

Emmaus Youth Summer Gathering Information & Registration

Purpose: Hold Youth Group gatherings on Wednesdays in the summer in a safe and positive setting to grow in our faith in Christ together.

Venue: Outdoor gatherings of 25 or less on the far lawn (south side of upper lot) of Emmaus around a fire pit. Students will be encouraged to bring their own chairs. If weather does not permit an outdoor gathering, we will cancel the activity for the evening.

Time: Middle School age (grad 5th thru 7th) students will meet from 6pm - 7pm and High School students (grad 8th thru grad 12th) from 7:15pm - 8:30pm (or later). All students with a waiver and conduct pledge are able to attend within the 25 person limit.

Transition: To reduce congestion and to allow for more space, there will be a 15 minute transition time between groups. We will ask parents dropping off students to remain in their cars for drop off and pick up.

Will there be a Snack?: Due to the concerns involved in sharing food or other items we will NOT be providing snacks until it is clear we can resume by Emmaus and CDC. Students are encouraged to bring their own water bottle but, discouraged from bringing any food items during our time together.

Format: Campfire with chairs in a circle. Students would participate in games, listen to speakers, take part in discussion and a time of prayer. Games and activities that allow safe participation and follow social distancing guidelines may be included.

Rules we will follow:

- All CDC/MDH and Emmaus Church guidelines for gatherings.
- Self-screening for all students will take place by asking students and families to review this checklist:

Please answer "Yes" or "No" to each question. Do you have:

- Fever or feeling feverish?
- Chills?
- A new cough?
- Shortness of breath?
- A new sore throat?
- New muscle aches?
- New headache?
- New loss of smell or taste?

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- The CDC recommends individuals wear masks when in public. We encourage our students to wear masks especially as we get situated each evening, but they are not required due to the outdoor space and distanced seating that will be in place.
- Hand sanitizer and tissues will be readily available for use by staff, volunteers, and participants.
- All students from different households will maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from each other.
- We will take attendance each evening to allow for contact tracing.
- Parents and students will sign a waiver and conduct pledge in order for the student to attend.
- Chairs and surfaces that are not brought by participants will be cleaned and maintained regularly.
- Students that are unable to follow regulations may not be permitted to return until restrictions are lifted.
- Students are encouraged to use the restroom before arriving at the church. Restrooms at the church will only be used in emergency situations.
- Emmaus leaders will encourage and reinforce social norms and health etiquette for volunteers, and participants. This includes the following:
 - Washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after having been in a public place or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
 - Always cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw used tissues in the trash. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your arm or elbow.
 - Masks are recommended when in close proximity to others in a group setting.
 - Ensure participants aren't sharing water bottles, food, or other items.

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Student Name: _____

Grade this Fall: _____

Parent/Guardian Information:

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Attendance Waiver

We understand the arrangements and believe that necessary precautions and supervision of the child will be taken during these events. We are aware of the concerns due to the COVID 19 pandemic. We acknowledge the risks in participating in these events due to the pandemic as well as any planned activities. By signing this form, we are waiving our ability to hold Emmaus responsible for any sickness contracted or accidental injury during these gatherings.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

Student Signature (over 18)

Date

Conduct Pledge

- *My reason for attending is spiritual growth and to enjoy time in fellowship with other students and leaders.*
- *I understand the necessity for the rules in place due to COVID 19 and I know that they are not just for my benefit but for the benefit of each household represented.*
- *I agree to follow the rules and expectations of my parents and Emmaus while attending these events.*
- *I promise to respect any additional preventative measures taken by other students at these events.*
- *I realize that not following the rules may affect my ability to attend future gatherings.*

I have read and agree to follow the conduct pledge.

Student Signature

Date