




2025  
LCMS Youth Gathering  
*Informational Meeting*  
April 28, 2024



# WHY THE GATHERING?





***Hey Andy!*** What does a typical day at the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering ***actually look like?***



# All-Group Events

- Bible Study
- Community Group Time
- Stadium Events (Mass Events + Worship in the Superdome!)



# Individual Group Opportunities

- Interactive Center
- Sessions
- Service Learning
- Mass Event Plus (historically things like concerts, Skit Guys, etc.)
- District Events (could be things like boat rides, Mardi Gras, special meals, etc.)
- Wind Symphony and Choir



# Other Things We Will Do Each Day

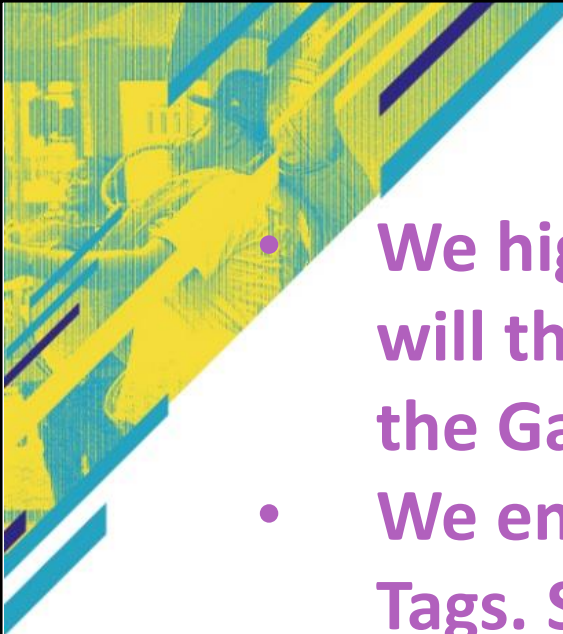
- Eating food
- Small and Large Group gathering at the beginning and end of each day for planning, devotions, prayer, reflections, etc.
- Eating more food
- Eating a lot more food
- Having a whole lot of fun! (sometimes with food)





***Hey Shannon!*** How are you  
planning to ***keep my kids safe*** at  
the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering?





- We highly encourage students to bring their cell phones. Not only will they be used during events, but communication is essential at the Gathering.
- We encourage parents to employ apps such as Life360 or even Apple Tags. Start thinking about “cashless”
- While communication home is encouraged, it is important to know that the days are BUSY and we often don’t get in until late, so it may be limited by time/activities of the day.
- We are asking that students limit social media usage in the form of pictures to respect the privacy rights of others in the group. We will utilize a photo sharing app (Photo Circle) that will allow students to share all the photos of fun from the week privately with just our group.





- The Gathering works with local officers and outside private security companies for all events, including at the hotels, to help secure safety. They also have First Aid, a Care Team, and Crisis Team.
- All Gathering volunteers are background checked and go through various safety trainings in advance.
- Participants will travel in groups and never without an adult leader.
- We will have a group chat and there is a Gathering helpline phone number.
- While we can minimize risk, we can't eliminate it, be smart. Safety specific meeting with participants.
- Future medical forms and liability waivers



# 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering

- **Dates of Event: July 19-23, 2025**  
*With travel: approx. July 18-24, 2025*
- **Trip includes:**
  - **Transportation**
  - **Hotel**
  - **Meals**
  - **5 days of fellowship, worship, service and FUN!**
  - **Transportation during event**
  - **Service/ Mission experience**
  - **Tours and attractions aside from the event**
  - **Even t-shirts for each day of the Gathering**
  - *Memories for a lifetime!*





Sounds great!

*How much is this going to cost?*

**Expected cost, pending final  
arrangements and transportation:  
\$1,800 - \$2,000 per participant**



# *Okay, Tina...*are there opportunities to fundraise?

- IRS Fundraising Rules
- Commitment to fundraising
- Summer Fundraising Opportunities
  - Rummage Sale Concessions: June 8/9
  - Car Wash & BBQ: July 9
  - Fair Parking: Aug 1-4
  - Art in the Park Concessions: Sept 7/8
- Congregational Support
- Plan to fundraise throughout the year



# ***What comes next?***

- Commitment – Participant Registration
- Fundraising
- Encourage others to attend!
- October registration





# Welcome to New Orleans!

