

YTH WKND Planning Notes

Resources:

- All youth directors bringing a group to the event will be encouraged to schedule a Zoom call with our team to go over details and planning for YTH WKND. Email info@theythwknd.com to schedule that call.
- Our team will provide a steady stream of promotional materials, website support, and recommendations for small group materials as needed.
- @YthWknd is the Instagram handle for the event, so try to get as many of your kids to follow it as possible.
- A free 3 session curriculum guide will be produced and provided 4-6 weeks out from the event, though groups can choose their own curriculum if they'd like.

Finances:

- Participating youth ministries, if they choose, will not need to spend any money whatsoever out of their ministry budgets.
- Due to high credit card processing fees, we ask that payment for each group be made by check. That check can be made out to Westside Baptist Church with YTH WKND in the memo.
- Our office will cut all of the checks for the various vendors and expenses.
- Westside will not profit financially whatsoever from this event whatsoever. Our youth ministry budget is offsetting expenses for the weekend, primarily in terms of honorariums.
- We're asking each group to pay a reservation fee, along with an estimate of the number of students you expect to bring. That fee reserves your group the right to purchase tickets, and helps us make accurate plans in regards to shirts, meals, lanyards, etc. Groups of 20 students or fewer will pay a \$50 reservation, and groups larger than that paying a \$100 reservation.
 - (So if you're bringing 25 students, you'll pay a one time fee of \$100, and then the registration fee for each student (\$40 early bird, \$50 regular, etc.)
- Adult volunteers and leaders will pay just \$20 regardless of when they register.
- Several churches are already committed to attending the weekend. Groups without a deposit will not be guaranteed a place at the event should we need to limit capacity for any reason.

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Out of town groups:

- Westside has a preferred rate with the Best Western Gateway Grand, only 2 minutes from the church. However, the number of rooms we have reserved is limited. They'll be on a first come, first serve basis. The special rate for those rooms is \$79 per room, per night.
- Those rooms have 2 queen sized beds, but if your group is comfortable, you're allowed to sleep an additional 2-3 students per room in sleeping bags. The hotel does not provide rollaway beds.
- If you're booking rooms, call the Best Western at (352) 331-3336, and let them know that you're booking for the event at Westside Baptist, and that you're paying them directly.
- If those rooms run out, there are other affordable hotels nearby, and you can call our team for recommendations.

But for immediate questions, or to let us know you're interested in participating, email our team at info@theythwknd.com, or by calling the office at 352-333-7700 ext. 119.