



FINAL * ITINERARY:

NE MN Synod Journey to the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering
June 23 – July 2, 2018

**This itinerary is subject to change!*

You will be notified of any changes at the Adult Leader Meetings.

Saturday, June 23, 2018

Morning Depart Minnesota (See Bus Assignment List for Exact Departure Time)
Remember! You must be at your departure point, ready to go,
ONE HALF HOUR PRIOR TO your listed departure time!

Lunch and Dinner on your own during travel
All stops determined by your Bus Captain

Drive through the night

Sunday, June 24, 2018

Breakfast on your own during travel

9:00–11:00am Buses arrive Texas A&M University-Galveston (TAMUG)
Unload, Check In
Pick Up Box Lunches at TAMUG
Load buses when ready, Depart for Stewart Beach for afternoon

3:45pm Load Buses at Stewart Beach, Return to TAMUG

5:00-7:00pm Dinner at TAMUG Dining Hall
To accommodate dining hall capacity and minimize wait time in line, you will be assigned a meal "arrival timeframe" when you arrive in Galveston.

5:45pm Bus Captain Meeting

6:15-7:45pm Synod Supervised Youth Activity Choices:
Outside games, swimming, sand volleyball, crafts/games, Dorm Lounge Areas

6:30-7:45pm Adult Leader Meeting in

8:00pm Servant Event Orientation in Gym
Worship at TAMUG in Gym

9:45pm Family Time: Meet in Suites, Lounges, Classrooms

11:15pm Lights Out

Monday, June 25, 2018

- 6:30-8:00am Breakfast at TAMUG Dining Hall
To accommodate dining hall capacity and minimize wait time in line, you will be assigned a meal "arrival timeframe" when you arrive in Galveston.
Bus Captains pick up boxed lunches and fill water coolers
- 7:30-8:15am Load buses, Depart for Servant Event Work Sites
Departure time given at Adult Leader Meeting night before.
Work at Your Work Site
Lunch on Site (*Boxed Lunches from TAMUG*)
- 2:30-3:30pm Return to TAMUG, Clean Up
Free time options Supervised by Congregation Adult Leaders:
Outside games, swimming, sand volleyball, crafts/games, Dorm Lounge Areas
- 4:30-6:00pm Dinner at TAMUG Dining Hall
To accommodate dining hall capacity and minimize wait time in line, you will be assigned a meal "arrival timeframe" when you arrive in Galveston.
- 6:15pm Bus Captain Meeting
- 6:30-7:45pm Synod Supervised Youth Activity Choices:
Outside games, swimming, sand volleyball, crafts/games, Dorm Lounge Areas
- 6:30-7:30pm Adult Leader Meeting
Bring T-Shirts for T-Shirt size swap if needed.
- 8:00pm Worship at TAMUG in Gym
- 9:30pm Family Time: Meet in Suites, Lounges, Classrooms
- 11:00pm Lights Out

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

- 6:30-8:00am Breakfast at TAMUG Dining Hall
To accommodate dining hall capacity and minimize wait time in line, you will be assigned a meal "arrival timeframe" when you arrive in Galveston.
Bus Captains pick up boxed lunches and fill water coolers
- 7:30-8:15am Load buses, Depart for Servant Event Work Sites
Departure time given at Adult Leader Meeting night before.
Work at Your Work Site
Lunch on Site (*Boxed Lunches from TAMUG*)
- 2:30pm Return to TAMUG, Clean up and Pack
- 3:15pm Synod Supervised Youth Activity Choices:
Outside games, swimming, sand volleyball, crafts/games, Dorm Lounge Areas
- 3:30-4:50pm Adult Leader Meeting
- 5:00pm Load buses, Depart for Colonel Paddleboat
Dinner, Paddleboat Excursion, Music

8:00pm Load buses, Return to TAMUG
8:30pm Worship at TAMUG in Gym
9:45pm Family Time: Meet in Suites, Lounges, Classrooms
11:15pm Lights Out

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

6:30am Adult Leaders Make Target Run for Supplies *(1-2 leaders per group)*

6:45-8:30am Breakfast at TAMUG Dining Hall
To accommodate dining hall capacity and minimize wait time in line, you will be assigned a meal "arrival timeframe" when you arrive in Galveston.

Load Luggage on Buses

8:45am Load Buses, Depart for Wednesday Activity Choice
Lunch on Your Own
Bus Captains Decide Departure time for Houston

4:00pm Arrive NRG Park, Meet David to get ELCA Youth Gathering Wristbands
NRG Center, in front of Meeting Room 100, to the left of the entrance to Hall A

Begin Gathering Schedule: *See ELCA Youth Gathering Guidebook for more details. All meals are on your own from here on, unless otherwise noted.*

Dinner on your own at NRG Park *(Food trucks, concessions available)*

9:15pm Load Synod Journey Buses in NRG Orange Lot, return to Wyndham
Check in to Wyndham Houston West Energy Corridor

Family Time/Final 15: Meet in rooms, lobby, meeting rooms

Thursday, June 28, 2018: Synod Day

9:00-10:30am Brunch at Wyndham (provided by Synod)
To minimize wait time in line, you will be assigned a meal "arrival timeframe."

10:45am Load Synod Journey Buses, Depart for Hilton Post Oak

11:30am Doors Open for Synod Day, Activities Available

12:00pm Synod Day Begins

2:45pm Load Synod Journey Buses, Drive to NRG Park
Dinner on your own at NRG Park *(Food trucks, concessions available)*

9:15pm Load Synod Journey Buses in NRG Orange Lot, return to Wyndham

Family Time/Final 15: Meet in rooms, lobby, meeting rooms

Friday, June 29, 2018: Service Learning Day

- 6:15am Purchased milk available from van in Wyndham Parking Lot
Breakfast on your own at Hotel (*Grab and Go options available in lobby.*)
- TBD Walk to launch site for Service Learning Events
Service Learning Experiences around Houston
Lunch provided by ELCA Youth Gathering
ELCA Youth Gathering Buses Return to NRG Arena
- 1:30-3:30pm Celebration of Service
- Dinner on your own at NRG Park (*Food trucks, concessions available*)
- 9:15pm Load ELCA Youth Gathering Buses in NRG Blue Lot, return to Wyndham
- Family Time/Final 15: Meet in rooms, lobby, meeting rooms

Saturday, June 30: Interactive Learning Day


- Breakfast on your own at Hotel (*Grab and Go options available in lobby.*)
- 8:30am Load Synod Journey Buses, depart for NRG Park
- Spend day at NRG Center
Lunch on your own at NRG Park (*Food trucks, concessions available*)
Dinner on your own at NRG Park (*Food trucks, concessions available*)
- 9:15pm Load Synod Journey Buses in NRG Orange Lot, return to Wyndham
- Family Time/Final 15: Meet in rooms, lobby, meeting rooms

Sunday, July 1, 2018:

- Breakfast on your own at Hotel (*Grab and Go options available in lobby.*)
- 7:15-7:45am Check out of Hotel, Load Luggage on Buses
7:45am Load Buses, Depart for NRG Stadium
- 9:30am Closing Worship at NRG Stadium
- 11:30am Synod Journey Lunch at NRG Stadium (provided)
- 12:45pm Load buses, depart for Minnesota
Dinner on your own
Drive through the night

Monday, July 2, 2018:

- Breakfast and lunch on your own
- Mid-Afternoon Arrive Minnesota
(*See Bus Assignment list for approximate arrival times.*)



*Holy Ground is everywhere:
Your Journey continues...*