



**Middle School Youth Gathering**  
**January 15-17, 2016 Hotel Elegante, Colorado Springs, CO**

The **MSYG** is a ministry of the Rocky Mountain Synod - ELCA  
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**WELCOME!**

*The MSYG has a rich history in the RMS. It is a tradition that is integral to the identity of the RMS. The purpose of the MSYG is to bring Jr. High and Middle School youth and caring adults together to "See Jesus" . . . it's as simple, and profound, as that! There is worship, learning, large & small groups, fun, music, meals at common tables and the Lord's Table. The Holy Spirit surrounding us with her presence and joins the energy that rises up from hundreds of youth and adults from five diverse states gathering in one place – to be the church.*

**DETAILS**

All information and forms related to the MSYG, the registration process and serving as **Corner Stone Peer Ministers** are found on-line at:

[www.rmselca.org/msyg](http://www.rmselca.org/msyg)

If you have Q's or are unable to down-load or print the necessary documents, contact Cheryl Almquist, [cheryl\\_almquist@rmselca.org](mailto:cheryl_almquist@rmselca.org) or Call 800-525-0462 and the items will be sent to you.

**Registration Dates**

October 1, 2014 – Registration Opens On-Line

December 14, 2014 - Registration Closes

Middle School includes 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grades unless 9<sup>th</sup> grade is considered a part of your High School. Adult includes those ages 21 and older.

**Registration Fee = \$130/person**

Includes: 2-nights hotel lodging, Saturday box-lunch,  
Sat. eve celebration & snacks, service opportunity  
and awesome daytime interaction and night-life in Christ!

**Congregational Travel Subsidies**

200-299 miles one-way = \$25/person. 300 miles and further = \$30/person  
Submit your request & number registered to [cheryl\\_almquist@rmselca.org](mailto:cheryl_almquist@rmselca.org)

**Meals**

A sack lunch is provided for all participants on Saturday noon.  
Each group is on their own for dinner Friday and Saturday eve and breakfast on Saturday and Sunday.

A list of local restaurants will be posted on the web site. Special provisions are made by the hotel to provide inexpensive breakfast and meal-time items in the hotel.

## **Housing**

Four youth and one adult are assigned to a two-bed hotel room. Adults are not allowed to share a bed with a youth. Each group must decide if either the adult or two youth will sleep on the floor and then bring sleeping bags and/or air mattresses. There are no roll-away beds allowed. (If you are flying rather than driving, and sleeping bags are inconvenient, please let us know.) Hotel rooms include hair dryers.

## **Safety & Security**

The RMS is supplementing the security measures already in place at the hotel with additional caring adults who will have the specific role of supporting the congregation's adults already present, in the care and welfare for their youth.

## **What to Wear/Bring**

- Comfortable clothing.
- Sleeping bags for one adult or two youth in the room.
  
- Saturday eve is the Community Celebration. *More details will soon be announced .*
- Bible.
- Ear plugs - if room-mates snore!
- Offering - recipients will be announced at a later date.
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**REGISTRATION CHECK-LIST**

## **Follow These Steps**

*for a Stress-Free “Get-Ready, Register and Go” Process*

1. Download pdf of **Poster & Schedule**. Add local contact/meeting info. Promote.
2. Download and read the **Guide to Selecting Adult Leaders**. NOTE: A minimum of one adult (21 and older) per 1 to 4 youth of the same gender is required.
3. Download **MSYG Permission and Medical form(s)**. One for youth. One for adults. Copy and provide this form for each participating youth and adult.
4. **Collect a completed Permission and Release/Medical form for each participant.** You will need this info before you complete the on-line registration process
5. You will need two copies of the completed form – one to keep and one to turn in at registration.

If a participant does not have medical insurance, contact Cheryl Almquist in the RMS office.

6. **Complete the on-line registration process.** Be aware of deadlines. A link to the on-line registration process is at: [www.rmselca.org/msyg](http://www.rmselca.org/msyg)

**Send in payment to the RMS office:**

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7. **Download the congregation information form** and email to [msygrms@gmail.com](mailto:msygrms@gmail.com)

### **8. Prepare for MSYG.**

- Raise funds. Complete forms. Build community. Bible study.
- Download and discuss **MSYG Covenant**. Each participant sign.
- Collect **Permission and Medical Release** forms and bring two copies to event.
- Engage all Pre-Gathering Resources.
- Prepare **transportation**. Commit to safe driving practices by all.
- Ask your youth group and congregation to hold the 2016 MSYG in **prayer**. •

**Bless** MSYG participants in worship Sunday, January 10th before the event.