

L.T.C. 2022 Information Letter

Parents and participants,

It is time again to get ready for Leadership Training for Christ (LTC). Of the 2 North Texas LTC sites, we will continue to use the downtown Hyatt Regency. The convention is during Easter weekend, which this year is **April 15-16**. The theme is “The Promise” from the book of Genesis, which will be our text to study this year. We hope every student will participate in LTC to gain more knowledge of God’s Word and further develop skills to serve the church.

In-person registration begins on Sunday, December 5th for all 3rd-12th graders and it will continue that way until the end of December. After the new year, you can still register your student, but the price isn’t as cheap then and you’d have to call/email the church office with your information, so we’d suggest you register in-person during December. Sarah Martinez and Lacey Shepherd will be at the Youth Desk on Sundays in December to answer any questions you have, and take any forms/payments.

Once we get into January most events will begin their practices. Some events will practice every week, some will meet occasionally, and then other ones will be more independent in preparation. There will be some events (Challenge Events or Pre-Convention Events) that are due a couple weeks before the convention, but the bulk of the activities the students do will be done downtown at the convention. The LTC convention begins that Friday afternoon and we will be there as a group until the events are over in the late afternoon on Saturday. We will be doing some new things once the convention winds down that Saturday night, so **even if you’ve been with us before you will want to read about these changes.**

CHANGES made based on feedback

- The registration fee of \$50 or \$60 (\$50 if paid in December) for all grades. You will notice it is *cheaper* than in previous years because:
 - It will not automatically include a banquet ticket. We still plan to have an awards banquet but won’t charge for that yet as that is still in the planning stage.
 - It doesn’t add extra costs to teens staying in a teen room at the hotel as we plan to stay 1 night instead of 2 so that extra cost will be covered.
- Payments can be done online through the Youth Activities account, which can be found on www.waterview.org/Youth
- Some events are TBD based on if we get enough students interested. For example, we don’t plan to have Drama, or Puppets but may do so if there is interest. We also are waiting to see what our numbers will look like for the 7-12 grade Chorus group(s).
- Most families plan to just stay 1 night this year, but we still plan to do a wrap up event Saturday at dinner. The location and details are TBD but plan to meet together that Saturday night.
- Any who wish to stay until Sunday morning may do so, and in fact we have plans in place for helping any who may get called back to present downtown that Sunday.
- Even though most people will check-out of their rooms that Saturday, we do plan to have a suite to use for changing clothes or luggage storage.

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- The awards banquet we used to do the Sunday night after the convention is TBD. We do plan to do one but depending on a few factors (when we get awards, and how best to present with our church family), those details are still being developed.

Parents who are new to LTC with us need to know:

- The registration fee covers not only the fee we pay, but it also covers food for the students while they are at the convention. You can purchase food for your family through us too as it will be much cheaper than if you get food on your own while at the convention.
- Any other expenses (family food, hotel, etc.) can be paid later but to get the discount, the registration fee needs to be paid by December 31.
- After December 31, any late registrations will only be done by contacting Lori Miller in the church office during regular office hours. It will be easier if you register (with Lacey, or Sarah) at the youth desk on a Sunday in December.
- You can edit the events that a student does about a month before the convention, so at least get them registered now and if needed, you can edit those events later.
- Students in 7-12 grade who wish to stay at the hotel in a teen room may do so *if* they qualify by doing a minimum requirement of events. That requirement is:
 - 1 Challenge Event plus
 - 3 other events of *any type (Pre-convention, Challenge, Display/Art, or Convention events)*. Bible Bowl and Bible Quiz will count as 2 events.
- We will have detailed event information sheets to explain each event for you, and that will be on a bulletin board during registration. Or you can look at www.NTLTC.org.
- We know there's a lot to this big event that occurs over several months, so check with Warren (7-12 grade) or Dustin (3-6 grade) if you are new to LTC at Waterview.

Practice Schedule

This is an overview, but exact details for each week will be in the bulletin.

Sunday

4:30-5:30pm Bible Bowl & Bible Quiz will meet most weeks

5:30-6:30pm Individual events (*Speech, Song Leading, Bible Reading, Signing for the Deaf*) will meet as often as coaches/students need. It can be every week, or as few times as one needs, so use that flexibility as you see fit.

Wednesday

6:15-7:00pm Chorus or other Team events.

We are blessed to have this congregation and leadership that supports what is done through LTC. There are many ways we strive for this event to be a fruitful endeavor and also help cover costs of various items (or work to make them cheaper), and we are glad we can serve your family this way. Although we work hard to lighten the financial load on your family, expenses can still add up, especially if you have multiple children participating, so please let us know if a payment assistance is needed as our church wants all students to be able to get involved in this great work.

-Warren Shepherd & Dustin Jones