



Westminster youth and parents,

Hello! We hope this letter finds you well as we begin the holiday season. Enclosed you will find a form about 2012 summer trips for middle and high school youth. A \$100 nonrefundable deposit is needed by January 8 to save your spot on a trip. We will have a meeting on that same day, January 8 at 10:40 at the Youth House to give more information on each trip and to personally answer any questions you might have. Lake Brandt families we will make sure to have information at Lake Brandt that morning since we know the time of the meeting may be hard to make.

We have two trips planned for our rising 9th through graduated high school seniors. Our first trip will take us back to Montreat the week of July 8-14. Last summer the group had an amazing time both building community and experiencing faith in new ways. You can check out videos, pictures, and speakers by going to the Montreat website: www.montreat.org

Our high school youth will also travel to Philadelphia July 22-28 for an urban mission experience at Broadstreet ministries. This is our second trip to Broadstreet and last year all who went had an amazing experience. You can find more information at www.broadstreetministry.org. We hope both experiences engage hearts and hands in the service and ministry of God.

Our Middle School trip is to the Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference June 26-29. Massanetta Springs Presbyterian Camp Conference Center is located outside Harrisonburg, VA. This will be our second trip to Massanetta Springs. The conference includes recreation, small groups, music, worship and much more. We are excited about this new option for our middle school youth. You can find out more information by going to www.massanettasprings.org.

Working with the Outreach Community this year, we are offering an intergenerational spring break mission trip serving with Appalachian Service Project, April 12-14. Youth who attend must have a parent or a guardian who also attends the trip.

We are excited about the opportunities for Westminster youth to grow in their faith and serve Christ this summer. Please join us Sunday, January 8 at 10:40 at the Youth House to hear more about each of these summer trips.

Grace and peace,

Marti Reed Hazelrigg & Lucy Jefferies

Youth Trip Application

Name: _____

Current age and grade completed as of June 2012: _____

Parents' name: _____

Home phone number: _____ Parent's cell number _____

Parent-e-mail address: _____

Youth's Cell Number: _____

Please check the box beside the trip you are applying for:

Appalachian Service Project - Spring Break (April 12-14), cost \$100

Middle School Opportunities (Rising 7th and 8th graders):

Massanetta Springs Conference (June 26-29); cost: \$175

High School Opportunities (Rising 9th - Graduated 12th graders):

Montreat Conference, Week III (July 8-14); cost: \$275

Philadelphia Mission, Broad Street (July 22-28); cost: \$275

PLEASE ATTACH A SEPARATE PAGE WITH ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. Please tell us why you want to participate on this trip? Have you been on a Youth Ministry trip before?
2. What would you like to experience on the trip? How do you expect to encounter God and your neighbor on the trip?
3. In what ways do you participate in the life of Westminster Presbyterian church?
4. Which worship service do you attend?
 6:00 Saturday 9:30 Lake Brandt 9:30 Friendly 11:00 Traditional 11:00 Contemporary
 How often do you attend worship?

Return to:

Lucy Jefferies, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3906 W Friendly Ave., Greensboro NC 27410.

Applications are due by January 8, 2012 with a \$100 NON-REFUNDABLE deposit.

Other payment due dates: March 25, 2012 - \$100/\$75(MS) and May 6, 2012 - \$75

Confidential scholarships are available, contact Marti Reed Hazelrigg.

Please complete 2012 Youth Registration/Release Form (available online) if your student does not already have one on file with Youth Ministry.



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2012 Summer Youth Mission Trips and Conferences



Appalachia Service Project Jonesville, VA Spring Break, April 12-14

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This trip is a youth **and** parent trip during the Guilford County School's Spring Break. During this trip, together the youth and parents will work together with families to make their homes drier, warmer, and safe places. The most significant transformation often takes place in the hearts of the volunteers and homeowners. Put another way, this ministry builds faith, strengthens relationships, and fosters a spirit of service in addition to building better housing for Appalachian families.

Each Youth needs to be accompanied on this trip by at least one of their parents



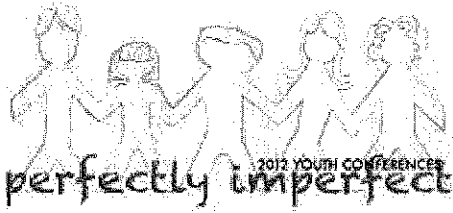
Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference "Vivid and Visible" June 26-29

www.massanettasprings.org

You are the light of the world, a city built on a hill cannot be hid.

To sing "this little light of mine" reminds us of childhood—of a song calling us to hold high our small little "finger lights" all around our neighborhoods, on top of a bushel basket, and so high that Satan won't "pheww them out." Years pass, and the "little light" is crowded, dimmed, maybe even snuffed out by a world full of constant, glaring, blinking lights, or maybe by indifference and busyness. So, how do we be lights that are healthy, bold, full of grace, vivid and fully visible? Lights shining so brightly for Jesus Christ that nothing could ever blow them out?!

The 2012 Middle School Conference will be a "city on the hill," seeking ways to answer this question. We will also seek to ignite youth and adults so that by summer's end, the world will see "this little light of ours" vivid and visible for a world that longs for the light.



Montreat Youth Conference “Perfectly Imperfect” July 8-14

<http://www.montreat.org/current/2012-youth-conferences-at-montreat>

We will come together as a community of faith in this sacred place. Free of distraction, we will focus on the God who accepts us just as we are. While we have fun with friends, we will celebrate God through meaningful, creative and interactive worship. Youth will be inspired and challenged to affirm and deepen their sense of Christian identity.

The Montreat Youth Conferences are designed for high school students, entering freshmen through graduated seniors. A Youth Conference is a unique gathering of young people from all over the country for a week of study, worship, and recreation. Activities include morning energizers, music, keynote, small group meetings where the conference theme is explored, afternoon recreation activities, and evening worship.



Broad Street Youth Initiative Summer Mission Experience Philadelphia, PA July 22-28

www.broadstreetministry.org

Broad Street Ministry is an emerging community of faith that:

- Honors CREATIVITY in all it pursues
- Strives to extend hospitality intentionally to each and all
- Works tirelessly for a more just and compassionate city

We provide several days of service learning and opportunities for authentic relationship building with the people of Philadelphia. An effort will be made to take groups to different neighborhoods in the city and discuss poverty, homelessness, hunger, and health care all grounded within a theological framework. A particular goal will be to engage youth with the poor and disadvantaged who are trying to make a difference in their community through social action. Stereotypes will be broken, not re-enforced. The week will end in a service of commissioning to send students back to their own communities where faithful transformation may continue. The BSM Youth Initiative is born out of a local congregation that values worship, hospitality, community, diversity, social justice, risk, creativity and the arts.