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**AUGUSTANA COLLEGE ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS**  
A Ministry of the ELCA

**LEADERSHIPLAB.NET**

Central/Southern Illinois - Metropolitan Chicago - Northern Illinois Synods

**PLEASE COPY THE ENTIRE REGISTRATION FORM FOR EACH PERSON REGISTERING**

## WHAT IS LEADERSHIP LAB?

Leadership Lab is designed to assist youth in acquiring skills that will be useful in congregational, local communities, and the world; while experiencing Christ's love in community. Each level of Lab is structured to help participants progress in their ability to be responsible ministry leaders and helps them grow in their awareness of God, self and others.

Participants must have completed **eighth grade**.

- Participants must complete the previous lab level before moving to the next level (i.e. must complete Basic before Advanced; Advanced before Phase 3; Phase 3 before Step Fourth);

**If you have not been to Lab before and you are younger than a senior in high school you MUST start in Basic. Once you start you need to complete each level before going on to the next. There will be others your age in each level.**

No previous lab experience is necessary to attend Phase 3 for those who are entering their senior year of high school. If you have not been to Lab before and you are younger than a senior in high school you MUST start in Basic;

- CROSSROADS - For anyone between the ages of 18 and 22. No prior Lab experience required, however you must have graduated from high school;
- ADULT LAB - For anyone over 22. No prior Lab experience is required

Please remember that Lab is NOT a place to send your whole youth group. Leadership Lab is a unique experience aimed towards those youth who have shown leadership potential. If you have questions or concerns about a particular youth's ability to fulfill the Lab experience, please be in contact with the Directors to address those concerns or issues.

**Leadership Lab is an intense week of learning, worship, and building relationships. The participants spend from 8:30 am - 11 :00pm each day in small and large group gatherings, planning, learning, praying, and discovering where they are in their faith journey. While very spiritually rewarding, the week can be stressful and difficult. Participants need to know this ahead of time so that they can prepare themselves for this type of an experience. If you have any questions please feel free to be in contact with one of the Directors.**

**LEADERSHIP LAB HAS A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY REGARDING DRUGS, ALCOHOL, AND RACISM**

### **VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**Registration Form:** If your registration form/medical release/covenant is incomplete (this includes all signatures), then it will not be processed and you won't have a spot until the payment or needed information is obtained.

**Check In/Check Out:** REGISTRATION OPENS ON MONDAY MORNING, July 22nd at 11:00 am in the Centennial Hall Lobby and closes at 1:00pm. The first session begins at 2:00 pm in Centennial Hall. If you aren't going to be able to check in during this time, you must request late arrival in writing and have it signed by your parent/guardian and pastor. This must be approved by one of the Directors. Once you get to Lab you may not come and go from the event.

***You are expected to be at Lab by 1:00 pm on Monday and stay until check out at 1: 00 pm on Saturday. If you can't make this commitment, please prayerfully consider your registration.***

Closing worship on Saturday begins at 11:00 am and ends at 1:00 pm in Centennial Hall. If you need to leave before 1:00 pm on Saturday, this request must be made in advance, in writing, signed by your parent/guardian and pastor, and must be approved by one of the Lab Directors. Failure to do this may result in you not being allowed to return to Lab the next year. Adults providing transportation to and/or from Lab are invited to the opening and/or closing celebration

**Room Assignments/ Rooms/The Campus:** You will be roomed randomly with other labbers from your Lab level. You will probably not be roomed with someone you know. We do this so that you can "get to know" other labbers . If you have a rooming concern, please be in contact with Cindy Svanda (csvanda3@gmail.com). If you have special needs, it is important that you be in contact with Cindy Svanda (csvanda3@gmail.com) so that proper arrangements can be made to accommodate you. ***It is very important that all participants must be self-sufficient and able to see to their own needs and dispense their own medications.***

Dress Code: Leadership Lab has a dress code that is enforced. Tank tops must have straps that are at least 3 inches wide. Underwear is to be worn under clothing and is not to show. Shirts must fall at least 3 to 4 inches below the waistband of shorts or jeans. ***There is to be no skin showing between the top of your shorts/jeans and the bottom of your shirt. There will be no t-shirts worn with offensive or suggestivelanguage. Shorts must fall past your fingertips;excessively short shorts will not be tolerated. Shirts and shoes will be worn during celebration and where appropriate during Lab activities. Leadership Lab Directors and staff reserve the right to decide what is appropriate.***

**2019 Registration Deadlines and Registration Fees: Registration opens April 1, 2019.**

**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FEE \$395** - Postmarked on or before **May 15th**. After May 15th full registration amount of \$410 will be due.

**FULL REGISTRATION FEE OF \$410** - will be accepted until June 24. After June 24, registrations will be accepted as space allows and at the discretion of the Directors. There will be an additional \$15 charge for any registration that is accepted after **JUNE 24**.

**BASIC LAB INCENTIVE \$250** - This year we are offering an incentive for new churches or for churches that have not sent youth to Leadership Lab for five years or more. If you fall into this category we are offering **are a new registration incentive of \$250 per youth**. You must fill out your registration form and medical release in full and enclose full payment. There is only one registration form this year, so look to the bottom right of the form for this option. Please see the Directors with any questions.

Please go on line to [www.leadershiplab.net](http://www.leadershiplab.net) and check out our new registration and payment option. You can now fill out your form online and pay by credit card. The only payment option with online registration is by credit card. There will be an additional processing fee. **Online registration opens on April 1, 2019.**

**Cost:** See registration fee above. The registration fee includes lodging, meals from dinner on Monday through breakfast on Saturday, and program costs. Participants may wish to bring additional money for snacks, and college souvenirs. Very few Lab T-shirts will be sold at Lab, so if you want a T-shirt, order now. The cost is \$15.00, payable in advance, with your registration.

**Full Payment is due with your registration form at the time you register.** Any cancellation must be made by June 30th. If you cancel by this date your church will receive a refund check in the amount of \$150. All other registration monies are NON-REFUNDABLE. Any cancellations after this date will lose the full registration. Substitutions may be made until June 24th.

**Any registration received without full payment will not be processed until full payment is received. Any registration received without both the Medical Release and Registration Form and Personal Covenant, will not be processed until all paperwork is received. Any t-shirt not paid for at time of registration will not be ordered.** If you do not indicate a size a large t-shirt will be ordered for you with limited substitutions available at Lab.

**Scholarships:** The Leadership Lab Memorial Scholarship Fund provides scholarships for youth wishing to attend Leadership Lab but who are unable to meet the financial requirements. Limited funds are available. If you need assistance, please contact one of the Directors. Contributions may be made to the Leadership Lab Memorial Scholarship Fund and sent in care of one of the Directors. The scholarship fund is in memory of Pr. Joel Albers, Scott Rosenberger and Jim Graham.

**ALL INQUIRIES NEED TO BE DIRECTED TO LEADERSHIP LAB DIRECTORS:**

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## LEADERSHIP LAB LEVELS:

**BASIC LAB** offers youth:

*Bob Lindsay and Marcia Pedersen - Coordinators*

- their first experience with the Leadership Lab program;
- the opportunity to learn skills in developing youth ministry goals and strategies ;
- the opportunity to broaden their understanding of faith and faith issues;
- the opportunity to participate in the life of this unique Christian community;
- assistance in recognizing and strengthening their gifts, and discovering new abilities;

**ADVANCED LAB** offers youth:

*Laurel Wright and Pr. Will Fisher - Coordinators*

- the opportunity to build on the foundation laid in Basic Lab as they work towards "fine tuning" their planning skills for youth ministry leadership with peer assistance, support and evaluation;
- the opportunity to begin to learn and experiment with different leadership styles, while finding and honing their own unique skills;
- the opportunity to enjoy fun, fellowship, and faith with peers in both large and small groups.

**PHASE III** offers youth:

*Jason Fisher and Raylee Brown - Coordinators*

- the opportunity to explore the meaning of faith in unique and challenging ways;
- the opportunity to use their leadership skills in their small group settings;

Youth are assisted by trained staff to assess and explore their own faith journeys, while helping them build their skills in working within a group setting.

**STEP FORTH** offers youth:

*Nicole Ungeran and Chad Ryberg - Coordinators*

- a time to gather in community for the mutual strengthening, enhancing and supporting of the Christian values taught to us in the gospel;
- a time for intentional discernment of one's spiritual gifts and their level of refinement, as they explore how those gifts and Christian values fit into and enhance their chosen life vocation;
- a time for proclamation and demonstration that the message of the gospel is real and dynamic in one's living, as they are sent in to the world as passionate advocates for God's kingdom;
- both the exit point from the Leadership Lab experience and also the entry point into the challenging adventure of servanthood.

**ADULT LAB**

*Pr. Matt Metevelis and Miranda Luder - Coordinators*

- The mission of adult lab is to deepen youth ministry leadership skills, to expose adults to the Leadership Lab curriculum as well as to explore tools for teaching the Bible in new creative ways.
- Adult lab is for those who haven't had any formal youth ministry training, pastors or interns who want to deepen their youth ministry skills, or students who have finished their leadership lab training and are considering ministry. Parents of Leadership Labbers are also welcomed.
- We have a 2 year rotating curriculum. Year A (odd years) focuses on children's and Jr High for youth ministry, and the Old Testament for the Bible. Year B (even years) focuses on High School and Young adult ministry as well as The New Testament for the Bible.
- Participants of Adult Lab will leave with a thumb drive of resources, a network of leaders to call upon throughout the year, games and videos to use for teaching the Bible, and devotions to use. We use Sustainable Youth Ministry by Mark DeVries as our textbook for the week.

**CROSSROADS**

*Nick Rex and Nikki Bond - Coordinators*

This level has been designed for young adults who are in the beginning or middle stage of a faith journey which is completely their own. This lab is designed to help participants take an introspective look into themselves, and decipher the gifts and talents that God has blessed them with. After given time to reflect on how God has blessed each of the participants, they will actively search out how God is calling them into career, vocation and active ministry within their everyday lives. This level serves as an excellent opportunity for young adults to find out how God can use them in an ever changing world.