



Dear Parent:

The new school year has begun and that means Youth Convention is right around the corner. I'm writing this letter to get you the information you need for your child to have an amazing weekend at Youth Convention.

Youth Convention will be taking place this year on October 26th-28th at the La Crosse Center in Lacrosse, Wisconsin.

We will depart from NORTHIRON Church 8AM on Friday October 26th. Make sure to set an alarm (or two! – just about every year someone misses convention because they didn't get to church on time) and be a few minutes early so we can have everything loaded and be on the road by 8AM. We will be returning to the church Sunday October 28th at approximately 9PM. We will have your child call once we are at Koski Corners (about 15 minutes from the church).

Cost for Youth Convention is \$145. We will be stopping a few times on the way to and from convention for meals and your child may want to purchase snacks. During the weekend at convention the cost of meals will be the responsibility of each student. Your child will need enough money for lunch and dinner on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (Roughly \$40). Breakfast is included at the hotel. Besides meals, no additional money is needed. However you may send some additional money with your child, as we will visit a mall during free time on Saturday. Again, additional spending money is optional.

Registration for Youth Convention is done exclusively online at <http://www.northiron.church/nineosix>. There you can enter your registration information and pay in one convenient place. The deadline for registration is October 11th. If you aren't registered by October 11th your child will not be guaranteed a spot, and if there is an available spot, a \$10 late fee will be incurred for registrations after October 11th. Make sure to register ASAP, as the sooner you register, the better lodging you will be guaranteed.

Friday we will make the drive down to La Crosse, stopping a few times along the way for refueling, bathrooms, and meals. Once we arrive in La Crosse we will check into the hotel and get situated. Then we get dinner and head down to the convention center for an evening service. This year's convention speaker is Eran Holt.

Saturday we will wake up, get breakfast, and head to the morning session. In the afternoon there will be free time. During this time we will go to a mall for lunch at the food court and allow time for students to walk around. Then we will head back to the hotel where students can hangout, swim, play games, etc. In the evening we will head over to the convention center for the evening service. After this service we'll go to Perkins for a late night dinner.

Sunday morning we will pack up, grab breakfast, and check out of the hotel. Then we will head to the convention center for the closing session. After the closing session we will head home, stopping along the way for refueling, bathrooms, and meals.

Youth Convention will be an extremely fun weekend for your child to take a break from their regular routine, hangout with their friends, and connect with our leadership team. But even more important is the spiritual impact of convention. Your child will have the opportunity to grow in and experience what a relationship with Jesus truly is, and how He can help them deal with the joyful and the difficult experiences life brings. Almost every student that goes to convention leaves on Sunday counting down the days until next year. I would highly encourage you to make every effort possible for your child to attend. If you have any questions, concerns, or issues getting your child to convention, please feel free to reach out to me via email or phone at the church and I'll do anything I can to help make sure they're able to attend!

Thank you,

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