

Montana Youth Convention '21

It's time to begin preparing for Montana Youth Convention! MYC will be held **October 21-22**, at **Central Assembly, Great Falls**. MYC is designed to be an event where students experience God in an unforgettable way! Friendships that students made at camp are renewed while we come together as one movement. We are looking forward to an awesome time together.

Secure your own lodging:

We have rooms blocked at four different hotels. Each group will need to secure and pay for lodging. See attached document for more info.

Registration:

Registration for MYC will be held in the Lobby at Central, on Thursday, October 21st, between 4:30 and 6:00 pm, 2001 Central Ave, Great Falls, MT 59401. **Please don't bring your whole group in to register, rather we ask for the primary leader only.**

Thank you for the time you take to promote MYC to your church. We look forward to seeing each of you in Great Falls. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email our office.

Convention Cost (Adults and Students):

\$60 per person for registration

Chaperones:

- \$30 for 1 chaperone for churches bringing less than 12 students. For churches bringing 12 or more students you are allowed one free chaperone per every group of 12 paid students, 12-23, 24-35, etc.

Frequently Asked Questions:

What is Montana Youth Convention? A high-energy, Christ-focused gathering designed to create an environment where students experience God in an unforgettable way.

What does the convention cost cover? The cost covers admission to all MYC gatherings, giveaways, and event activities. The MYC cost does not include lodging, food, or transportation expenses.

LOCATION

Montana Youth Convention is being held at Central Assembly, 2001 Central Ave, Great Falls, MT 59401. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to give us a call at the Network Office – 406-652-2417.

INSURANCE

There is **NO** insurance coverage provided for Montana Youth Convention. You will need to take care of that on your own either with a church group policy or verification of individual personal coverage.

SPEED-THE-LIGHT GOALS

Please **bring a check from your church** for the amount of your Speed The Light monies raised thus far. A special offering will be taken during the Speed The Light emphasis service. Please include your check in this offering.

PLANNING

It's a great idea to hold a group fundraiser to go to Montana Youth Convention. This takes the financial load off parents - especially those with more than one teen in the group. There are very likely individuals in your congregation who would gladly sponsor a student in the group to go. They are just waiting to be asked! Ask the church to sponsor the leaders/chaperones.

PERMISSION FORM/WAIVER

It is absolutely imperative that you have a permission form and medical release whenever you take young people to various events, etc. If you do not already have one you use, we have provided a sample in this packet. Please feel free to copy it to give to each young person attending the convention. You may want to modify or change it to fit your own youth group's needs. You will need to keep these records with you.

WAYS TO EXCITE YOUR GROUP ABOUT MONTANA YOUTH CONVENTION

As soon as you have these materials, **read them thoroughly.**

Begin by making a verbal announcement at your youth meeting.

Hang the enclosed poster in a visible, well-trafficked area.

Use the MYC promo video

Create an insert announcement in your church bulletin.

Tweet/Instagram early and often, as well as posting on Facebook your excitement about MYC19.

Hold a meeting with the parents so they will be aware of Montana Youth Convention and all the details. They'll appreciate it and it will be a win for you!

Have the kids who in the past have attended MYC give a testimony at youth group telling why they liked it.

Have the church publicly pray for the group on the Sunday before the Convention.

MONTANA YOUTH CONVENTION POLICY

*Pastors, chaperones, parents and students should all review these policies prior to attendance at the Convention.

- It is recommended that there be an adult chaperone for every seven students registered.
- Due to the size of our crowd, “saving seats” at the church is not allowed for any gathering or activity.
- **Government Statement:** No weapons, fireworks, tobacco products, alcohol, illegal drugs, or profanity will be allowed at any time. **We reserve the right of the convention staff/security to inspect the contents of any suspicious personal belongings and to withhold and/or dispose of any improper or illegal contents.** The participation of the young person at the convention indicates their acknowledgment of this right.
- The Montana Ministry Network cannot be held responsible for the conduct, safety, etc., of your youth group. Be aware of the whereabouts of your teens at all times. Your level of responsibility is an example to your teens

SAMPLE PERMISSION FORM

Date _____

I, _____, the parent/guardian of _____ do hereby grant permission for the above to attend the annual Montana Youth Convention with the supervision of _____. I observe the right of the convention staff/security to inspect the contents of any suspicious personal belongings my child may possess and to withhold and/or dispose of any improper or illegal contents. I understand that if my child refuses to adhere to the rules of the conference and youth group, I may be called to bring them home immediately.

Signed _____

Address _____

Phone (_____) _____

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MONTANA YOUTH CONVENTION MEDICAL RELEASE

I/We, _____, being the parents or legal guardians of _____, do further give my/our consent for the pastor/youth pastor or properly appointed staff member of: _____ (church name) to secure the administration of medical treatment or medication for the above-named child, and I/we do further agree to the performance of such treatment, anesthetics, and operations as in the opinion of the attending physician is deemed necessary for our child.

Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people. The Montana Ministry Network and Central Assembly of God have put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, the Montana Ministry Network and Central Assembly of God cannot guarantee that you will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, attending Montana Youth Convention could increase your risk and your child's risk of contracting COVID-19.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending Montana Youth Convention and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at Montana Youth Convention may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to Montana Ministry Network and Central Assembly of God staff, volunteers, and program participants and their families.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I may experience or incur in connection with my attendance at Montana Youth Convention. On my behalf, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless the Montana Ministry Network and Central Assembly of God, its staff, agents, and representatives, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes any claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of the Montana Ministry Network and Central Assembly of God, its staff, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any Montana Youth Convention program.

(ON THE REVERSE SIDE LIST ANY MEDICATION OR TREATMENT THAT SHOULD NOT BE GIVEN TO YOUR CHILD BECAUSE OF DANGEROUS REACTIONS.)

Dated _____ Signed _____
(Parent or Legal Guardian)

Emergency Contact: _____

