

Dec. 3, 2019

Hello Pastors and Youth Leaders!

The Crossroads District Young People's Team has been hard at work in organizing the Youth Mid-Winter Retreat for this coming February, and we're so excited to see this camp take shape. It's going to be great! We've got lots of college students from the campus ministry at TLU signed up and ready to share their gifts in leading music and offering relatable talks on our theme of "Divergent: Going Against the Tide of Contemporary Culture," and this camp is sure to be one that the youth will remember.

Registration went live on the Crossroads District website yesterday, so be sure to point your youth and parents in that direction. You can find it at: gocrossroadsdistrict.org.

The registration link will give parents an easy place to complete the registration for their youth (all online), including signing off on all of the liability, photo, and medical releases. (Yea! Less papers to mess with!) And you can send your adult sponsors who will be attending the camp there to fill out their registration forms, as well.

Here's where you come in. We're processing the individual registrations online, but we're asking the churches to continue to collect all of the registration fees to send in to the district. I know this is a slight inconvenience, but the reasoning behind it is good. The district is offering up to 15 partial scholarships, \$70 each (that's half of the registration fee), to youth who have genuine financial need. You know your youth better than we do, and we have a limited number of scholarships, so we're asking you to help us determine where these scholarships will do the most good. If you have a youth who would like to attend and who is in need of one of these scholarships, we ask that you would fill out one of our scholarship request forms and get it submitted to Ruth Lopez in the district office (scanned and emailed, or snail mail it) no later than Monday, Feb. 3rd so that we have time to process those requests before the registration deadline – *February 12th*. **(Ruth Lopez: gocrossroadsdistrict@gmail.com, 5606 N. Navarro St., Suite 200 C, Victoria, TX 77904)** Don't wait too long, though. We'll consider the scholarship requests in the order that they're received.

Now for more of the skinny on the camp. This year we're changing locations over to El Shaddai Retreat Center in Yorktown. It's a great facility, the staff is excellent, and we'll have the campground all to ourselves for the weekend. And, while we're there (Friday, Feb. 28th at 7pm through Sunday, Mar. 1st at 11:30am), we'll have an opportunity to use their challenge course, as well. 4 meals are included in the registration fee (all 3 meals on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday), but be sure to have everyone eat before they arrive. You can find a more detailed look at the schedule on the Crossroads District website.

If you have questions, concerns, or just need further clarification, please feel free to direct them to me **(Ryan Jenson: pastorryanj@gmail.com)** and I'll be glad to address those.

Thanks for your help in getting the word out about Youth Mid-Winter Retreat 2020, and we look forward to seeing your people there!

Ryan Jenson
Chair – Young People's Team