

L.T.C. 2026 Information Letter

Parents and participants,

It is time again to get ready for Leadership Training for Christ (LTC). The convention is during Easter weekend at the Anatole hotel, which this year will be **April 3-4**. The theme is "We Will Serve", and our study will be from the books of Joshua, Judges & Ruth. 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 7th 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 it won't be as cheap, and you'd have to call/email the church office with your information. Because of that, we 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 practice every week, some will meet occasionally, and others will be more independent in their preparation. Challenge Events and Submission Events are due a few weeks before the convention, but other events will take place at the hotel during the convention. The LTC convention begins that Friday afternoon, and 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 *****

- **NEW-** The awards banquet after LTC convention will be delayed a week due to Link Group schedules. Mark your calendars for Sunday night, April 19th.
- **REMEMBER-** Just like the big change last year, the convention schedule is *not* in premade time slots. We will work to schedule our convention events (Speech, Chorus, Reading, etc.) closer to the convention, rather than doing them in specified grade-level blocks. The only bad thing is it will be a while before we know your teen's times, but the good news is we have flexibility and will be involved in creating that schedule.
- Hotel rooms may be limited again, but the odds are greater if you book for 2 nights.
- The registration fee of \$75 (\$65 if paid in December!) we charge for Waterview participants also includes...
 - ...a ticket to our awards banquet.
 - ...meals for the student over the convention weekend.
 - ...hotel cost for 7-12 graders 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.
- Anyone wanting 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

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**** Parents who are new to LTC with us need to know... ****

- What you pay our church is the registration fee LTC collects plus a small amount to help with the awards banquet meal and the student's meals at convention. You can also purchase food for your family with us, as it will be significantly cheaper than on your own at the hotel.
- The \$10 registration discount only applies if it is paid by December 31. Other expenses (food for family, hotel, etc.) can be paid after December if needed.
- After December 31, any late registrations will only be done by contacting Lori Miller in the church office during regular office hours. However, we suggest that you register with Lacey or Sarah at the youth desk on a Sunday in December as it is also cheaper.
- You can edit the events that a student does up to a month before the convention, so go ahead and register them now, and if needed you can edit 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, which will be on a bulletin board during registration. You can also 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 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

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, one of which is to help cover costs of various items (or work to make them cheaper). 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 payment assistance is needed as our church wants all students to be able to get involved in this great work.

-Warren Shepherd & Dustin Jones