

## L.T.C. 2024 Information Letter

Parents and participants,

It is time again to get ready for Leadership Training for Christ (LTC). The convention is during Easter weekend, which this year is **Mar. 29-30**. The theme is “Sanctuary”, and our study will be on the Life of Moses. Like last year, the convention will be held at the Anatole hotel. We hope every student will participate in LTC to gain more knowledge of God’s Word and develop skills to serve the church.

In-person registration begins on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> for all 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 wouldn’t be as cheap, 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 of your questions and can take in-person 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 take place during the convention at the hotel. The LTC convention begins that Friday afternoon, and then we’ll be there as a group until the events are over in the late afternoon on Saturday.

### ***\*Items NEW for this year, or recent changes still in effect\****

- Hotel rooms can’t be guaranteed during registration due to the overwhelming number of requests for the whole convention, coupled with the incoming NCAA tournament that weekend. We will refund any payments if we aren’t able to secure rooms.
- The registration fee of \$70 (*\$60 if paid in December!*) is for all grades. You may know/remember:
  - Ours also includes a ticket to the awards banquet.
  - Ours includes meals for the student over the convention weekend.
  - Our covers the hotel for 7-12 students in a teen room, if they do enough events.
- Some events are TBD based on if we get enough students interested. For example, a chorus for older students, drama, etc.
- We will just stay 1 night (Friday) in the hotel. If you want, you can purchase a 2<sup>nd</sup> night so that your room can be accessed during Saturday afternoon.
- Any who wish to stay until Sunday morning may do so. In fact, we have plans in place for helping any who may get called back to present downtown that Sunday.
- Payments can be made online through the Youth Activities account, which can be found on [www.waterview.org/youth](http://www.waterview.org/youth)
- The awards banquet will once again be the weekend after LTC, so mark your calendars for Sunday night, April 7<sup>th</sup> for our awards Banquet.

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### ***\*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 getting it on your own at the hotel.
- Any other expenses (family food, hotel, etc.) can be paid after December, but to get the \$10 registration discount, that portion 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. You can also look at [www.NTLTC.org](http://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 just an overview. Exact details for each week will be listed in the bulletin.

#### Sundays

There will be NO practice (*any time!*) during a Link Group Sunday.

3:30-4:30pm =Puppets, or other team events

4:30-5:30pm =Bible Bowl

5:30-6:30pm =Individual events (*Speech, Song Leading, Bible Reading, Signing for the Deaf*)

These will meet as often as coaches/students desire. Use this flexible schedule as you see fit, since some students or events will require more coaching than others.

#### Wednesdays

6:15-7:00pm =Chorus

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. 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