

2010 Mission Presbytery Mid-Winter Youth Conferences

The Youth Connection Division of Mission Presbytery and the Midwinter Planning Team invite all youth grades 6-12 and their adult sponsors to attend one of the 2010 Midwinter Youth Conferences at Mo Ranch. This year's theme is based on James 1:19-27:

The Word: It's What You Do!

Sessions for Middle School Youth (6-8)

- #1 January 15-17 Rev. Doug Dalglish
Canyon Lake Presbyterian Church-Canyon Lake
#2 February 5-7 Rev. Sarah Allen
First Presbyterian Church-Austin

Sessions for High School Youth (9-12)

- #1 January 22-24 Karen Wagner, DCE
Westminster Presbyterian Church-Austin
#2 January 29-31 Rev. David Barker
First Presbyterian Church-San Marcos

COST of the 2010 Midwinter program: If **group** is paid in full to Mission Presbytery by December 15th, cost is \$130/person. After December 15th, cost is \$135/person. Additional persons may be added after initial registration; their payment amount is based on the dates as stated. There will be **NO refunds** without prior arrangement at least **fourteen (14)** days before a conference.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Eight \$50 **scholarships** are available through the Sylvia Washer Scholarship Fund. Applications are available on the MP web site www.mission-presbytery.org. Fill out and mail to SWSF c/o Mission Presbytery, 7201 Broadway, Suite #303, San Antonio 78209. The SWSF committee from the ECN Division will review the applications and grant the scholarships.

HOW TO REGISTER:

1. Group leaders please fill out the "**group registration form**".
2. Mail the Group Registration Form and check to Mission Presbytery at least **14 days prior to the conference of your choice**. Mail your correspondence to "**2010 MidWinters**" c/o Mission Presbytery, 7201 Broadway, Suite #303, San Antonio, TX 78209. Please include a single church check for full payment made **payable to Mission Presbytery**; please indicate on the memo line which conference you will be attending.
3. Copy and distribute the two "individual registration forms" to all members of your group.
4. Make 2 copies of the medical form and bring a copy to registration to turn in at Mo-Ranch and one for the attending sponsors to keep with them.

Please register your middle school and high school groups separately -with separate checks and registration forms.

*Groups that register male and female youth are required to have male and female sponsors to accompany them. These adult sponsors are required to have a **background check** done in order to accompany youth.

For questions, please contact Lita Simpson, litas@missionpby.org , 1-800-446-5294 , Lori Nance at loribeernance@sbcglobal.net , 361-729-6251 or Cheryl Brockman (210) 473-1496.

2010 MIDWINTER GROUP Registration

Conference Date: _____ Church / City: _____

Contact: _____ Phone: _____ Ck#: _____

E-mail Address _____

If your church will send a group to another conference please note the dates here: _____

Select 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices:

_____ Loma Linda ___ River Dorm ___ Guest Lodge ___ Log Lodge _____

Adult Sponsor	M/F		S/M/L/XL/2XL T-shirt size
1. _____ Email address _____	_____		_____
		Background check done []	
2. _____ Email address _____	_____		_____
		Background check done []	
3. _____ Email address _____	_____		_____
		Background check done []	
4. _____ Email address _____	_____		_____
		Background check done []	

Youth	M/F	Grade	S/M/L/XL T-shirt size
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2010 Midwinter Youth Conferences at Mo Ranch
Individual Form

Name: _____ Email _____

Name of Church: _____ City/Town: _____

Conference T-shirt: Check choice of size: Small Medium Large X-Large XX-Large

2010 MIDWINTER YOUTH CONFERENCE COMMUNITY COVENANT

During the Midwinter Conferences we are gathering as a community of Christians to enjoy one another's company and to worship God. Our conduct and behavior should reflect those purposes at all times. Living in community requires that we be sensitive to those around us and to the environment. Midwinter Youth Conferences provide a special opportunity for us to come together in a living, learning Christian community. We have the opportunity to be enriched in our faith, to be with other Presbyterians, to try new activities, to enjoy nature, and to discover new ways of looking at our lives.

All youth and adults are expected to abide by the following guidelines. These guidelines have been created to help each of us do our part as we live in Christian community, and for the safety of all.

1. Full participation by youth and adults is expected for all activities. Participants are expected to stay on Mo Ranch property for the entire weekend. Non-registered friends or guests of conference participants are not allowed to be on premises at any time during the conference.
2. Avoid injury to yourself and others. DO NOT run or throw anything off of the catwalks.
3. DON'T MESS WITH MO! Respect the property and facilities at all times. Clean up after yourself.
4. Fireworks, firearms, switchblades, or weapons of any kind are not allowed.
5. USE OF ALCOHOL, MARIJUANA, OR OTHER NON-PRESCRIPTION DRUGS IS **NOT** PERMITTED. Offenders will be sent home from the conference and parents and minister will be informed.
6. No smoking or use of tobacco in any of the buildings.
7. Lights out, curfew, and quiet times are to be honored by all participants.
8. Boys are not to enter girls' lodging areas, and vice versa. Radios, tape players, walkmans, etc. are allowed in the dorms and outside during free time and should be played at a considerate level.
9. No skateboards, rollerblades, or bikes.
10. General food etiquette is expected.
11. No swimming allowed by anyone at anytime.
12. Please honor all meeting times.
13. **NO PRACTICAL JOKES!** Practical jokes are counter to the community-building process and destructive to people and property.
14. Appropriate dress (including sleepwear) is to be worn at all times.

The above covenant guidelines are to promote the safety and welfare of all participants. Violations of the community covenant will be addressed on a case-by-case basis, and may include disbarment of individuals from future events sponsored by the Youth Connection Division of Mission Presbytery.

I have read and agree to abide by the Community Covenant: _____

Signature of conference participant

PERMISSION SLIP AND MEDICAL TREATMENT AUTHORIZATION

Name of Youth: _____ DOB _____

Father's Name _____ Phone () _____

Mother's Name _____ Phone () _____

Please list an additional emergency contact:

Name _____ Phone () _____ Relationship _____

Please list any and all medical conditions or special circumstances that adults or medical personnel need to be aware of:

Medications taken: _____

Allergies and Medication Allergies _____

Medical Insurance Co. _____ Policy # _____

I am the parent or guardian of _____. I hereby give my permission for my child to participate with our church youth group attending the Mid-Winter Youth Conference on _____. I also give permission to the adult leaders of the Youth Connection Division and to the designated chaperones/sponsors from our home church to enforce the community covenant and all appropriate rules of conduct that will apply to my child.

I understand that the youth group will travel together from our church to the Mo Ranch Assembly near Hunt, Texas, and that during the entire weekend only the chaperons/sponsors designated by our church will drive. I further understand that my child is not authorized to leave the grounds of Mo Ranch during the conference except in case of an emergency.

In the event of an emergency during the said weekend, I hereby authorize the designated chaperones/sponsors from our home church to consent to and arrange for emergency medical treatment in the event that I cannot be reached after reasonable efforts are made to obtain my consent.

I hereby release Mission Presbytery and our sponsoring church, its staff and the designated chaperones/sponsors for this event from any responsibility and liability for any injury or illness that my child may sustain during this trip. I agree to pay for all medical expenses/charges incurred for my child pursuant to this authorization.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Printed name: _____