

# JR HIGH District Gathering

March 6 & 7, 2010

Times: TBA

**COST: \$115 with down payment of \$25 BY Dec 20, 2010\***

**\$125 with down payment of \$25 after Dec 20, 2010**

\* All down payments are nonrefundable. Substitutions come on a first come first serve basis and still forfeit the down payment.

## WHAT IS THE JR. HIGH GATHERING ALL ABOUT

The vision for the Jr. High DYG is that, **"Through the sharing and applying of God's Word and fellowship, the Jr. High DYG will equip youth to handle contemporary issues and to provide an environment that makes their faith come alive."** Your youth will have the opportunity to meet other 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders from Southern California, Arizona and Southern Nevada who happen to attend Lutheran churches and schools too! Also, it is a time for them to celebrate and learn about being followers of Christ through songs, games, speakers, challenges, fellowship and more! The theme is LIVE IT LOUD and comes from the theme verse Psalm 98:4. "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise."

### Drivers

To keep costs low, we rely on parent drivers to take the youth to and from Costa Mesa. We ask each parent to consider what day they would be willing to drive and **fill out the driver card** provided in this mailing.

### Before the Gathering

A letter with updated info including balance due and covenant forms will go out to all participants early February. All Gathering participants will be required to meet for a pre-gathering on February 19, 2010 at 6:15pm in the LIFEhouse. Youth will learn their family groups (5 to 6 youth and one adult), their room assignments and pick a car to travel up to the hotel. Room assignments are based on gender and grade. Family groups are designed to have youth get to know other youth. Both have been set by Brandon and are non-negotiable.

### Departure - Tentative

Youth need to be at the **LIFEhouse by 7:45am**. Youth will check in, get into their family groups and pack up the cars. The goal is to be on the road by 8am. **\*\* Drivers are needed\*\*** We will be staying at the Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa Hotel.

### Events at the Gathering

The following are events that your youth will be participating in.

**Mass Events:** This is where all 400+ youth come together to worship and study God's word. The band and speaker bring the theme alive.

**Afternoon Experiential:** This is a time for youth to put their faith into action. During this time there will be Prayer time, Bible study time, and Servant Opportunities.

**Night Time Options:** This is where youth are able to live out their faith while doing youth activities. This includes concerts, prayer room, and other events TBA.

**Worship:** Although we will be worshipping God through out the Gathering, Sunday morning will be set aside to focus on our faith in God in the here and now and how we can continue to live out what was learned during the weekend.

### **Return - tentative**

We ask all **Sunday drivers to be at the Hotel by Noon.** The last event usually ends at 11am and then the youth will go and get their luggage and say goodbye to their new friends. Drivers will take youth down the street to Pat and Oscars for lunch and then return home. They should arrive **back at the LIFEhouse between 2:30 and 3:00pm.**

### **Money:**

Your youth will need money for 3 meals (Lunch for Saturday and Sunday and Dinner on Saturday).as well as a little spending money for things like CD's from the band. A light breakfast will be provided Sunday by Christ Lutheran. \$25 would be a good suggestion.

### **What to Bring**

Bring: Personal items (toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.), Comfortable clothes (jeans, T-shirts, etc.) for both days, Spending money, Quarters, dimes, nickels, pennies (Offering), Tennis Shoes/Comfortable Shoes, **Swimming Suit (There is a pool)**, Any medication you need, Your Bible, Camera.

### **Don't Bring**

I pod or other similar electronic devices, Weapons of any kind, Drugs or Alcohol, Bad attitudes. I would also suggest not bringing cell phones. **IF YOUR YOUTH MUST BRING A CELL PHONE**, realize that they **MUST BE TURNED OFF** during any gathering event.

### **Contact Information**

If you have any questions about the Gathering please contact Brandon Heath at 619-462-5211 x129 or by email at [bheath@christlamesa.org](mailto:bheath@christlamesa.org) .