



Baptist General Convention of Virginia

Youth Retreats 2012



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Divine Nature & Anointing

Scripture Reference: John 1:10-13

Greetings

Dear Youth Group Leader,

We, at Baptist General Convention are excited that you are considering joining us at this year's Youth Retreat. The BGC's Youth Retreats are intentionally designed for young people to encounter God in such a way that will spark their interest in developing a deeper relationship with Christ. As a youth leader this retreat is an opportune time to shepherd and guide your youth on their spiritual journey.

This packet along with the enclosed DVD promo will help you get a better picture of what you and your group can expect to experience on the mountain. **Please** be sure to read through all of the information carefully, so you can give your group clear directions before and during the event. If you have any questions about the registration process or the retreat itself, feel free to contact me at the Baptist General Convention State Office.

In God's Service,

BGC Staff

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Weekend Schedule

Friday

3 – 8 pm	Check-in
5– 7	Dinner
6:45-7:15	Adult Leader Orientation
7:45 – 9:45	Opening Encounter
10 – 11	Fine Arts Rehearsals
11:15-11:45	Cottage Devotionals
Midnight	Lights Out!

Saturday

9 – 9:30 am	Early Morning Encounter
8 – 9	Breakfast
9:30 – 10:50	Female & Male Empowerment Sessions
11:00-Noon	Breakout Session I
Noon – 1:20	Lunch
1:30 – 2:30	Breakout Session II

2:45-3:30	Afternoon Encounter
4- 6 pm	Free time Activities
5: 30— 6:30	Fine Arts Rehearsals
6:30 -7:45	Dinner
8:00 -9:45	Evening Encounter
10—11	Fine Arts Rehearsals
11:15-11:45	Cottage Devotionals
Midnight	Lights out!

Sunday

8- 8:30 am	Early Morning Encounter
8-9	Breakfast
9:15-11	Closing Encounter
11:15-11:45	Lunch/Go Home

Important Reminders

Collect Payments and follow the registration process

All completed registrations should either be done online at the BGC of VA's secure website, www.bgcva.org/events, or sent to the Baptist General Convention State office via us mail service or personally delivered. Please make sure that you have included in your registration any late fees that your church might have incurred if you registered after the deadline. ****You will receive a confirmation upon receipt of full payment. All payments MUST be received before the date of the retreat.****

Cancellation/Refund Policy

Cancellations prior to the registration deadline will receive a full refund. Groups who cancel after the registration deadline will receive 50% of their money back unless the cancellation happens with seven business days of the actual retreat, whereby the group forfeits all monies paid. ****There are No credits and No rain checks.****

Substitution Policy

Substitutions (changing one attendee for another) prior to the registration deadline can be made. Substitutions past the registration deadline **MUST** be within the same gender and grade range (male youth for male youth/female adult for female adult). **Please inform the BGC of VA State Office at least one (1) week prior to the retreat date of any substitutions. No Substitutions after one week prior. * Churches are strongly encouraged to have 1 male & female adult leader alternate in case a primary adult group leaders is unable to attend.***

Activity Registration

During the weekend youth will have an opportunity to participate in several fun activities such as 3-on-3 basketball, flag football, and kick-ball tournament, Soul Lounge Try-Outs, and BGC Idol. **If you have youth interested in participating, it is the adult leader's responsibility to sign-up their church youth at least two weeks prior to the retreat date.**

Important Reminders contd.

Provide Leadership

This event is designed to help you as well as your youth deepen your relationship with God. You and your adult volunteers will be responsible for making sure students are following guidelines that have been outlined. The BGC of VA Retreat Staff is not responsible for monitoring and disciplining your students. **Any major discipline infractions will result in the church group being sent home without refund, immediately.**

Transportation

Groups must provide their own transportation to the retreats site. At the Retreat Site there is an area for Charter bus pick up and departure. 15/35 passenger buses/vans parking is provided throughout the Retreat Site in front of most cottages. The Convention does not offer transportation .

What to Bring

A Jacket/Coat
Bible (never leave home without)
Ink pen & A notebook
Comfortable walking shoes
Disinfectant
Toiletries
Umbrella
\$15– 20 spending money

What Not to Bring

Illegal Substances
Weapons
Flashlights
Inappropriate Clothing
includes tee shirts with offensive words or pictures or items that are revealing
Cell phones, iPods/MP3 Players, DVD players are not be used during class or worship service.

Linens, pillows, blankets will be provided, however you may choose to bring these items from home.

Frequently Asked Questions

How many Youth Retreats does the Convention host a year and where: BGC of VA sponsors three (3) retreats a year. Two (2) High School retreats (9th - 12th Grade Only) and one (1) Middle School retreat (6th- 8th Grade Only). All retreats are held at the Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center, 1 Eagle Eyrie Drive, Lynchburg, Virginia 24503.

How long is the retreat: The retreat is a three day —two night event. Beginning on a Friday afternoon and concluding early Sunday afternoon.

Does my church have to be a member of the BGC of VA to attend: No. Over the years we have had churches of other denominations as well as from outside of the Commonwealth of Virginia to attend our retreats.

What age/grades are eligible to attend: Any youth in sixth - eighth (6th- 8th) grades may attend the Middle School retreat and only ninth - twelfth (9th - 12th) graders can attend the High School retreat.

Does my church need to send adults leaders: Yes! A church may bring as many adult leaders as they wish. However, we require that churches have a ratio of 1 male leader: 4-5 male youth and 1 female leader: 4-5 female youth.

Is there are registration cost: Yes, the registration cost is \$160.00 per person; this cost includes lodging, six (6) meals, all activities, and retreat materials for the retreat weekend. There is a late registration cost of \$170.00 per person after registration deadline (30 days before retreat). ***Churches you register online will be charged an additional online service fee.***

When is check-in: Check-in begins at 3:00 pm on Friday (and will continue until all churches have arrived). There is a Mandatory Adult leaders meeting at 6:45 pm in the Voight Conference Center.

Frequently Asked Questions contd.

Does the retreat site provide shuttle service: No. The retreat site does not provide a shuttle, throughout the mountain. Due the incline of the Retreat terrain charter buses are not permitted to drive throughout the site. There is a central parking lot for Charter Buses to park. 15 or 35 passenger buses/vans are permitted to drive throughout the retreat site, and park in front of most cabins.

You may have to walk long distances to the attend programs or activities in various locations depending on the location of your cabin. There is a lot of upward walking in some areas. Please pack bags that you can carry by hand and wear comfortable shoes.

What about the accommodations: The retreat site provides lodging for 900 persons. All cabins have electricity, full bathrooms, bunk beds, couches, chairs, linen, and soap. Some cabins also have full kitchens will a refrigerator. Each church will be assigned single-sex lodging accommodations for the weekend. The size of each church will determine their lodging assignment. Some churches may be assigned a cabin with another church. **There is NO CO-ED visitation permitted during the weekend.**

What should I wear during the weekend: Dress is casual (no revealing clothing) for the weekend. Bring comfortable clothing and shoes due to hilly terrain of the retreat site. The weather is usually warmer during the day, but may be cooler at night.

Do adult leaders have to fill out the medical waiver also: Yes, all persons (youth & adults) in order to attend the retreat must completely fill out the medical waiver. The medical waiver should be turned in along with the retreat registration.

What do churches do about youth taking medication: Adult leaders should be aware of any medical condition that may affect their students. **Youth should carry and administer their medication at all times.** In case of emergency there is a medical professional on duty.

Frequently Asked Questions contd.

What activities will the youth be able to participate in during the retreat: During the retreat weekend, youth will be able to participate in the following activities:

Soul Lounge: Students who are gifted in spoken word, poetry, and prose are asked create a piece based upon the Retreat themed scripture. Students interested in participating must submit five (5) typed copies of their creative work and attend try-outs on Saturday afternoon, if they advance to the next round will present their interpretation Saturday evening during the Encounter Worship experience. First, second and third place will be awarded to the winners.

Sport Tournaments (3-on-3 Basketball, Kickball, Flag football): Churches, if they wish can enter single-sex teams to compete against each other in spirited tournaments. The first, second and third place male and female teams will be awarded a trophy. **(Kickball & Flag Football are co-ed tournaments)**

BGC Idol: Is a ministry showcase/talent show where church ministry groups (mime/step/dance) are given an opportunity to rep their church and display their gifts/talents during the Afternoon Encounter experience.

Fine Arts Groups: Students who wish can sing in the Retreat Choir or dance as part of the Praise Dance Team must attend rehearsals held during the weekend in order to be prepared to minister on Sunday at the Closing Encounter worship experience.

Election of Youth Ministry Leaders

Youth Ministry Leadership

Do you know of any youth who are great leaders? Why not encourage them to run for either President, Vice-President, or Secretary of the Youth Ministry for the Baptist General Convention! All candidates must meet the following requirements:

- Active member of a Baptist General Convention of Virginia church
- Be a Freshman, Sophomore, or Junior with a 2.5 cumulative GPA—**Please Provide Official Transcript**
- **All Candidates must submit the following items to be considered:**
 - Completed Youth Officer Application (download from www.bgcva.org)
 - A one page essay entitled **“My Leadership History”** (*Times New Roman 10 font, double spaced*)
 - Create a 2—3 min. video speech—**“Why am I the best Candidate”** for viewing at the YR I general session
 - Submit letters of recommendations from a current teacher, Youth Minister/Director, and Pastor

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 2, 2012

****Go to WWW.BGCVA.ORG for more information****

Elections will take place on Saturday March 24, 2012

CANDIDATES ARE NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE FIRST RETREAT TO APPLY



Waiver & Release Form

Note: Each Person Attending Must Complete This Form And Return
(Anyone one under the age of 18 must have a parent/ guardian sign)

Full Name: _____ Location: _____
Church Name: _____
Home Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
E-Mail: _____
Phone: (____) _____ (____) _____
Daytime Evening
Name of Insurance Company/Provider _____
Policy Number _____

Please list of any other medical restrictions from activities the registrant might have:

Please list any MEDICATIONS or FOODS the registrant is allergic to:

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*****Please make certain all registrants bring an insurance card and meds to the retreat. Each registrant must keep their meds with them at all times.*****

"Having been made aware of the activities the registrant will be doing, I hereby consent to the registrant's participation at the Baptist General Convention of Virginia's (B.G.C.) Youth Retreats. I voluntarily release and forever discharge B.G.C. from any and all liability, claims, actions, or rights of action that is in any way related to the registrant's participation in the retreat activities. I agree to indemnify and hold B.G.C. harmless from any and all costs or damages, including attorney fees, incurred in connection with the registrant's participation in retreat activities. I further agree not to sue, assert or otherwise maintain any claim or cause of action against B.G.C. arising from the registrant's participation in retreat activities. In addition I hereby consent to the registrant being filmed during the Youth Retreats and give the B.G.C. permission to use that film for any type of publication.

In case of emergency, I understand every effort will be made to contact parents or guardians of minor registrants. However, if parents or guardians cannot be reached, or if I, the below signed registrant is 18 years of age or older, I hereby give B.G.C. permission to act on my behalf in seeking and administering medical treatment. I agree to release B.G.C. from any liability in acting on my behalf in this regard and rendering such medical treatment. I assume the risk and financial responsibility for any injury resulting from the registrant's participation in conference activities."

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Please print your name here: _____
Emergency Contact's Name: _____
Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Group Registration

Church Name and Location _____

Contact Person _____

Confirmation Mailing Address _____

City, State Zip _____

Contact Email Address _____ Contact Number _____

Select Retreat: High School I: March 23-25
Deadline: February 23, 2012

Middle School: May 18-20
Deadline: April 18, 2012

High School II: August 3-5
Deadline: July 3, 2012

	# of Persons	Subtotal
Regular Registration : \$160.00 per person	_____	\$ _____
Late Registration (After Deadline) : \$170.00 per person	_____	\$ _____
Total Amount Enclosed:	_____	\$ _____

Make all checks payable to: BGCVA: Church Check Money Order Online Registration

Make Sure to Register Today!

Mail: BGCVA
1214 West Graham Road
Richmond, VA 23220

Online: www.bgcva.org/events.html
804-228-2421 ex. 15 (O) 804-228-1998 (F)
youth@bgcva.org
Attention: Youth Retreats 2012

You will receive a confirmation upon receipt of payment.
All Event Registration Fees are Non Refundable.
Online Registrations will incur an additional service fee
*****No credits and no rain checks.*****

Group Registration

LIST ALL YOUTH ATTENDING BELOW

FULL NAME

GENDER

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LIST ALL ADULT LEADERS ATTENDING BELOW

FULL NAME, GENDER AND PHONE

CHECK IF TEACHING

Activity Registration

** THERE WILL NOT BE ANY ON-SITE

Church Name _____

Contact Person _____

Confirmation Mailing Address _____

City, ST Zip _____

Contact Email Address _____

Contact Number _____

of Persons

Youth Retreat Choir _____

of Persons

Youth Praise Dancers _____

Church Name _____

Contact Person _____

Confirmation Mailing Address _____

City, ST Zip _____

Contact Email Address _____

Contact Number _____

of Male Teams

Male 3 — on — 3 Basketball _____

of Female Teams

Female 3 — on — 3 Basketball _____

of Persons

Kickball Tournament _____

** Basketball teams may have up to 5 players on a roster**

** THERE WILL NOT BE ANY ON-SITE

Activity Registration

Church Name _____

Contact Person _____

Confirmation Mailing Address _____

City, ST Zip _____

Contact Email Address _____

Contact Number _____

of Groups

Talent Show _____

Mime, Dance, Step, or Song (Please Circle)

Name of Group _____

Name of Song _____

*** Groups must provide their own music***

Church Name _____

Contact Person _____

Confirmation Mailing Address _____

City, ST Zip _____

Contact Email Address _____

Contact Number _____

Soul Lounge

Name _____

Poetry or Prose (Please Circle)

Name _____

Poetry or Prose (Please Circle)

Name _____

Poetry or Prose (Please Circle)

*** Contestants must provide 5 typed copies of presentation***

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Address Service Requested



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The Rev. Dr. Darrell K. White, Convention President

The Rev. Dr. Earl M. Brown., Interim Executive Minister

The Rev. Keith Sherard, Youth Ministry Coordinator

Miss Ash'Shanae Cohen, Youth Ministry President

