

Massanetta Middle School Conferences 2019 Information Sheet

Welcome! We are excited that your church has chosen to participate in the 2019 Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference. Our vision for the conference is that, with God's help, together we will strive to meet the needs and interests of completed 5th-8th grade youth. By providing hands-on experiences through conference-wide recreation, 11 unique workshops, theme presentations, and worship, we hope to challenge your youth in their Christian life. You can expect the conference to provide inspirational leaders, experiences, opportunities, and beautiful surroundings, but you are also an important part of this event!

ADULT ADVISOR COVENANT

You, and all the other adult advisors, play a very important role in the ministry of the conference. While you will receive more details on the first night at the Adult Advisor Orientation meeting, here are some highlights of how we will be looking to you to insure the success of the program: Please help:

- By participating fully in all conference activities with the youth and attending everything!
- By accepting the responsibility as a role model for all youth participants.
- By affirming and helping to enforce the conference covenant.
- By encouraging and supporting the Youth Enabler Team (senior high youth who lead the Encounter Groups) in their efforts to minister to you and the Middle Schoolers.
- By providing leadership and accountability for your own group during all events of the conference— leading the “back home” devotions, honoring the conference curfew, and supervising your youth during free time.
- By not leaving site unless there is an emergency. If you must leave site, please notify a Conference Director.

Any time that you have a question, a need, an affirmation, or concern about **any** element of the conference, please share this with the Conference Directors or any member of the Planning Team. Thank you for helping us make this event an important stop along our connected journeys of faith!

Packing list

MUST BRING

Bible, pencil, notebook	Clothing for warm weather play - t-shirts and shorts/capris
Water bottle	Swimsuits, towels, <u>and a shirt and shorts for slip-n-slide!</u>
Toiletries	Walking shoes—no open toe on rec days
Sunblock	Jacket, sweater/sweatshirt
Watch & alarm clock	Rain coat or umbrella

MIGHT BRING

Flashlight	Prescription medication
Camera	Money for items in gift shop
Hat, sunglasses	Money for closing worship offering (MSC scholarships for 2020)

SHOULD NOT BRING

- Ø tanks with low armholes, singlets/wifebeaters, spaghetti strap tops, tube tops, halter tops, crop tops, overly baggy pants, short-shorts, dresses/skirts (for all genders - you will be involved in high energy activities and these fashions will prevent you from participating fully and comfortably - dress for play!)
- Ø speedos or bikinis
- Ø skateboards or scooters
- Ø rollerskates/rollerblades
- Ø unnecessary technology like tablets and laptops
- Ø lots of money
- Ø alcohol or illegal drugs, tobacco products of any kind
- Ø weapons of any kind, flammables
- Ø other unnecessary valuables

- Cell phones are permissible **for adults only during the conference - and only for taking pictures!** Middle Schoolers can use their cell phones outside of scheduled conference activities.
- Massanetta Springs has full wi-fi access in all rooms and meeting spaces. Adults if work from home is necessary, you may use your work devices during free-time or after all youth are in bed.
- Conference Leadership reserves the right to send participants back to their rooms to change if their wardrobe will prevent them from actively participating in the conference. Please think about this when packing!

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As a participant, I have read and agree to the media release above and to the following covenant:

I have willingly chosen to participate in the Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference. As a participant, I will work towards the goals of this event and the building of our group into a Christian community by:

- participating wholeheartedly and enthusiastically in all activities planned for my group
- speaking up when I have a problem or need
- listening and responding to the needs of others
- following the guidance of all adult leadership
- respecting the rights and property of others, and abiding by the rules of the Conference Center
- not using or promoting the use of controlled substances (alcohol, drugs, tobacco, flammables)
- not leaving the event grounds without my adult leader present
- encouraging others to understand and abide by this covenant, and striving to live as a supportive member of the group, and as a good example to those with whom we are in contact.

I understand that abiding in this covenant will result in a positive group experience. I understand that failure to abide by these guidelines may result in being sent home at my parent’s/guardian’s expense.

Participant’s Printed Name (Youth and Adult Leaders)

Participant’s Signature (Youth and Adult Leaders)

As the parent/guardian of this participant, in signing this Registration Form, I agree to the following:

- I give permission for my son/daughter to participate in the Middle School Conference.
- I am aware of and approve of the planned costs, dates, places, and activities of this event.
- I understand the degree of risk (if any) involved in this event and because I trust the adult leadership and my child, I hereby release Massanetta Springs Conference Center, and any of the adult leadership at the Middle School Conference, from any liability for any injury or problem occurring during participation in this event.
- **I have read and agree to the media release above** and give permission for the use of photography including my child to be used for Middle School Conference publicity.
- **I have completed my child's registration** and it is correct to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that all reasonable attempts will be made to contact me in the case of an accident involving my son or daughter. In the event that I cannot be reached, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by my youth’s adult advisor, or the Conference leadership, to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and to order injection, anesthesia, or surgery for my son or daughter.

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