

# **BLACKSTONE 2007 SPRING WEEKEND RETREAT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN GRADES 8 - 12**



**WHEN:** March 30-April 01, 2007  
**WHERE:** United Methodist Assembly Center  
Blackstone, Virginia  
**COST:** \$110.00 per person  
Clergy may attend free of charge (Please Register)

Blackstone Weekend includes the EYC Annual Spring Convention; an annual meeting of the youth of the Diocese of Southern Virginia for a weekend of fun and fellowship, along with the election of officers for the next year's EYC Board. Votes are made by delegates chosen by each parish. One-half the EYC Board are elected and one-half are appointed. Applications for appointment to the EYC Board are in this booklet.

The program for the Blackstone Weekend is an experience of Holy Week with young people. The Gospel events from Palm Sunday; *Christ's Triumphal Entrance*, through Easter Sunday; the *Celebration of Christ's Resurrection*, are explored through media, music, and group experiences. Saturday night's pageantry celebration of Holy Eucharist is the summit of this mountain-top weekend.

A copy of the Community Life Agreement and Medical Treatment Authorization are printed in the back of this booklet and may be copied for your convenience. Please bring your signed copies for each participant with you. All registrations **MUST** go through your parish church.

## **Please use the registration form provided in the Youth Opportunities Booklet**

**DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION AND \$55.00 DEPOSIT FOR EACH PARTICIPANT DUE MARCH 16, 2007.**

**REGISTRATION:** Friday, March 30; Register between 5:30 pm - 7:15 pm. Please have dinner **before** you arrive. Dinner **will not** be served on Friday night. If you know you will be late, please let us know when we can expect you. The program will begin promptly at 7:30 pm.

**DEPARTURE:** Sunday, April 01. We will be served lunch at 12:30 pm and expect to leave or be picked up at 1:00 pm.

**WHAT TO BRING:** Toilet articles, rain wear, Usual spring clothing, Musical instruments, Community Life Standards Agreement (Review, sign & bring it with you).

**If you have any questions, call the Diocesan Office 757- 423-8287 or 1-800-582-8292 or E-mail Jim Fox at [jim\\_fox@urscorp.com](mailto:jim_fox@urscorp.com).**

**In case of an emergency, the phone number for the Conference Center in Blackstone is (434) 292-5308.**

# Registration Form

Church	Church Address	Church Phone #	Contact
<input type="checkbox"/> YLTE <input type="checkbox"/> BLACKSTONE EYC SPRING CONVENTION <input type="checkbox"/> OCTOBER WEEKEND <input type="checkbox"/> NEW BEGINNINGS			

Please reproduce as many copies of this form as needed to register your entire group for Diocesan Youth Events. Please honor the deadlines for each event. See calendar for event dates and registration deadlines.

An advisor over age 21, with a certificate of Prevention of Misconduct Training on file with the Diocese, **must** accompany your group.

	Name	Address	Phone & eMail	Grade & age	M/F	\$ Enclosed
1	_____	_____	_____	ADULT > 21	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
6	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
7	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
8	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
9	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$</b>						_____

**Make checks payable to EYC - Diocese of SoVA. Send to EYC Youth Events - Diocese of Southern Virginia, 600 Talbot Hall Road, Norfolk VA 23505-4361**

## COMMUNITY LIFE STANDARDS AGREEMENT

(Please make as many copies as necessary for your participants in each event)

I, the undersigned, being a participant of an activity of the Episcopal Youth Community or Youth Commission of the Diocese of Southern Virginia, do hereby contract with the other participants and staff of the conference to abide by the following requirements of orderly community life, and I take upon myself the responsibility for living in accordance with them and helping others to do so.

1. The use or possession of alcohol and illegal drugs is STRICTLY PROHIBITED.
2. Smoking is prohibited for anyone under the age of 18.
3. Firearms, fireworks, and other weapons are strictly prohibited.
4. Coed visitation between sleeping areas is prohibited between 8:00pm and 8:00am. At the Blackstone Conference, there will be no visitation in the sleeping areas.
5. Curfew is determined at the conference. Curfew is understood to be the time all persons are to be in their assigned chalet/rooms and lights out, radios/tape players at low volume.
6. YOUTH AND SPONSORS are to remain within the Conference Center grounds (except for weighty cause to be determined by the Director of Youth Ministries, the Clergy Advisor, and the Male and Female Lay Advisors of the Diocese), and a sponsor or advisor must accompany any youth who leaves for such a cause.
7. Dress may be informal, but in good taste. Shoes must be worn on Conference Center property at all times.
8. Full time participation is essential and required. This includes all meals.
9. Candles and other open flames are prohibited in chalets/rooms at any conference center where retreat is held.
10. Chalet/room assignments cannot be changed. This is necessary so that you can be located in event of an emergency.
11. Individuals will be held financially responsible for any damage to property.
12. Name tags will be given out at registration. They should be worn at all times so that you can be identified as a member of the community that belongs there.
13. Non-participant visitation is NOT allowed.
14. Beepers, Cell Phones and other Electronic Communication devices prohibited.

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the above standards.

Participant signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Failure to sign these standards or live by these standards may be cause for dismissal from the conference without financial refund.

# AUTHORIZATION FOR ACTIVITIES AND EMERGENCY TREATMENT FOR DIOCESAN ACTIVITIES

I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_  
to participate in \_\_\_\_\_ on (date) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent(s)/guardian(s) of above named child \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Information (If more space is needed, please write on the back)

List any medications which your daughter/son/guardian has in his/her possession at this event:

Can your young person take responsibility for his/her medication or would you prefer that it be given with staff supervision (in which case, supply all necessary instruction from your physician).

Please list any allergies or other physical or health conditions of which we should be aware:

Are there any first aid ministrations such as aspirin or antibiotic ointment we should avoid using?

In case of medical emergency, I/we understand that every effort will be made to contact the parent or guardian. In event I/we cannot be reached, I/we hereby give permission to the dentist or physician designated by the staff to hospitalize, secure proper treatment and/or to order an injection, anesthesia, or necessary surgery. I/We give our permission to engage in all activities as noted below or on the back of this form, including, but not limited to use of the Ropes Course/Adventure activities provided all safety measures and standards are followed. I also give permission for photographs or video of my child to be used by the diocese for promotional or other purposes. I hereby indemnify and agree to hold harmless the Diocese of Southern Virginia, its members, representatives, officers, agents, employees, directors, and each of them, for any and all past, present, or future loss to property, and/or bodily injury resulting from any activities engaged. The completed forms may be photocopied and used as an original.

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Of parent(s)/guardian(s) of above name child \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Pager \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Insurance ID number \_\_\_\_\_ Group# \_\_\_\_\_

Other person to contact (as alternative means of reaching you in case of emergency)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Pager \_\_\_\_\_

## **Blackstone**

Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center  
707 Fourth Street Blackstone, Virginia 23824  
Phone 434-292-5308 FAX 434-292-1212

### **From Tidewater Area**

Proceed best way to Route 460 West. Turn left onto Route 40 at Waverly, VA.

Follow Route 40 to Blackstone. At stop light in front of MacDonalds, turn left onto Main Street.

Follow Main Street through four stop lights to Fourth Street. Turn right onto Fourth Street, proceed straight ahead through three four-way stop signs.

Remain on Fourth Street, pass in front of building and enter the main parking lot.

### **From Richmond Area**

Travel South on I-95, Join with I-85 in Colonial Heights, Follow I-85 South when signs direct you to Blackstone

Take off ramp off I-85S to Route 460 West. Take first exit to Blackstone (left turn across 460) (Note large lumber yard on left)

Follow Route 40 Business through Blackstone (5 traffic lights) until reaching Fourth Street

Right Turn onto Fourth Street, at third four-way stop sign, see Assembly Center. Remain on Fourth Street, pass in front of building and enter main parking lot.