

August 14, 2023

Greetings Pastors and Youth Workers!

Taste and See! "Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him." Psalm 34:8

What does cereal have to do with faith and a weekend of fun for students in grades 6th -12th? Join us this October 27-29, 2023 in Cedar Rapids, IA for the Region Youth Event (RYE) and find out!

RYE '23 will give middle and high school students a chance to learn about God, salvation, and faith while using an unconventional source—cereal. There will be worship, small groups, activities, laughing, and lots of fun. Considering all that is going on in our world, students are struggling and this weekend is an opportunity for them to connect and recharge.

Our speaker this year will be Kristin Stanley and worship will be led by Mark Taylor.

Kristin grew up in Cedar Rapids and attended First Baptist Church-Church of the Brethren. Her story has some twists and turns and through it all faith and Jesus have been at the core of it. God speaks and she responds and is currently in seminary. Kristin has provided pulpit supply at several area churches and is currently the Children's Ministry Coordinator at Christ Community Church in addition to being a massage therapist. Mark grew up south of Indianola has been in ministry for 16 years the bulk being in worship. He's written/recorded 2 CDs and is a published author of 2 books and has been a conference speaker. We are excited to have both Kristin and Mark share with us for RYE.

RYE '23 will be held October 27-29, 2023, at the Church on Northland (First Baptist Church-Church of the Brethren), 5200 Northland Ave NE. The cost for attending is \$60/participant. There is early bird pricing for registrations received before October 12th. For those registering before October 12, the cost is only \$55/participant! This fee includes your T-shirt (indicate your shirt size on the registration form), programming, Friday night food and activity, a meal on Saturday, and admittance to our off site activity.

Registrations and fees need to be received by October 12, 2023 in order to ensure a t-shirt.

Please send all registrations to the host church, The Church on Northland:

5200 Northland Ave NE Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

CHECKS NEED TO BE MADE OUT TO "MID-ABC REGION".

You may also email registrations to office@thechurchonnorthland.com

The fun kicks off at 6:00 PM on Friday night with a cereal bar and other food being served at 6:30 PM. Included in this packet is the tentative schedule. Throughout the weekend students will have the opportunity to worship, hear Kristin speak, dig deeper in small group sessions, attend a workshop in an area of their choosing, play games, and be silly.

We are intentionally planning opportunities for students to mix and mingle with kids from other communities, while also allowing for churches to have small group times together. We realize this may be uncomfortable for some students, but please encourage participation and interaction in all activities.

Students won't need to bring a lot of money for the weekend, but please know that there may be merchandise available for purchase and they may want some for free time.

If finances are a concern and you need assistance with lodging, please let us know. We don't want kids to miss out on this opportunity. **Also, all students must be accompanied by an adult.**

For more information and updates on the weekend activities:

Follow us on Instagram at Mid-ABC Region Youth.

Also check out www.mid-abc.org or www.thechurchonnorthland.com for more info.

We will be monitoring COVID recommendations and responding accordingly to ensure that this is a safe and healthy event for students and leaders.

Friday

Arrival and Fellowship
Opening Session with Worship
Bowling

Saturday

Morning Session with Worship
Breakouts
Mission Moment
Lunch and Free Time

Bass Farm (Weather Permitting) &
Evening Session with Worship at
the Farm

Sunday

Final Session with Worship

Hotel information: ALL OFFER CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Hampton Inn & Suites Cedar Rapids North
1130 Park Place NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402.
Phone 319-832-1130
Group Name is: RYE 23.
\$110/night
We have blocked 10 rooms here.

Homewood Suites
1140 Park Place NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402.
Phone 319-378-1140
Group Name is: RYE 23.
There is a 15% discount for rooms here.
We have blocked 10 rooms here

We have reserved blocks of rooms at each of these hotels. Please contact the hotel directly to reserve your rooms. You will reserve the rooms under your church's name and you will be responsible to pay for the rooms when you depart at the end of the weekend. You will also need to have one adult who will be the primary leader responsible for your group.

If lodging is an issue cost wise, please contact Dina at the Church on Northland to talk about staying at the church. We have limited space available if this is a need.

A few other hotels near the church. In addition to these there are others and some Air B&B's.

- Holiday Inn Express Collins Road, 1230 Collins Rd NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 | (319) 294-9407
- Comfort Inn & Suites, 2025 Werner Ave NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 | (319) 378-8888
- Staybridge Suites, 4444 Czech Ln NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 | (319) 294-8700
- Radisson, 1200 Collins Rd NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 | (319)393-6600

Lunch and Free Time Activities

It's up to each group on what they would like to do for free time.

Lunch Options:

There are LOTS of places to eat near the church/hotels or within a <10 min drive.

Lindale Mall: Shopping or window shopping, the mall is a popular destination for groups. Around Lindale Mall there are restaurants and several stores.

Activities (there would be additional cost for most of these):

- AirFx indoor trampoline park, with laser frenzy and outdoor mini golf. <http://www.airfxcr.com/>
- Noelridge Park, huge park with walking trail
- Video Games/Pool/PingPong at the Church
- SuperSkate Roller Skating
- SpareTime
- Super Marion Arcade

What to Bring

Clothes
Pajamas

Toiletries
Sweatshirt or jacket

Bible or Bible App on phone/tablet
\$\$ for free time activities

If you have any questions please contact:

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We hope that you will prayerfully consider attending RYE '23.

In His service, The RYE planning team,

Dina, Mashawny, P.K., Hannah, Biak, & Rob