

2018 ELCA Youth Gathering/Synod Journey Quick Facts and Resources

	NE MN Synod Journey	ELCA Youth Gathering
Dates	June 23 – July 2, 2018	June 27 – July 1, 2018
Location(s)	Galveston, TX and Houston, TX	Houston, TX
Cost	\$1250 Includes ELCA Youth Gathering Fee, Transportation, Housing, Most Meals, Activities, Worship, Servant Events	\$350: Sept 15 – Nov 15, 2017 \$390: Nov 16, 2017 – Feb 15, 2018 \$440: Feb 16 – May 15, 2018 <i>This is the Registration Fee Only</i>
Youth Age	Grades 9-12 in Fall 2017	Grades 8-12 in Fall 2017
Adult Leader Age	Must be 21 years old by June 23, 2018	Must be 21 years old by June 27, 2018
Adult Leader Ratio	Required: 1 adult per 7 youth Max of 1 adult per 5 youth* *Unless group is < 5 with mixed gender OR includes youth with special needs	Required: 1 adult per 10 youth
Adult Leader Background Checks	Required and Included in Cost	Strongly Encouraged
Registration Dates/Info	September 18-25, 2017 Limited to 450 participants Online and Paper Forms Incomplete registrations not accepted. DO NOT REGISTER ONLINE WITH THE ELCA YOUTH GATHERING!	Opens: Sept 15, 2017 Closes May 15, 2018 All registration is online Prices increase over time (see above)
Theme	This Changes Everything... ...what does THIS mean?	This Changes Everything.
Cell Phone Policy	No use during Community Time Encourage Airplane Mode always Request parents wait for youth to call them during designated times	Determined by Congregation
Dress Code Policy	Appropriate Clothing Clothing covers underwear No belly buttons show Swimsuits should be modest	Appropriate Clothing
Preparation Expectations	Hold monthly meetings to include group building and Bible Study beginning September 2017. All Adult Leaders required to attend Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 Training.	Encouraged to gather for regular meetings and Getting Ready material preparations
Logistics	ELCA Youth Gathering registration, adult leader training, transportation, housing, most meals, servant events, activities, worship, family time guides are planned and taken care of for you. Support through entire Journey provided by synod staff and equipped team members.	You are responsible for ELCA Youth Gathering paperwork, and making all transportation, housing, meal and additional activity arrangements. Gathering staff available for support during Gathering. Synod staff available for questions during preparation.
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