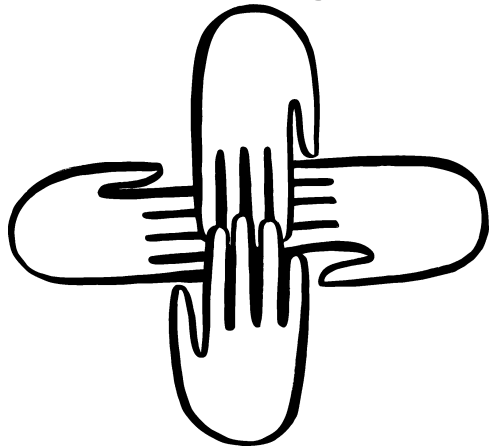


Mark Your Calendar!

Allegheny Synod Senior High Youth Event

February 26th - 28th, 2010



**God's Work.
Our Hands.**

Keynote Speaker: Chandler Carriker
Director, Theological Education with Youth

Toftrees Resort, State College, PA
Cost \$150 per person

As in years past, there will be large group gatherings and worship with the Music Team, Small groups led by college students, evening worship with Bishop Pile, Saturday night dance and more!

New this year, as part of our theme "God's Work. Our Hands.", the youth will spend Saturday morning with their small groups at a local service agency where they will learn about the mission of the agency and use their hands to serve.

More Info? Contact: Nathan Pile - 814/422-8417 - nathanpile@mac.com

To: All Pastors, AIMs, and Youth Group Leadership

From: Allegheny Synod Sr. High Youth Event Committee

Date: November 19, 2009

About: Synod Sr. High Event @ Toftrees

Greetings everyone!

As everyone gears up for a busy holiday season, the Synod Sr. High Youth event team wanted to place in your hands all of the information you will need for registration for the Synod event happening February 26-28, 2010.

This event is hosted at the Toftrees Conference Center in State College, PA. The cost is \$150 per participant (youth or adult). The cost covers all lodging and food for the event, which starts Friday after dinner and ends before lunch on Sunday.

Who are considered to be Sr. High youth? Grades 10-12, but we are flexible. If in your congregational context you consider 9th graders to be Sr. High then they are welcome.

As with past events, our small group leaders will be from Penn State Campus Ministry. Our music will be lead by the house band. The keynote speaker is Chandler Carriker from Theological Education for Youth (Gettysburg and Philadelphia Seminaries). The event's theme is God's Work. Our Hands. New for this year's event is a morning of service work in State College. We will be touring, learning about and working at multiple service agencies in town.

We are looking for adult advisors who will be attending the event that would be willing to drive their personal vehicle or the congregation's vehicle to several of our work sites on Saturday morning. Please contact Pr. Nathan Pile if you are willing and able to serve in this way during the event. (814) 422-8417 or nathanpile@mac.com.

Please come and join us for a great time of service, learning, food and fun! If you have any questions please use the contact information above for Pr. Pile.

God's peace,

Allegheny Synod Senior High Youth Event Planning Team

Weekend Schedule

God's Work. Our Hands.

February 26-28, 2010

Friday, February 26

5-7 pm	Participant Registration	Lobby
7:30 pm	Large Group Kick-off Event	Ballrooms
9 pm	Small Group Time	Est. rooms
	Advisor Gathering	Library 2
11:30 pm	Family Time	Part. Rooms
12 am	Room Curfew	

Saturday, February 27

7:30-8:30 am	Breakfast	Le Papillon
9 am	Gather in transportation groups and depart for Service projects	Lobby
9:30 am	Arrive and begin work at service projects	
12:30 pm	Lunch and reflect in small groups	
1:30 pm	Depart from work sites	
2 pm	Return to Toftrees	Lobby
2:30 pm	Games, crafts, dancing, etc. (fun workshops)	
4 pm	Large Group gathering	Ballrooms
5:20 pm	Small Groups	Est. rooms
6:30 pm	Dinner	Le Papillon
7:45 pm	Worship with Holy Communion	Ballrooms
9 pm	Dance	Le Papillon
11:30 pm	Family Time	Part. Rooms
12 am	Room Curfew	

Sunday, February 28

7:30 am	Breakfast	Le Papillon
8:30 am	Small Groups	Est. rooms
	Advisor Gathering	Library 2
9:45 am	Closing Large Group	Ballrooms
Noon	Event ends and clean up	Everywhere

Senior High Youth Event of the Allegheny Synod - Registration Form
February 26-28, 2010 at the Toftrees Resort, State College
\$150 payable to "The Allegheny Synod" (Registrations post marked after February 2 - \$175)
Post marked or FAX FINAL deadline for HOTEL REGISTRATION: Monday, February 15, 2010
(submit to Synod Office). No registrations can be accepted after February 15

PARTICIPANT NAME _____ GRADE 9 10 11 12 ADULT
 E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ GENDER M F
 MAILING ADDRESS _____
 PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME(S) _____
 PARENT/GUARDIAN PHONE NO. (W) _____ (H) _____ (cell) _____
 CONGREGATION & CITY _____ ADVISOR(S) _____

T-shirt Order

I would like to order a T-shirt at \$8 additional cost. My \$8 is included with this registration.
Please order: S M L XL XXL XXXL

MEDICAL INFORMATION

PARTICIPANT NAME _____ BIRTHDATE _____
 DOCTOR'S NAME _____ PHONE _____
 EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ PHONE _____
 _____ PHONE _____
 ALLERGIES _____ LAST TETANUS SHOT _____
 CURRENT MEDICATIONS AND/OR MEDICAL CONDITIONS (PLEASE EXPLAIN) _____

I give my permission to the coordinator and/or adult advisors to administer aspirin/Tylenol, basic first aid for minor injuries and permission to transport my child to a hospital should it be necessary. I also give my permission for the person(s) in charge to Dispense any medications, which have been prescribed by a physician to my child with specific directions from the physician for its use. In the event that I am unavailable for purposes of providing parental consent, I hereby authorize the coordinator and/or adult advisors to consent to and authorize the administration and performance of all treatments that may be considered advisable or necessary, in the judgment of attending physicians, to the health/well-being of my minor son/daughter. I understand and agree that I am financially responsible for any care procured by my child in the event of any emergency.

PARENT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

PARTICIPANT & PARENTAL AGREEMENT AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY FOR THE EVENT

I hereby give permission for my son/daughter to participate in the activities of the Allegheny Synod Senior High Youth Event, February 26-28, 2010. It is understood that all reasonable caution will be taken by those in charge to prevent injuries, but neither those persons in charge nor the Allegheny synod, ELCA shall be held responsible in case of accident or death, and I hereby release them from any claims.

*By submitting this form, I allow the release of my name and image as part of an information database for all synod related entities, and that photos/videos produced at the Allegheny Synod Senior High Event become the property of the Allegheny Synod and can be used for Allegheny Synod related purposes and publicity. **CHECK HERE _____ TO OPT OUT OF THE IMAGE RELEASE.***

PARTICIPANT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

PARENT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Synod Senior High Youth Event

YOUTH COVENANT God's Work. Our Hands. February 26-28,2010

This Allegheny Synod youth event is an intentional Christian community. In such a community, it is important that the behavior reflect the faith we share in Jesus the Christ. This covenant is a promise that you make with the community to live within the standards established by the community. Those who do not live by the covenant maybe asked to leave the event.

I agree to:

- **be supportive.** I will support others and treat them in a way consistent with the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ. I will not make fun of others or make them feel inferior by my words or actions.
- **participate.** I will attend and participate in all community activities, including small and large group sessions and meetings. I will encourage my peers and other youth and adults to do so as well.
- stay on site.** I will remain on the property of the event for the entire event. In the event of an emergency participants maybe allowed to leave the event location after consulting with their advisors and the event staff.
- abide by curfew.** I will remain in my own room after lights out and to respect the quiet time as designed by the event and the community to respect the needs of others to get rest. I will abide by curfew, by returning to and staying in my own room.
- stay drug free.** I will refrain from using alcohol, tobacco, recreational or illegal drugs at the event. I understand that my failure to comply may lead to my begin asked to leave the event immediately. I will help enforce these policies and report any misconduct I may witness to my advisors or event staff.
- respect property.** I will respect the property of others and of the event site, to clean up after myself, and when responsible for damage to pay for it. This applies to my room, hallways and small and large group meeting spaces.
- help others keep the covenant.**

Print Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Allegheny Synod Senior High Event - Advisor Information

Advisors will be 21 years or older

Please bring 1 adult advisor for every 8 youths. If your group includes both genders, please bring both male and female advisors.

If an advisor wants to meet individually with a youth, we suggest meet in a public room. If meeting in an advisor's or youth's room is unavoidable, please be sure the door is open and the lights are on.

Adult advisors will be responsible for supervision of their youth at all times.

Please leave at home electronic games, dvd players and other activities that would distract from full participation in the event.

All participants are expected to remain at the event locations throughout the event.

If a participant needs to leave the event in the case of an emergency, they must get permission to leave from their advisor and notify the planning team.

Please bring signed youth and adult covenants for each participant. Please go over the covenant with your group to ensure they know what they are agreeing to and why a covenant is important to the event.

A Registered Nurse will be present for the event, and a first aid kit will be available. Prescription drugs must be noted on the medical release portion of the registration form.

If your group includes participants with serious health or dietary issues, please let the planning team know.

If discipline issues arise, a committee comprised of a synod staff person, the planning team facilitator and the event chaplain will address the issues.

Consequences for misbehavior may include being sent home from the event before it ends.

Synod Senior High Youth Event

ADULT COVENANT God's Work. Our Hands. February 26-28,2010

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I agree to:

- **be supportive.** I will support others and treat them in a way consistent with the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ. I will protect the integrity of the event, by voicing concerns to staff and not airing grievances to teens.
- **participate.** I will attend and participate in all community activities, including small and large group sessions and meetings. I further agree to encourage my youth participants to do so as well.
- **stay on site.** I will remain on the property of the event for the entire event. In the event of an emergency I may leave the event location after consulting with the other advisors from my home congregation and the event staff.
- **abide by and enforce curfew.** I will help to enforce lights out and to respect quiet time as designated by the event. I will further help enforce curfew by diligently ending my "Family Time" at an appropriate hour and checking to make sure all of the youth participants from my congregation are in their assigned rooms at the designated time.
- **stay drug free.** I will refrain from using alcohol, tobacco, recreational or illegal drugs at the event. I understand that my failure to comply may lead to my begin asked to leave the event immediately. I will further help enforce these policies and report any misconduct I may witness to event staff. If you must use tobacco products, please see the event staff to locate the designated areas. The hotel has a no smoking policy and will fine individuals in violation of their policy.
- **respect property.** I will respect the property of others and of the event site, to clean up after myself, and when responsible for damage to pay for it. I will encourage youth to practice good habits throughout the event. This includes caring for, and cleaning up rooms, small group gathering spaces, and all other public use of space. It may also include helping youth understand appropriate treatment of staff who care for rooms and who serve us graciously.
- **practice/witness Christian behavior.** Advisors and event staff are prohibited from the use of profanity, sexual innuendo, sexual harassment and berating of youth, adults or participants. It is also expected that advisors and event staff will not engage in any type of sexual or inappropriate conduct with youth participants regardless of whether the conduct is consensual. It is furthermore expected that advisors will help enforce these practices.
- **help others keep the covenant.**

Print Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____