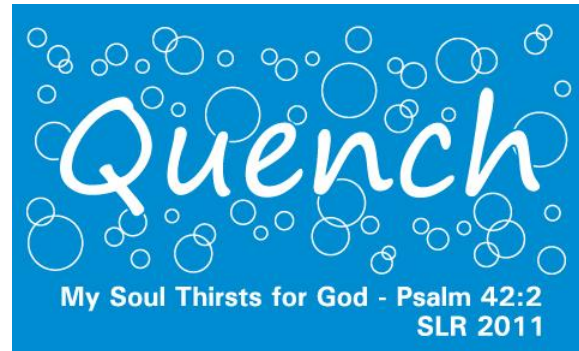


SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREATS 2011

March 4-6, 11-13, 18-20 and 25-27
Held at Camp Glisson in Dahlonega, GA

Sponsored by the N. GA Conference
Youth Ministries for grades 6-12



Youth groups of any size may register; chaperones of the same gender must register at the ratio of one adult to 6 youth. Early Bird cost is \$110 per person and goes up to \$125 per person after December 15. A full payment is required upon registration.

Based on Psalm 42:2 - "**My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God?**", "**QUENCH**" is the theme for SLR as we look at what it means to have our thirst *quenched* by God

These weekends are intentionally designed to be offer tools and resources to help you and your youth group in your spiritual journeys as your *spiritual* thirst is "**QUENCHED**." Worship, small groups, fun and games, experiential activities and much more will be a part of the weekends as you join with other youth groups from across the conference.

Questions about SLR?

Contact Meg Morrison at mmorrison@ngumc.org or 678.533.1445

Questions about registration?

Contact Blair Tolbert at blair.tolbert@ngumc.net or 706.247.4292

Special Needs -If there are special needs within your group that we need to know about, please contact Blair ahead of time - blair.tolbert@ngumc.net. Also - please let us know if your group is arriving in a chartered bus.

Youth Service Fund (YSF) - We have a fund in the United Methodist Church that is supported by teenagers to fund missions to, by, for and with youth. We raise money for that fund each year at SLR and give grants each fall. Please let your youth know and encourage them to bring their donation. There will be offering opportunities at worship, as well as some fun and games that will be a part of our YSF component during the weekend.

Countdown to Spiritual Life Retreats 2010

Three weeks before your SLR weekend -

- All participant information **must** be filled out online. That includes individual names, grades. If the gender field needs to be changed for any participant, the change must be received in writing to blair.tolbert@ngumc.net. **No changes of gender will be accepted within 2 weeks of your weekend.**

Two weeks before your SLR weekend -

- Full payment is due at the time of registration for your weekend. Failure to pay this in full will jeopardize your group's registration. You have already accepted the terms of the waiver regarding payments and refunds. If you have any questions, you may contact blair.tolbert@ngumc.net.

Please bring the following things with you to camp -

- Medical release form for each participant (you may use your own or the attached)
- Permission and covenant form for each participant
- Safe Sanctuary Abiding Form from the group leader

Medical and Permission Forms

There are 2 forms for each participant that you need to bring with you to SLR. You must bring the attached permission form signed and completed to hand over to the SLR staff. Also, each participant must have a current medical release form that you will keep with you. You can use the one provided or you may use the one you have on file in your local church. Please remember that you are responsible for any youth that you bring with you to SLR, and adult chaperones are expected to participate fully in the weekend.

Arrival at Camp Glisson –

As you arrive on Friday night between 7:30 and 8:30, staff will be there to greet you and give you nametags and housing assignments. **Please plan accordingly to arrive between 7:30 and 8:30 pm - we won't be ready for you before 7:30 and you'll want to unload and be ready for worship at 9:00 pm.**

How to get to Camp Glisson –

Glisson is located in Dahlonega, Georgia, and has been an important part of our North Georgia Conference for generations. You can check out the camp at www.campglisson.org

From the south - Take GA 400 north to its end. Turn left onto Route 60/19, go approximately 4.5 miles to Dahlonega. Turn right onto Morrison Moore Parkway. Take a left at Rite-Aid, just past Chick-Fil-A. Follow this road to the light. At the light, turn right onto North Grove. Travel north one and one-half miles. The Camp Glisson directional sign (just past the High School) on the left at Camp Glisson Road brings you to the main gate in one-half mile. Stop first at the Welcome Center to get your registration materials.

From the north - Follow Route 19 south to Route 52. Turn right at Wal-Mart and right again at the next light, following BUSINESS Route 19 north as above.

Youth Workers Haven

In the midst of enjoying the weekend with your youth, it is also nice to have a quiet place to meet other youth workers. We'll have a special place set aside just for that, but need your help in providing some good "eats" to have each weekend! Please plan on bringing something delicious to share in our youth workers haven.

Safe Sanctuaries Policy

- Beginning in 1996, the North Georgia Conference called for all churches and related agencies to have a policy in place to protect our children, youth, and the adults who work with them.
- This Child Safety Policy requires for all adults who work with children and youth to complete an Application from as well as agree to a Background Check, regardless of how long you have been a member or volunteered at that church.
- The policy also calls for strict supervision/guidelines and participation in all events.

The North Georgia Conference has a policy that we adhere to. To view a copy of that policy, go to www.ngumc.org/youth/. We also require each church to comply. Please complete the Safe Sanctuary Abiding form and bring it with you to the Confirmation

Building Servant Leaders

While it's the role of the local church to make disciples, it's the role of the Conference Youth and Young Adult Ministries to equip, encourage, strengthen, and support the local church and its people to make disciples. We're in the business of making leaders through our volunteer staff. This is an opportunity for volunteers to be in leadership and decision-making positions throughout the weekend, with young people working alongside adults. If you know of someone (11th grade and older) who might be interested in serving on staff for one or more of the weekends, have them complete an application available at www.ngumc.org/youth/.

Youth Group Time

You'll see on the schedule that on Saturday evening there is some time set aside specifically for individual youth groups to meet together. This is a time for each youth group to continue group building and to reflect together on the weekend. You may have some specific ideas in mind for this time together, but we will also provide each group leader with some ideas for group building games and reflection questions. Each group must remain in camp, and will have an assigned location to provide ample room for your group to meet.

You'll also see that there will be a variety of activities on Saturday afternoon for everyone to participate in - a combination of fun and games, experiential learning, and some free time (yes - you might squeeze in a nap!). You'll receive a more detailed schedule and site map upon your arrival at SLR.

Bring with your group

In preparation for the weekend, please bring something that represents for your group the theme of "Quench". We will be using these items in our altar table for the weekend.

SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

(you will receive a more detailed schedule at the retreat)

Friday

7:30 - 8:30 pm	Registration - <i>please make every attempt to arrive during this hour</i>
9:00	Worship
10:30	Small groups/youth leaders meeting
11:30	In cabins
12:00	Lights Out

Saturday

7:45/8:30 am	Breakfast - <i>meals will be divided into 2 shifts</i>
9:15	Guided Devo Time
9:45	Worship
11:00	Small groups
11:45 - 12:30 pm	Lunch - <i>2 shifts</i>
1:15 pm	Afternoon activities - includes interest groups, experiential activities, YSF, fun and games and some free time
5:00/5:45	Dinner - <i>2 shifts</i>
7:00	Small groups
8:00	Worship
9:45	Youth Group Time
11:00	In cabins
11:30	Lights Out

Sunday

7:45/8:30 am	Breakfast - <i>2 shifts/ clean up and load</i>
9:15	Small groups
10:00	Worship
11:15	Go Home

WHAT TO BRING ON THE SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT

Comfortable clothes - February and March weather can be warm or cold, sunny or rainy!

Coat or jacket

Rain gear

Extra pair of shoes in case you get wet

Shower shoes

Personal toiletries

Bible, journal or notebook, pen

Flashlight

Linens (sheets, sleeping bag, towels)

Pillow

Money for snacks (Glisson store will open at certain times)

Donation for Youth Service Fund offering during worship

Make sure your youth leader has your medical form and permission/covenant form!

A good attitude and an open heart

LEAVE THESE AT HOME

fireworks and firearms

drugs-tobacco-alcohol

pets

Just a reminder that you bring electronics and valuables at your own risk. Also - the purpose of the weekend is to interact with others and not be plugged in all the time!

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Camp Glisson 690 Camp Glisson Road Dahlonega, GA 30533 706.864.6181