

Fall 2023 Young People's Conference

South-Central United States

Dear Coordinators,

The annual Fall Young People's Conference for 6-12 graders will be held in Odessa, Laredo, El Paso, and Pittsburg from Friday, October 27th to Lord's Day, October 29th. We warmly invite all the young people for a time in the Word and in the enjoyment of our wonderful Lord Jesus!

GRADE LEVEL	LOCATION	FEE	CONFERENCE QUESTIONS	REGISTRATION
6-12	El Paso	\$80	contact@thetestimony.us	Registration https://www.thetestimony.us Registration Questions contact@thetestimony.us
6-12	Camp Huisache in Laredo	\$80		
6-12	Odessa	\$80		
6-12	Pittsburg	\$80		

For proper arrangements to be made (hospitality assignments, meal preparation, etc.), it is imperative that registration be completed in a timely manner. Due to space constraints, you will need to request your registration, which will be approved if there is space. The sooner you can have registration completed, the better it will be for all involved.

Important Dates

- T-shirt Size Collection Date: [October 1st](#)
- Background Check Application Deadline: [October 11th](#)
- Registration Deadline: [October 15th](#)
- Conference Dates: [Friday, October 27th to Lord's Day, October 29th](#)

What to Bring

- Sleeping bags or bedding and a pillow
- Personal towel and toiletries
- *Recovery Version of the New Testament* and young people's songbook
- One General Liability / Medical Release combination form for the conference
- One Medical Release form for the driver
- Extra money for snacks or meals while traveling

Bring to Registration

- Check made out to the hosting locality for the conference fee
- General Liability forms signed and filled out correctly
- Names of all serving ones and young persons
- Registration Questions: contact@thetestimony.us

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Registration Details

Registration is required to facilitate planning and managing the conference. Conference materials will be distributed to all those who register. Registration will be carried out the same way as the previous conferences with the locality coordinators using <https://www.thetestimony.us/> to register young people and serving ones in their locality.

Capacity Limitations

Due to the capacity limitations of the hosting localities, all registrations will need to be approved by the conference coordinator. Please monitor the Locality Registration page for the registration status for the young people and serving ones. Once approved, you may communicate with the YP or serving ones that they may attend.

Accommodations

Hospitality will be provided for those attending the conference. The coordinators for the conferences request that all attendees stay in their assigned hospitality and to not make personal arrangements. Staying in hospitality is part of the conference experience and is a wonderful opportunity to blend with the hosting saints. As a reminder, please utilize the "Pay With", "Place With", and "Do Not Place" registration fields as needed to help the coordinators with payment hospitality assignments.

Where applicable please update any allergies (cat, dog, food, other) that the young people or serving ones may have. The changes can be made on the Health tab in the Edit window for young people and serving ones.

General Liability and Medical Release

For each young person, please submit one General Liability Waiver / Medical Release combination form at registration upon arrival and one Medical Release form for the driver of the vehicle the young person is travelling in as well. You can download the forms on the Download page in the Regional Conferences app on <https://www.thetestimony.us/>. If you use the Registration Link button on the YP List so that the parent can register their child, then the General Liability Waiver / Medical Release combination form is part of that process and you do not need to turn in a paper version. The Medical Release for the driver of the vehicle that they are travelling in will still be required, though.

T-Shirt Size Collection Date

T-shirts will be ordered at the beginning of October, so those who register by October 1st will receive a t-shirt in their requested size. Those who register after October 1st will most likely receive a t-shirt, but it may not be their preferred size.

Background Checks & Approval

Please do not register serving ones who have not applied, received an elder's recommendation, completed a background check, and have been approved. If a serving one is not a US Citizen, does not have an existing background check, and would like to attend the conference, please contact Gregory Kingsbury for additional forms that need to be completed. Should you have any questions concerning the application process, please call Gregory Kingsbury at 832-474-2562. Thank you!

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Registration Arrangements

Due to the limited capacity of the localities hosting the Fall YP Conferences we encourage the arrangements below. However, if some have a particular burden to attend a different conference (e.g., they were from that locality or have relatives there), they can still register for that conference location, in fellowship with the conference coordinators. If you are requesting such an arrangement, please email contact@thetestimony.us. If approved, please put a note in the registration comment box notating the fellowship.

Localities encouraged to register for the conference in **Laredo** (100 slots):

- The churches in Mexico near Laredo
- The churches in South Texas (Rio Grande Valley)
- The church in San Antonio
- Houston area churches
- Some of the YP from the church in Austin

Localities encouraged to register for the conference in **Odessa** (150 slots):

- The churches in West Texas
- Most of the YP from The DFW area churches
- Most of the YP from the greater Austin area churches

Localities encouraged to register for the conference in **El Paso** (60 slots):

- The churches from New Mexico
- The churches in Mexico near El Paso
- Some of the YP from the DFW area churches

Localities encouraged to register for the conference in **Pittsburg** (80 slots):

- The churches in East Texas, Louisiana, South Arkansas, Mississippi
- The churches in Huntsville, College Station and Northern Houston
 - Limited to 20 slots
- The churches in Arlington, Richardson, and Plano
 - Limited to 40 slots

Serving One to Young Person Ratio

Each church must send serving ones to the conference. It is best if the same serving ones remain with their group for the entire conference and strongly encourage parents to serve as workers for the conferences. No church should send any young person without a serving one assigned to them. All the serving ones should set an example of proper attitude and appearance as well as spiritual exercise for the entire conference!

The ratio for 6th graders is 1 to 2 serving ones for every 2 young people, with at least one of the serving ones being a parent.

For 7th to 12th graders, the required ratio is at least 1 serving one for every 4 young people attending the conference.

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Location and Check-In

El Paso, TX

- Location: Church in El Paso
- Address: 11395 James Watt Dr, Suite 9, El Paso, Texas
- Check-in & Meal: 5:30 pm

Laredo, TX

- Location: Camp Huisache
- Address: 7210 E. Saunders Hwy. 59, Laredo, Tx 78041
- Check-in & Meal: 5:30 pm

Odessa, TX

- Location: Church in Odessa
- Address: 2224 I-20, Odessa, TX 79763
- Check-in & Meal: 5:30 pm

Pittsburg, TX

- Location: Church in Pittsburg
- Address: 60 Co Rd 2110, Pittsburg, TX 75686
- Check-in & Meal: 5:30 pm

Spanish Translation

There will be Spanish translation, as well as Spanish speaking breakout groups in El Paso, Laredo, and Odessa for those who would like to participate in Spanish.

Additional Details

Additional information regarding the conference can be found on the [South Central YP \(www.southcentralyp.com\)](http://www.southcentralyp.com) website. This website will be used to post updated information, schedules, etc. for anyone who is having trouble finding the information they need.

The topic of the conference is *Seeing God's Desire, Purpose, and Way of Salvation in Genesis*.