time must take a lesson.

*Prior to this trip, please work on gathering warm clothing together. See list at end of trip info.**

Estimated time—7 AM-9 PM.

Price Breakdown

- Skiers renting equipment = \$85
- Snowboarders renting equipment = \$100
- Skiers or Boarders with own equipment = \$60
- Snowtubing (4 hours) = \$35. Additional 4 hour chunks of time may be purchased at the resort for \$24-\$28.
- **Adults are needed** – The cost for adults is the same as that of the youth.
- Price includes – lift ticket, ski or snowboard lesson, lunch.
- Youth will need additional funds for fast food dinner on the way home, snacks at lodge (lunch is provided), rental equipment (\$8 ski bib, \$2 helmet rental)
- Youth must have a signed yearlong permission form/care covenant on file.

To Register

- 50% of payment is due for this trip by Sunday, December 20. The remaining 50% is due on Sunday, January 24th. Late payments should add \$5.
- Turn ski registration form by Sunday, December 20. This form should be signed by the youth and guardian.

WHAT TO BRING

Hat - if your head is warm the rest of you is likely to stay warm.

Water proof Gloves/Mittens - mittens are warmest.

Warm, dry socks - No cotton. Wear only one pair of socks. Ski boots should have a snug fit.

Goggles/Sunglasses

Jacket/Parka (water resistant)

Synthetic or wool base layers for top & bottom

Snow/Water resistant pants

Sunscreen - SPF 15 or higher

Lip Balm

Snack, Fruit, Energy Bar.

ID, Wallet, Cash

Extra Clothes, Shoes

Equipment - If you are not renting.

30 Hour Famine, February 27-28

The 30 Hour Famine is a Presbytery-wide youth event. Youth will join up with other youth from our Presbytery at First Presbyterian Church to learn about world poverty and our call as Christians to work for justice for the poor. The event includes a poverty simulation, homeless walk around Charlotte, Stop Hunger Now service project (made possible by our youth), worship exchange, World's Fair and More. This event counts for 3 service units towards Mission Trips.

To Register – Turn in \$15 and a completed form by Sunday, January 3.

Massanetta Middle School Conference – June 17-20

➤ Basic Details

- For youth who have completed 6th-8th grades.
- Conference at the Massanetta Springs Conference Center in Harrisonburg, VA (www.massanettasprings.org) for approximately 250 Middle School Youth.
- Theme: *180 Degrees*, Theme Scripture: Romans 12:2
- Youth enjoy energizers, worship, keynote, singing, games, free play. It's a time for the group to get to know one another better and to grow closer to God.
- **Adults are needed for this trip.** We need 1 adult of each gender for every 6 youth of each gender.

➤ Cost

- The cost of the trip is \$340/person.
- The following cost reductions apply:
 - Deduct \$25 from your final payment if you turn in your registration by February 7.
 - Deduct \$50 from your final payment if you turn in your registration by March 7 and if this is your first time taking part in the Massanetta Middle School Conference. (This may be combined with the above reduction if turned in before February 1.)
- The payment schedule follows:
 - Registration is rolling, but the last date for registration is April 4. \$140 and a completed registration form are required for registration. (Note the discounts which are available if you register prior to February 7 and March 7.)
 - May 2 - \$100

- June 6 – Final payment due - \$100 minus any discounts.
- Registration:
 - You must turn in a completed Massanetta form as well as a \$125 non-refundable deposit by April 4. (Early registration discounts apply for February 7 and March 7.)
 - A note about cancellations: You may receive back all but \$25 of your payment if you cancel by June 1. After June 1, you will be responsible for the full cost of the conference, \$325, unless another participant is found to pay for your spot.
 - See note about scholarships and payment deferral at the

Middle School Mission Possible 5 (Atlanta) –June 28-July 2

- Basic Details
 - This trip is for completed 5th -8th Graders.
 - The group participates in missions, education, worship and fun around Atlanta with 3 other churches – Harpeth Presbyterian Church (host), Swarthmore Presbyterian Church (PA), Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church (GA).
 - Youth are divided up into groups of approximately 5, along with the youth from other churches. These are called travel teams, as they travel to worksites together.
 - Youth may be supervised and driven by adults from the other 3 churches.
 - Youth will work in a variety of service agencies, which may be rural or urban. They will encounter and engage with marginalized individuals. Work site information will be available on June 7.
 - The group will stay at Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church, in Duluth, GA.
 - **Adults are needed to participate in this trip.** There is no cost for adults to take part. No male youth will be officially registered for this trip until at least one male adult is lined up.
- Trip Requirements:
 - Youth must turn in Service Worksheet showing 6 completed units of service.
- Cost = \$80
 - \$40 is due with registration materials on March 7. (This portion of the payment is non-refundable.)
 - \$40 is due as a final payment on June 6.
- To register
 - Turn in a signed registration form and \$40 deposit by Sunday, March 7.
 - A note about cancellations: Events happen, and people have to cancel. Please note that every time the participants change for this trip, the entire division of travel teams and team assignments has to be redone. This is hours of work. If you perceive the possibility of canceling, please let Shelli Latham know the moment the possibility arises. Obviously, emergencies happen, but any forewarning will save a lot of effort on the part of the over-extended planners.
 - See note about scholarships and payment deferral at the end of this document.

High School Gulf Coast Disaster Relief Trip, Saturday, July 11-17

- Basic details:
 - For youth who have completed 8th-12th grades.
 - We will work with other PCUSA Youth at the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Camp in Houma, Louisiana. This is restoration work from Hurricane Katrina.
 - Trip includes a venture into New Orleans.
 - We'll be staying in a tent village.
 - We will drive from Davidson to Louisiana.
 - **Adults are needed for this trip.** We need one adult to every 5 youth of each gender. There is no cost for adults.

- Price Breakdown - \$150. Includes:
 - All meals except in transit.
 - Dinner out in New Orleans
 - Participants will need funds for approximately 4 fast food meals.

- Trip Requirements:
 - Youth must turn in Service Worksheet showing 6 completed units of service.

- To register:
 - Complete the registration form and turn it in with a \$50 deposit by Sunday, February 7.
 - The final payment of \$100 is due on June 6.
 - Additional permission forms and paperwork will be due at the final trips meeting on Sunday, June 6, following 11 AM worship.
 - See note about scholarships and payment deferral at the end of this document.

Montreat Youth Conference – July 25-31

- Basic Details
 - This event is for youth who have completed 8th – 12th grades.
 - Theme: *In These Waters*
 - This is a conference for over 1000 high school youth at the Montreat Conference Center. Youth will take part in energizers, singing, keynote, worship, play, friend making. It is a great time to grow closer to God and to the members of our youth group.
 - Our group lives in a Montreat Cottage and cooks our own meals.
 - **Adults are needed to participate in this trip.** We must have one adult of each gender for every 6 youth of each gender. There is no cost of adult advisors.

- Cost - \$475
 - Discounts:
 - Deduct \$25 from your final payment if you register by Sunday, February 7.
 - Deduct \$50 from your final payment if you are participating in both Montreat and either mission trip and you register by March 7 and make final payment by June 7. (May be combined with above.)

- Deduct \$50 from your final payment if this is your first Montreat Youth Conference and you register by March 1 and make final payment by June 7. (May combine with above. See next point below.)
- You may deduct a maximum of \$100. This would apply to a first time participant, who is taking part in a mission trip. This participant registers by February 7 and makes final payment by June 7.

- Non-refundable deposit of \$200 and registration form due by Sunday, April 4. (See above about discounts.)
- Payments are due May 2 (\$150) and June 6 (final payment).

- Registration:
 - Registration is rolling. To qualify for discounts turn in deposit (\$200) and forms by Sunday, February 7 or March 7. The last day to register is Sunday, April 4.
 - A note about cancellations: Unless a fully paying replacement is found, youth who cancel will pay \$150 to cover housing expenses that cannot be recouped plus \$50 cancellation fee due to the conference center. Youth who cancel after May 10th will be responsible for \$390, the cost of housing and the non-recoupable registration fee.
 - See note about scholarships and payment deferral at the end of this document.

A note about scholarships: **No one should miss a trip due to lack of funds.** Families go through economic hardships for any number of reasons. If you need aid to be able to participate in a trip or if you need to request to make a late payment, please fill out the attached scholarship document and turn it in to Shelli Latham. Shelli and the finance office personnel, Jean Johnston and Trish Jones, are the only people who will see the scholarship requests.