

2010 LCMS National Youth Gathering

July 17-21 New Orleans, LA

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Theme: *We Believe*

Estimated costs

Registration, lodging, transportation on site, meals, airfare \$1270

Registration

A **non-refundable** \$100 of the \$275 registration fee is required to hold your place. There is no paper registration this year—it will all be done online through the website. Once that part of the website is available we will contact you with registration instructions.

Guidelines for participation:

1. **Participation in at least four fundraising activities.** One of the participation goals is for our young people to work together and build supportive Christian friendships. Many youth groups talk about the sense of family that comes from working toward a common goal. Acts 2:44 says, *“And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common...”* Galatians 5:13 says *“For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.”*

Even if you can pay for all of your student’s expenses, you will still need to have your child participate in the minimum four fundraising activities. We are not a travel agency, but a community of Christians working together for the good of the entire group. If you do not plan to participate in fundraising you cannot attend the gathering with our group.

2. **Attendance in at least four pre-gathering bible studies.** These bible studies are part of the pre-gathering preparation, and also help us come together as a family in Christ. They will develop the theme of the gathering and help all of us to enjoy the event to its full potential.
3. **Fundraising details.** After discussion with the staff, and so that we can avoid past misunderstandings, we have come up with a simple formula. We will track the total number of hours of fundraising activities and the total number of hours each student works. Each student will receive a percentage of the total earned by the group based on their participation. Your student will sign in at each fundraiser and Karen will track their hours.

Fundraising activities will be supervised by Judy Peiffer, Pastor Greg DeMuth, youth program assistant Debbie Bills, and other members of our youth board.

4. **Participation in all activities while in New Orleans.** We will travel together as a group and attend all sessions. This is an amazing spiritual growth opportunity that we want to take full advantage of. We cannot allow student to go sight-seeing unsupervised.