



ELEVATE 2024  
YOUTH CONVENTION

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INFORMATION PACKET

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## Estes Park, Colorado July 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Hello Parents of Current 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders,

It is our hope and prayer Elevate 2024 will be a week that has true-life impact on each of our kids. We will do everything we can to make it a blast while stretching our kids in new ways. We take this responsibly seriously and we look forward to working with you to make this trip a reality.



### **What is Elevate?**

Elevate is a national conference for students for all Lutheran Brethren churches around the US. It is focused on discipleship, encouraging Christian kids to pursue their faith in Christ.

### **Where is it located?**

Estes Park, CO. Housing will be at the YMCA of the Rockies.

### **Who can go?**

All students who are currently in 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades are welcome and encouraged to attend.

### **Who will the adults be?**

We will first look to adults who are currently serving in student ministries and will continue to serve this coming school year. After that, if we are in need of more

adults, we will look for others in this order: 1) Those who will be joining the team this fall. 2) Those who have served in student ministries in the past. 3) Other ministry leaders within the church body\*.

\*Exceptions may include those who work specifically with a student with special needs.

### **How are we going to get there?**

We will be flying on Sun Country and a charter transportation from the Denver Airport to Estes Park.

### **Did you say flying? Is that not way more expensive than other options?**

After much research, flying is the cheapest option & the safest transportation option.

### **“Okay, but this is my kid you’re talking about, what about safety?”**

Safety is the number one reason we have chosen to fly. Vehicle accidents are a leading cause of death for American teenagers. Add three 15-passenger vans, (not allowed by many organizations and insurance companies for trips) driven by sleep deprived mentally exhausted adult leaders... Well, you get the picture. It is a risk this team is not willing to take with other reasonably priced options available. A chartered coach bus is also an option. Not as safe as flying, but a better option than taking multiple vans. This is the most expensive option. A coach bus would add about \$300 to the cost for each participant.



### **What does the trip cost?**

Cost of conference:	\$500*
Flight with one checked bag:	\$200
Shuttle in Denver	\$150
Programming	<u>\$90</u>
	\$940

\*An additional \$80 is recommended for snacks and incidentals.

### **Key Dates:**

*Registration night @ Kairos and Bona Fide: Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. This is the first opportunity to register.*

*Last day to Register: March 27<sup>th</sup>.*

**Payment Schedule:**

Deposit due at registration: \$100 (non- refundable, but transferrable). Check made out to Bethesda or request a transfer from available funds in your Family Funding Account.

Transportation payment due March 2<sup>nd</sup>: \$250 (non-refundable)

Balance due at parent/student dinner: June 26<sup>th</sup>

**What about fund raising?**

We understand the challenge of cost for many families. Although we want to help as much as possible, we cannot raise the total funds needed for each student. Ultimately, it is the responsibility for each student and family to cover costs.

With that said, each family has a Family Funding Account you can draw from. Family with funds, have been taking advantage of ongoing fund raisers throughout the year. Scrip is also offered year-round to raise funds.



### **When and how do I register my kids?**

- The first time anyone can register is at programming on Wednesday evening Jan 31<sup>st</sup>.
- A \$100 non-refundable, but transferrable registration fee, along with an individual registration form for each student. Check made payable to Bethesda turned in on Jan. 31st during student ministry programming.
- After January 31st registration is upon availability.
- The last possible day to register is March 27<sup>th</sup> dependent upon availability.

### **What to bring:**

## SAMPLE PACKING LIST

Bible, Kairos binder, pen

Camera

Toiletries

Towel

Bug Spray

Water bottle

Watch

Clothing/Footwear

- PJ's
- Shorts/t-shirts
- Long sleeve shirt/long pants
- Sweatshirt/jacket
- Socks, underwear
- Sneakers (2 pairs) for games/hiking



### **What not to bring:**

Pillow, sheets, and blankets are provided

Cell phone or other electronics

More than one suitcase and one backpack

### **A note on cell phones:**

*We will require that all students leave their cell phones at home. We desire that our students are present and connecting with those on the trip and not their friends at home. By no means do we want to limit contact with their parents. Each leader will have a cell phone for parents to call in case of emergencies as well as landlines at YMCA of the Rockies. If you need to speak with your child, leaders' cell phones will be available to use. Although cell service is extremely limited, so in case of an emergency call the YMCA of the Rockies @ 970-586-3341.*