



Rocky Mountain Synod- ELCA Middle School Youth Gathering
January 13-15, 2012 Crowne Plaza, Colorado Springs

Drenched: Drenched in Grace, Poured Out in Love (Rev. 22)

W E L C O M E !

We are so excited to see you in a week! We pray for you and your group as you prepare for this fun weekend and for safe travel. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Kayla at pblovinlutheran@yahoo.com or (303)726-7944.

THINGS TO KNOW FOR THE MSYG WEEKEND:

Meals

A sack lunch is provided for all participants on Saturday noon.
Dinner Friday and Saturday and breakfast on Saturday & Sunday are not provided.
Please plan accordingly.

A list of local restaurants is posted on the web site (www.rmselfca.org/msyg)
Simple breakfast and meal items are available for purchase in the hotel.

Housing

Four youth and one adult are assigned to a two-bed hotel room. Adults may not share a bed with a youth. Each group must decide if either two youth or one adult will sleep on the floor and bring sleeping bags and/or air mattresses. There are no roll-aways.
(If you are flying, and sleeping bags are inconvenient, please let us know.)

Hotel rooms include hair dryers.

Please note there will not be housekeeping services in rooms on Saturday. Extra trash bags will be available in the rooms. Please encourage your group to respect the hotel space and help keep rooms clean. Thank you!

Safety & Security

The RMS is supplementing the security measures already in place at the hotel with additional caring adults who will have the specific role of supporting the congregation's adults already present, in the care and welfare for our youth. This includes an on site nurse.

What to Wear/Bring

Please see packing list in digital confirmation packet. ☺

A couple things to note-- we will be taking an offering for Open Bible on Friday night of can food, paper towels, toilet paper, and laundry detergent (all are needed items, please have your group bring what they want to share). Saturday morning we will be taking up an offering of socks and/or gloves. Sunday morning we will be collecting a monetary offering, in honor of our theme DRENCHED, for ELCA water projects all over the globe.

Please encourage your youth to leave their electronic devices at home. This is a great opportunity to connect to community. There is NO swimming during the weekend. We have 700 folks who will be in the hotel and it's a rather funny picture of all of us in the pool. ☺ Thank you for your support with these housekeeping items.

Please DO NOT bring your gathering payment to Colorado Springs. Please mail it to the Synod office, 455 Sherman St Suite 160 Denver, CO 80203.

Banners

Please see website for banner instructions. If your group didn't have a chance to make one, that's OK! On Saturday, one of the workshop options is processional banner making.

If you are planning on making your banner at the gathering, please let Kayla know by emailing her at pblovinlutheran@yahoo.com.

Service Projects

Teresa, the Service Opportunities coordinator will be sending out your Service Project information by Monday January 9th. Maps to locations will be provided as part of registration. This year we are utilizing technology a bit more as a way to share photos of the service projects. We will be encouraging caring adults to use their phones to take pictures of your group serving out in the community and send it to our Large Group team to be used in Saturday night large group. More information will be provided at registration.

Water for the Baptismal Font

Please encourage your group to gather some water from your community to be poured into the baptismal font at the gathering. BYOBW. ☺

Schedule

Please see schedule in digital confirmation packet. ☺

Congregation Time

This is an opportunity to check in with your group, maybe sharing highs and lows, and for continuation of relationship building in your group. Larger congregations will have larger spaces provided for this time (given at registration).

Cornerstone

We have a great group of high school juniors and seniors as well as college folks who will be sharing their time with us this weekend. They will be welcoming you as you arrive. Feel free to invite one of them to join your group for dinner Saturday night. ☺

Caring Adult Video

Please watch the caring adult video and have the other caring adults coming with you watch it. It is 3 minutes and is a brief orientation.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GrNm4NrbYdg&feature=youtu.be>

See you in the Springs on January 13th! Registration starts at 530pm. As we continue to pray for your preparation, please pray for the planning team, Eye Witness, and Russ Britton as we travel to the Springs and prepare for your arrival.

Get ready to be DRENCHED!

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