

VIRGINIA SYNOD ELCA - "AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST"

Winter Celebration

OUR WEEKEND EVENT FOR 9TH - 12TH GRADERS

Eagle Eyrie Retreat center, LynchBURG, VA

Weekend 1 - Jan. 22-24, 2010

Weekend 2 - Jan. 29-31, 2010

ABOUT WINTER CELEBRATION:

Winter Celebration is a gathering of several hundred youth and adults for large group and small group experiences with lots of worship, singing, and faith sharing. There is also a big chunk of free time on Saturday when we have our "Talent Show" and time late in the evening to relax and talk with the other youth from your congregation. The same event is offered on two successive weekends so that no one will be turned away due to full registration.

- Congregational groups may choose which weekend they want to attend.
- Be sure to indicate on the inside which weekend you're registering for.
- Each youth participant may attend only one weekend.
- Small group leaders and advisors may attend both weekends if they choose.
- Congregations can send one group each weekend if they desire, as long as they are accompanied by adult advisors!
- If you have questions about the event or the registration procedure, contact Dave Delaney or Debbie Worley at the Synod Office (540-389-1000; delaney@vasynod.org; worley@vasynod.org)

Find out more about Eagle Eyrie at www.eagleeyrie.org!

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- **WHO ATTENDS:** Winter Celebration is open to all youth who are in 9th-12th grades. Each youth must register as a member of a congregation, and there must be one adult attending for each five youth, who will be responsible for those youth (1-5 youth - one adult; 6-10 youth - two adults, etc.). Your non-Lutheran friends are welcome to attend as your guest; they must also register as part of your congregation group.
- **COST: \$150** per person (**Early Registration Discount** if registrations are postmarked on or before Dec. 15 - \$140 per person). **Checks** should be made payable to "Virginia Synod, ELCA" The registration fee must accompany the registration form. →→ **congregations are encouraged to provide scholarship assistance !**
- **HOW TO PAY:** MAIL CHECKS AND REGISTRATION FORMS TO: **Winter Celebration Registrar, PO Box 70, Salem VA 24153.** ATTENTION PARTICIPANTS / PASTORS / PARENTS / YOUTH LEADERS / TREASURERS!!! On each check that is sent for Winter Celebration, please indicate whose registration the check is for, and if you send one large check from the congregation, please attach a list of everyone who is being paid for and what amount is being applied to their registration fee.
- **Small Group Leaders, Co-Leaders, or Assistant Leaders** should only pay a **\$25.00**. Adults who are NOT serving in small group leadership roles should pay the **full registration fee** and will participate in an adult small group unless they have signed up for a "Youth Leader Roundtable" small group (see insert). Adults serving as group leaders must agree to a background check.

REGISTRATION TIMELINE:

1. **June, 2009:** Registration forms for Winter Celebration Found 2010 become available. Forms and payment may be sent in any time after that. Forms will be included in congregational UPDATE packets and also available at the synod website - www.vasynod.org
2. **Dec. 14, 2009:** The last day to postmark registration forms and still receive the registration discount
3. **Jan 12, 2010:** The last day to submit registration forms by mail. Starting Tuesday Jan. 12, please contact Dave Delaney (Synod Youth Ministry Director) at delaney@vasynod.org or 540-389-1000 (office) or 540-59-6893 (cell) before submitting registration materials.
4. Upon receipt of the registration form, a Confirmation Letter, Map of Eagle Eyrie, and List of "Things To Bring" will be sent to you. *If you have not received this by Jan. 15th, please contact the synod office (540-389-1000) or delaney@vasynod.org*
5. **Jan. 22 / Jan. 29:** Winter Celebration begins on Friday evening with check-in at Eagle Eyrie starting at 6:30pm. Our synod policy in case of bad weather is at our website - www.vasynod.org. **ATTENDANCE FOR THE ENTIRE EVENT IS REQUIRED!**

EXPECTATIONS FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS AT WINTER CELEBRATION:

- Registrants will participate fully in all activities and events of Winter Celebration, including meals and Cabin Conversations at night.
 - **All participants will attend the FULL EVENT**, from 8:30 pm on Friday to noon on Sunday, and remain on the grounds of Eagle Eyrie through the event.
 - No drugs (except prescribed or other required medications), alcohol, tobacco products, or weapons will be brought to the event.
 - DO NOT BRING radios, CD/Tape players, iPods, TVs, video games, computers, or other electronic devices to the event. *If you need a CD or tape player for the Talent Show, we can provide one or you!* **CELL PHONES** must be left in your room/cottage and may only be used during free time. This applies to adults as well as youth unless special permission has been obtained from the event director.
 - Cabin Conversation / Curfew / Lights Out will be conscientiously observed. **ALL EVENT PARTICIPANTS MUST BE IN THEIR ASSIGNED COTTAGES FOLLOWING THE END OF THE EVENING'S ACTIVITIES!**
 - Youth or adults who are not able to meet these expectations may be asked to leave the event.
- Questions? Contact Dave Delaney - delaney@vasynod.org or 540-389-1000

This is a registration form for *(please check one)*:

- Winter Celebration I - Jan. 22-24, 2010
- Winter Celebration II - Jan. 29-31, 2010
- Both weekends (adults and staff only)

REGISTRATION FEE: \$150 (\$140 if postmarked on or before Dec. 14th)

After Jan. 12th, please call Dave Delaney in the Synod Office before sending in a registration form.

1 Check one: _____ Youth participant _____ Adult

2 Check one: _____ Male _____ Female

3 →→→

4 WHAT GRADE ARE YOU IN? _____

5 YOUR NAME: _____

6 YOUR ADDRESS: _____

7 YOUR PHONE: (_____) _____

8 YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

9 YOUR CONGREGATION: _____

10 CONGREGATION LOCATION: _____

11 PASTOR'S NAME: _____

12 For both youth and adult participants: "By my signature, I agree to abide by the stated expectations of this event." _____

(← See the expectations for Winter Celebration on the opposite page)

Circle your t-shirt size (all sizes are adult)

XS L

S XL

M XXL

-or-

No shirt, thanks

13 **ADULTS - Choose one of the following:**

- I will also serve as a small group leader or co-leader (\$25 only)
- I will also serve as an assistant small group leader (\$25 only)
- I would like to be part of the "Youth Ministry Roundtable" track (\$150/\$140)
(see insert or visit our website www.vasynod.org and click on "2009-2010 Youth Events")
- All adults who do not choose one of the above options will be in a small group of adults for the weekend (\$150 / early: \$140)!**

Other notes or instructions for the event registrar:

14 RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM AND REGISTRATION FEE TO:

WINTER CELEBRATION REGISTRAR, PO BOX 70, SALEM VA 24153

be sure to complete both sides of this form!!! →

PERMISSION AND MEDICAL FORM

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY ALL PARTICIPANTS. FOR THOSE UNDER 18, A PARENT / GUARDIAN SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED

Name of Participant: _____

Youth under 18

Adult 18 or over

Medical Insurance Carrier: _____

Policy / Contract Number: _____

Allergies / Disabilities / Special Medical Conditions, Food Needs, or other concerns of which event leaders should be aware:

Medications: _____

I give permission to be treated if I am unable to answer: *(please sign:)* _____

Emergency Contact Information:

Name: _____ (relationship: _____)

Daytime phone: (_____) _____

Nighttime phone: (_____) _____

Other phone: (_____) _____

Secondary Contact person: Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Daytime phone: (_____) _____

Nighttime phone: (_____) _____

Other phone: (_____) _____

Parents / guardians of youth participants must complete this section:

- (Name of Youth) _____ has my permission to participate in Virginia Synod Winter Celebration at Eagle Eyrie Retreat Center in Lynchburg VA, Jan. 22-24, 2010 / Jan. 29-31, 2010
- I have read and understand the stated expectations for Winter Celebration and will support event leaders in the administration of these event expectations.
- In the event I cannot be reached at the numbers above, I give permission to have the above participant treated at an appropriate medical facility as deemed necessary.

(signature of parent / guardian)

(Date)

*A special opportunity at Winter Celebration
for adults who work with youth in congregations:*

Youth Leader Roundtable

A time for conversation, exchange of ideas, mutual upbuilding,



Participants will have an opportunity at the event to choose between ...

- A)a basic conversation about the theology of youth ministry and
- B)a more general conversation, exchange of ideas and best practices, consideration of specific topics, and strengthening of ties among congregational youth advisors in our synod.

If you are interested in being part of this conversational adult track at Winter Celebration, check the "Youth Ministry Roundtable" box at question #13 on the Winter Celebration registration form.

Pastor Chip Gunsten will be leading the first session, and then in the second session adults will divide into groups with a group leader for further conversation based on their interest and the questions they bring to the event.

The cost for participation is the same as for other adult participants in Lost and Found - \$145 (or \$135 if registration is postmarked no later than Dec. 15th).