2019 NYG in Minneapolis Parent Meeting Agenda/Trip Itinerary

2019-07-07 at 1030

* We will be travelling in a rented 12 passenger van

(15 passenger van with a row removed for luggage).

***Signing your name on the attendance list today is going to be considered your consent*** *for one of the adults (Micah, Sarah, or Andrea) to be driving that van with your Youth in it, as well as your consent for any other travel methods we may encounter (taxi, Uber/Lyft, public transit/bus/train, etc.). If you have any concerns, note them in the comments now.*

* We will leave from church on Wednesday, July 10th at 7am and will get back to the church around 8pm on Monday, July 15th. (Youth will be asked to keep their parents informed of any changes via phone.)
* We are staying at the Hyatt Regency Minneapolis

Address: 1300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55403

Phone: (612) 370-1234

Room Assignments: Micah and Sarah

 Mrs. Barker (and Meeting/Nap Room)

Josh and Kyle

Amelia, Elaina, Kyra, and Angel

***Signing your name on the attendance list today is going to be considered your consent*** *for one of the adults to be alone with your Youth in the case that your Youth needs rest or transport apart from the rest of the group. It will be an adult of the same gender as the Youth. If you want your Youth to have the choice to rest at the hotel without adult supervision, please put this in the comments.*

* What to pack? See attached packing list, and keep in mind:

The Dress Code:

* Nothing holey, immodest, or inappropriate.
* No spandex, booty shorts, etc. please (boys or girls)
* No underwear showing
* Must wear a shirt at all times (no crop tops/spaghetti straps, either)
* For swimsuits…keep in mind part of why we are going is to set a good example and witness to others how God wants us to behave, look, etc.

You will be getting:

 From an anonymous Trinity Donor:

* + Water Bottle
	+ Portable Charger
	+ Sharpies to Sign Shirts, Backpacks, Etc.
	+ Clothespins to Decorate and Trade
	+ Glowy Stuff for Saturday Night

 From the Gathering Office:

* + Backpack (Only Gathering backpacks will be allowed into U.S. Bank Stadium.)
	+ Bible
	+ Wristband and Bookmark that CANNOT BE LOST

 T-Shirts:

* + Trinity Youth Group’s
	+ NE District Green (We will all wear on Friday the 12th)
	+ NE District Purple
	+ Thrivent Grey (if you want one)
	+ Concordia Shirt from the NYG
	+ 5K Shirt from the NYG (if participating)

HAVE WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES:

* Folder with Journal, Bible Studies, Medical Forms, etc.
* Pen

Do NOT Bring:

* + Valuables or things you wouldn’t want to lose
	+ Too much stuff. Luggage should be a single small suitcase. We need to fit 9 people’s things and possibly a wheelchair. It can be bigger than a carry-on, but not much. Don’t bring any large rollers that you could fit a person in. Any pillows or things you want with you in the Van should also be small/travel size. YOU MUST BE ABLE TO CARRY ALL YOUR OWN STUFF, and we could have to walk a mile or so with it (not just a block…that’s a “benefit” of being downtown). Keep that in mind.

Random Notes:

* If you don’t have a photo ID that you can keep on you at all times, let Sarah know.
* You don’t have to bring an umbrella if you don’t want to, but bring a poncho, a raincoat, or a promise that you will not complain of melting if you get wet!
* The weather should be really nice (70s/80s), but it’s the Midwest, so you never know. Keep AC in mind, too. Bring a sweatshirt, or don’t complain!
* Don’t bring any YELLOW or ORANGE shirts. Yellow is for CLBs, and Orange is for YAVs.
* You’ll get a portable charger so that there are ZERO excuses to have a dead phone. That said, it is the Youth’s responsibility to have cords and a method to charge their phone and portable chargers overnight.
* Shoes need to be comfy (and running-worth if you’re doing the 5K). Blisters are no joke, and since we are a downtown property, we will be walking literally everywhere!
* If you wear glasses/contacts, consider spares.
* Label your luggage and anything else you want to label.
* Leave room in suitcase for the things we’ll get Wed AM (water bottles, portable charger, T-Shirts) and any souvenirs you pick up.
* Please don’t bring a different or metal water bottle. There are a lot of stadium security rules (take out cell phones, computers, metal, etc.), and using our provided plastic water bottles will make one less thing to worry about. Plus, there will be incentives to drink water that require the use of a standard water bottle for our group!
* Bring extra socks and undies, toiletries, etc. You never know, and we may not have time to go to Target!
* If you have specific food needs, please bring your own snacks to hold you over until we can figure out how to get you covered.
* If you are sending any meds, inhalers, epi-pens, etc. with the kids, it is your/their responsibility to make sure they are not expired.
* There will be one morning where our luggage is in a luggage storage room after we check out and before we head home. Sarah will have a bike lock to lock the luggage together, but consider a luggage lock if there are things you are worried about in your bag.
* First Aid Kits will be with one or more Facilitators/Parent Shepherd and will contain the following:
	+ Bandaids
	+ Neosporin
	+ Advil
	+ Pepto Bismol
	+ Sunscreen
	+ Bug Spray
	+ Spray Deodorant
	+ Cough Drops
	+ Eye Drops
	+ Hand Sanitizer

***Signing your name on the attendance list today is going to be considered your consent*** *for Sarah Bogdanoff, Micah Bogdanoff, or Andrea Barker to administer the above to your Youth. By signing, you waive associated liability and acknowledge that Sarah, Micah, and Andrea are standing in in the parental capacity only, not acting as medical professionals. If you object to your child being given any of these things throughout the trip, let Sarah know now and note it in the comments. If they will be bringing or may need any other meds (allergy, daily, etc.) with them on the trip, also let Sarah know before you leave today; describe details in the comments. Include any assistance requested from the three adults listed above, otherwise, it will be assumed that the Youth will administer their own medications.*

* Now for the most important part. The Covenant Refresher.

Please re-read what you signed for last year. Re-read it all. When you’re done, flip it over so I know.

Any Questions/Concerns?

* “Downtown Minneapolis does have a curfew in conjunction with the laws of Hennepin County. However, law enforcement agencies and officers are well aware of our presence and that groups attending Mass Event Plus will be on city streets after the posted curfew. It is very important that youth participants stay with their groups and adult leaders following Mass Events. Also, keep to well-traveled streets as Minneapolis Police are expecting our presence on those routes and will have additional patrols. Once you get back to your hotel, you should stay there for the night, do not travel back into the city.”
* Hotel Rooms are for sleeping, not for staying up all night on the phone.
* After Community Time, Youth shall head back to rooms until breakfast.
* If there is a need or desire to leave the room, just text/call Sarah.
* Rooms might not all be together; that is ok.
* There will be small bills provided for hotel maid tips.
* Each Youth will get $40 in CASH to spend for the day on food, snacks, etc. (if for some reason we cannot get the amount of CASH desired, we may have to juggle debit/credit cards…same budget, though).
* Worship Offering for Monday’s Mass Event should be brought by each Youth on their own; they will not be given any fundraised funds for this.
* Cell Phone Covenant is attached. Please talk to your Youth about it and sign – in short, if the phones are getting mis-used, they may be confiscated. Be respectful & be present. (Real. Present. God.)
* There are approved walkpaths through the city for our event; we will stick to those. When in doubt, take the pedestrian walkway and always stay on the East side of the road. Follow signs and anything a cop says! The skyway does connect the Hyatt to the Convention Center and the Convention Center to the Stadium. If there’s weather, we can try that; otherwise, we have been asked to stay on the approved walkpath.
* Skyway and the whole city really are full of weekday workers and weekend tourists. Locals are Fortune 500 Businessmen who probably don’t have tons of patience. Be a good witness. When walking in groups, don’t take up the whole sidewalk, etc. Be courteous.
* Can bring snacks and sack lunches into Convention Center/Stadium, but they have to be pre-packaged for insurance reasons. Do not sit at concession stand tables if eating food from outside (leave those for people who paid).
* If there are lines at concession stands or food trucks, we will try to go somewhere else; there are a lot of people who won’t have downtown options near their hotel.
* If there is no adult in the group, the group must be a group of 3 Youth or more. If there is a Youth that wants to go to a Session that not enough others want to go to, one adult can accompany (public locations only).
* We didn’t our choice for Servant Event, but I’m pretty excited about meal packing. The NYG's goal is to pack 1 MILLION meals. That'd be 2700 kids for a whole year! Also "Feed My Starving Children" goes to Africa for cyclone, Haiti, Minneapolis, etc. 99.7% of meals make it where they're going!
* Now for the second most important part. The Medical Stuff.

Parents, please confirm there have been no changes to your Youth’s insurance cards or medical info.

***Signing your name on the attendance list today is going to be considered your verification*** *that all info is accurate and up-to-date.*

* Now for the third most important part. The phone list.
* Please have your Youth verify their number on thee list is correct.
* Fill in Andrea Barker’s Number.
* Post on fridge at home (Parents) or put in your phone (Youth).
* If you’re having trouble getting ahold of your youth, call/text one of the adults!
* Blood Drive – There will be one! (See Parental Consent Form Attached)
* Hair Donation – This is also a thing, but there’s no consent situation, so talk to your Youth.
* General Schedule (more details on the NYG website and app)

Wednesday, 10JUL19

 0700 Leave Church

 1500 Get to hotel, check in, and Sarah gets us all registered!

 1700 Head to Mall of America (avoid congested commute on 11th)

 2200 Back to Hotel

2245 Community Time

 2300 BED

Thursday, 11JUL19

 0730 Community Time

 0745 Breakfast (Or Sleep in and get Breakfast on the Town Later?)

 0830 Target Run (if Desired)

 0930 Fun to be chosen by Youth (Breakfast? Back to MoA? Scavenger Hunt? Seeing Sights?)

 1600 Make sure we are heading back!

 1700 NE District Event

 1900 Opening Mass Event at Stadium

 2215 Mass Event Plus at Stadium

 2315 Back to Hotel

 2345 Community Time

 2400 BED

Friday, 12JUN19 – Wear NE District GREEN Shirts

 0730 Community Time

 0745 Breakfast

 0830 Leave for Convention Center (1mi Walk)

 0900 Morning Session/Bible Study at Convention Center

 1030 Sessions of Choice

 1700 Supper, Re-Group, and get to Stadium

 1900 Mass Event at Stadium

 2215 Mass Event Plus at Stadium

 2345 Community Time

 2400 BED

Saturday, 13JUN19

 0730 Community Time

 0745 Breakfast

 0830 Leave for Convention Center (1mi Walk)

 0900 Morning Session/Bible Study at Convention Center

 1030 Sessions of Choice

 1700 Supper, Re-Group, and get to Stadium

 1900 Mass Event at Stadium

 2215 Mass Event Plus at Stadium

 2345 Community Time

 2400 BED

Sunday, 14JUN19

 0730 Community Time

 0745 Breakfast

 0830 Leave for Convention Center (1mi Walk)

 0900 Morning Session/Bible Study at Convention Center

 1000 Packing Meals

 1200 Sessions of Choice

 1530 Line up for the 5K

 1700 State Fair Food, Re-Group, and get to Stadium

 1900 Mass Event at Stadium

 2215 Mass Event Plus at Stadium

 2345 Community Time

 2400 BED

Monday, 15JUN19

 0630 Check Out (Leave Bags in Lakeshore Ballroom, located on the 1st floor)

 0645 Community Time

 0700 Breakfast

 0745 Head to US. Bank Stadium

 0830 Closing Mass Event

 1200 Back to hotel, grab the bags, load the van, head home!

 2000 Back at Church

* CASH plan (Tim/Amelia)
* Girl Talk (Girls plus Mrs. T.)