

# 2019 All-Georgia Youth Gathering

February 22-24, 2019

The Camp Grace, Roberta, Georgia

For 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders

## GOD IS NOWHERE



Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place  
—and I did not know it!" Genesis 28:16

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[Camp Grace 2559 Walkers Chapel Rd, Roberta, GA 31078, Georgia](#)

**Arrival:** 8-9 pm Registration on Friday, February 22 (event officially begins at 9:00 pm)

**Registration questions?** Laurie Tinc – [laurie.tinc@epiphanysuwanee.org](mailto:laurie.tinc@epiphanysuwanee.org) or call 770-831-1966

**Registration:** Registration is open now for Southeastern Synod congregations online at [www.elca-ses.org](http://www.elca-ses.org). So that we can get information for food and t-shirt sizes, we ask that you fill out the online congregation registration form at [www.sesyouth.org](http://www.sesyouth.org) before February 10. Please be certain to notate any dietary restrictions.

**Cost:** \$100 per person which includes Meals, Program, and a t-shirt. The registration fee is for both adults and youth.

**Age:** This gathering is for 6th-12th graders. Friends are welcome.

**Payment:** Send one check per congregation made out to: ELCA Southeastern Synod. Include the payment, Group Leader Form, and copies of background checks other than done by Safe Gatherings (see below) and **Mail to: Laurie Tinc, Epiphany Lutheran Church, 1350 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Suwanee, GA 30024.**

Do not send all of the forms to the registrar – make a 2<sup>nd</sup> copy of those forms and bring them to All- GA. Turn in a copy of your forms at registration on the Friday night of All-GA. The primary group leader should keep a copy as well.

**Registration Confirmation:** Confirmation emails will be sent to the Primary Group Leader. You will receive a schedule, packing list, small group materials, and any other necessary information.

**Adult Leaders:** Congregations must register 1 adult leader (21 years or older) with every 5 youth. Example: 15 youth need 3 adults. If you register 5 or fewer youth, the accompanying adult may be of either gender. If you register more than 5 youth (both males and females) your adults must be of both genders. Adult congregational leaders are responsible for their own youth at the event.

All adults attending any synod youth event will have a satisfactory background check prior to their arrival. It is the responsibility of your congregation to complete this prior to the event and include a copy with your payment and group form. The synod has contracted with Safe Gatherings an Online Boundary Training and Background Check Company for your convenience. Go online to [www.safegatherings.com](http://www.safegatherings.com). Adults who use Safe Gatherings do not have to send a copy of their Background check. Instead, mark SG on the Group Form so that the synod can confirm it's complete.

**Housing Information:** Youth and adult leaders will be housed within their group according to male/female. Your group will share cabins with other youth from across the state. If you have any special request for lodging, contact the registrar. There is a small room in most of the cabins for adults.

**Small Group Materials:** Materials will be sent to group leaders via email and group leaders will pick from their group a few small group leaders and pass along small group materials to them. Youth will be divided up into age-appropriate groups and will be a mix of youth from different churches. It is important that the adults are prepared to provide an excellent small group experience for the youth participants.

# All-Georgia Tentative Weekend Schedule

**\*Please note that our meal times are assigned by the camp shortly before we arrive, so the schedule may be adjusted. Copies of the final will be available when you arrive at the event.**

## Friday

8-8:30 Arrival of All-Georgia staff with their groups  
9:00 Registration in Gym  
8:30-10:00 Activity time in Gym  
10:00 Welcome, Adult orientation, break into small groups  
10:30- 10:45 Devotion with small groups  
10:45 Back to fort  
11:00 lights out

## Saturday

8:00 Breakfast  
8:45 Session One: What Happens When Life Gets Shaky

- 8:45- 9:05 Large group
- 9:10- 10:00 Small group

10:00 Break  
10:30 Session Two: Still Small Voice

- 10:30- 10:50 Large group
- 10:55- 11:45 Small group

12:00 Lunch  
3:00 Free time: team games, crafts, table games  
6:00 Dinner  
7:00 Synod update from Pastor Jill and the SESLYO board (10 min.)  
7:20 Session Three: Time Apart/Space Apart  
7:20- 7:40 Large Group

- 7:40- 8:30 Small Group

8:30 - 10:30 Glow Party/Concert  
9:30 Dance Time/All GA Zone  
10:30 Back to fort  
11:00 Devotion and lights out

## Sunday

8:00 Breakfast/Packing and clean-up  
8:45 Small Group and evaluations  
9:00 Worship  
10:30 Clean up the large group space and head-on home!

## What to Bring

Pillow and Linens or sleeping bag  
Bible  
POSITIVE ATTITUDE and SMILES, SMILES, and MORE SMILES  
Rain gear (let's hope we won't need it)  
Casual clothing for the weekend

Toiletries, towels and shower shoes  
Any medications that are needed  
Flashlight

# Group Form

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Congregation Name \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Adult Leader \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTALS**

T-Shirts: Small \_\_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_\_ Large \_\_\_\_\_ XLarge \_\_\_\_\_ 2 XL \_\_\_\_\_ 3XL \_\_\_\_\_

Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Total Youth \_\_\_\_\_

Middle School \_\_\_\_\_ High School \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Name	Gender	Grade/Adult <small>(SG-Safe Gatherings) XX Help with Music/worship</small>	T-Shirt Size
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# MEDICAL RELEASE and GENERAL PERMISSION FORM for Adults and Youth

*Please Print Clearly*

Name of Youth /Adult \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Holder Name \_\_\_\_\_

Policy# \_\_\_\_\_ Group# \_\_\_\_\_ Member# \_\_\_\_\_

**If Available, please attach a copy of both sides of the insurance card to this form.**

Parents/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone Number/s \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name and Number \_\_\_\_\_

1. Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Restrictions on diet or exercise: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Special needs or problems? If so, please list: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Is the participant on regular medication? If so, please list the drugs, dosages, frequency and any instructions: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note that no drugs are to be brought to youth events other than those listed above**

## RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS

In consideration of being accepted by the Southeastern Synod, ELCA and Camp Grace for participation in the All Georgia Youth Gathering, I (we) do for myself (ourselves) and on behalf of my child/participant do hereby release, forever discharge, and agree to forever hold harmless the Southeastern Synod, ELCA, and, Camp Grace, the employees, and agents thereof, from any and all liability, claims and demands for personal injury, sickness and death, as well as property damage and expenses of any nature whatsoever which may be incurred by me or my child/participant resulting from said child's participation in the synod sponsored youth events, including travel, recreation and all associated activities. I (we) understand that during the service projects, youth participants may need to be transported by adults who are not from their own congregation.

Further, I (we) (and on behalf of our child/participant under 18 years of age) hereby assume all risk of said personal injury, sickness, death, damage and expenses as a result of participation as above set forth. I also understand that staff and volunteers are not responsible for the administration of prescribed medication and I (we) have made private arrangements for any medication taken on a daily schedule by my child/participant.

I (we) am (are) the parent(s) or legal (guardians(s) of this participant, and hereby grant my (our) permission for him/her to participate fully in the 2019 All-Georgia Youth Gathering.

I (we) give my (our) permission to take said participant to a doctor or hospital, share the above medical information and authorize medical treatment, including, but not limited to emergency surgery or medical treatment, and assume responsibility of all medical bills incurred by my child.

I (we) give permission for my child to receive over the counter medication such as Tylenol, ibuprofen, antidiarrheal medication, antibacterial ointment, throat lozenges, eye wash solution, and the like.

I (we) also release the participant's name as part of an information database for the Southeastern Synod and ELCA related entities, and grant the Southeastern Synod and ELCA unrestricted rights to use, alter, and reproduce any images (still and video) from the event, in any medium without compensation.

Parent's/Guardian's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's signature (if over 18): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## All Georgia Youth Gathering Community Covenant for Youth and Adults

***A covenant is an agreement between God and God's people. God makes certain promises and requires certain behavior from them in return. Our covenant is our promise to each other.***

I understand that part of my responsibility of attending this event is to act in a way that adds positively to this Christian community and the church. Participants (which includes all adults) who break any of the following guidelines will be asked to leave. Parents, Pastors, and Youth leaders will be notified. All participants should put their initials on the line at the beginning of each guideline.

**Therefore, as a participant in the 2019 All Georgia Lutheran Youth Gathering, I understand and I will:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Participate fully in all aspects of the life of the All Georgia Lutheran Youth Gathering, including and large and small group activities, meals, worship, and sleep.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Share my gifts through active participation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Not devalue anyone or call anyone names. I will not curse or use offensive language. I will respect and appreciate the different gifts, cultures, and perspectives encountered at this event.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Maintain physical and mental well-being through adequate diet and rest and respect "quiet hours" 11:30 pm to 7:00 am.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Not bring or participate illegally in the use of tobacco products, alcohol, or other prescription or non-prescription drugs other than those listed on my registration form.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. If I bring electronic devices such as mp3 players, cell phones, CD players, computers, hand-held devices, etc. I will use the only during free time or when necessary during a planned activity.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Not bring or possess any form of weapon including knives, firearms, or fireworks.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Not abuse my own body or strike or hit anyone or anything at any time.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Stay within designated areas of Camp Grace Retreat Center and boundaries set by the All-Georgia planning team.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Respect and Care for leaders and other participants as sisters and brothers in Christ.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Not enter the sleeping area of anyone other than my own. I will not enter the areas designated for the opposite sex.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. If I drive my car, I will park in the designated area, turn in my car keys to my adult leader or the registrar or upon arrival to the event (youth only). No youth should be driving during the All-GA Gathering.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Not have sexual relations with anyone, youth or adult. Inappropriate displays of affection will not be tolerated.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. Dress appropriately for a Christian event. Participants will be asked to change their clothes if their attire is deemed inappropriate by the All-GA team.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Respect the property of others including fellow participants, and the church. I will pick up trash and do my best to be a good steward of God's creation.

Should I break this covenant, I agree to accept the consequences determined by the All-GA leadership team. If it is determined that my behavior warrants my leaving this event, travel to my home will be at my own expense or that of my parents or guardians.

Participant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Leader's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_