

Synod Youth Retreat 2024 FAQ Sheet



Who is invited?

- All youth in grades 6-12 in the NJ Synod and their adult leaders!

What should I expect at the Synod Youth Retreat?

- Dancing
- Singing
- Praying
- Making new friends
- Seeing old friends
- Laughter
- Small Groups
- Large Groups
- Cheesy video clips
- Service projects
- Bible stories
- Saturday night fun
- Games
- Free time
- INDOOR POOL
- Food
- Fun
- Bedtime stories
- Larry Olson (our musician!)



Where will it be held?

- We will be at the Sheraton Edison again! It is centrally located in the state. Here is the hotel's website:
<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/ewrrs-sheraton-edison>

When is the event?

- **Friday, November 22nd - Sunday, November 24th**
- Friday we start around 7:00 pm and end Sunday around 11:30 am.

When is registration open and how do I register?

- **Registration** opens **September 1st** and closes **November 1st**
 - Register on our website: <https://www.njsynod.org/youth-events>
 - Parents/guardians should register their children because of medical insurance information and permissions.
- **Late Registration** will be **November 2nd - 18th**
- **After November 18th** you must email us to see if there is availability
 - There are no guarantees we can fit you in, so sign up on time!

What is the cost of attending the retreat?

- **Registration: \$150**
 - (Sept 1 - Nov 1)
 - Includes cost of hotel, meals, t-shirt, and all programming
- **Late Registration: \$175**
 - (Nov 2 - 18)
 - The price is \$25 more and you will not be guaranteed a t-shirt in your size.



What if I can't afford the retreat?

- If payment is a challenge for you, please **do not hesitate** to contact us about scholarships!! We have scholarships available to anyone who needs it. We do not want someone to miss the event because of its cost! Email us at youthmin@njsynod.org if you need a scholarship and we will work with you.

What if only one youth from my congregation is attending?

- This is no problem at all! We can connect your youth with another church group for the weekend.

What if I want to come as an adult but don't have any youth attending?

- We would love to have you! You can help by being a small group leader and helping chaperone a church who needs another adult.

How does the room situation work?

- The hotel will give us double rooms, so we will have 4 youth in a room and 2 adults. No adults and youth will stay in a room together. The SYR team will be doing the housing arrangements. Please email us if there is an issue.

When should I arrive and when should I get picked up?

- Registration is from 5:30-7:00 pm. The event starts Friday at 7:15 pm, so make sure you arrive beforehand to register and settle into your hotel room. The retreat will end on Sunday at 11:30am, so make sure your ride knows when to pick you up!

Are meals included?

- Saturday breakfast, lunch & dinner and Sunday breakfast are included at the retreat. Friday dinner & Sunday lunch are on your own (en route to and from the retreat).

Forms for adult leaders to look at:

- [Safety Policies for NJ Synod Youth Ministry](#)
- [Background Check FAQs](#)
- [Background Check Release Form](#)

Calling all youth musicians!!

- Do you like to sing or play an instrument? Well, you can join our youth band for the retreat weekend and rehearse and play with Larry Olson!
- If interested, please indicate on the registration form when you sign up for the event, or email us at: youthmin@njsynod.org
- We will email all musicians more information as the event gets closer. :)

NEW JERSEY SYNOD YOUTH RETREAT



INTERESTED IN PLAYING OR SINGING IN OUR YOUTH BAND FOR THE RETREAT? EMAIL [YOUTHMIN@NJSYNOD.ORG](mailto:youthmin@njsynod.org) FOR MORE INFO!



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NJ SYNOD
**YOUTH
RETREAT**

NOVEMBER 22-24, 2024

FOR YOUTH GRADES 6-12 & ADULT LEADERS

REGISTRATION: SEPT 1 - NOV 1 = \$150

NOV 2 - NOV 18 = \$175

REDUCED PRICE!

(SCHOLARSHIPS AND PAYMENT PLANS AVAILABLE)

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