



GRACE PRESBYTERY

**SUMMER**

**YOUTH TRIPS**



# **Presbytery Youth Mission Trip**

**June 7-12, 2026**

**Little Rock, AR**

**For completed 6<sup>th</sup> graders to graduated seniors**

**Cost \$350+**

**Very limited spots**

**Contact**

**Jen Bluestein ([jen@gracepresbytery.org](mailto:jen@gracepresbytery.org))**

**to determine availability**



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**July 18-25, 2026**

**Montreat Conference Center, Montreat, NC**

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**For rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders to graduated seniors  
Cost \$800/participant**

**Registration and \$100 deposit due March 31  
Remaining fee due June 1  
Scholarships Available**



**To register, scan QR code or go here:  
<https://gracepresbytery.regfox.com/montreat-youth-conference-2026>**



# SYNOD '26

July 13 - 18, 2026  
The University of Tulsa



**SYW YOUTH  
PLANNING TEAM 2026**

Michael East—  
Keynote Speaker:

Michael has served at First Presbyterian, Norman since 2018. Previous to Norman, Michael and his family lived in Columbia, SC, where he served as the Associate Pastor at Forest Lake Presbyterian Church. Michael is married to Katie, an Edmond native, and together they parent three amazing kiddos who can often be found running through the church atrium. Michael holds degrees from Austin College in Sherman, TX, and Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, TX. When not at the church, Michael can often be found playing golf, at his son's soccer practices, or singing along to Taylor Swift with his daughter.

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**REGISTRATION:** February 1 and ends June 26. Late registration starts on June 27.

**CONFERENCE RATES:** Cost of Synod is \$450 + credit card and registration fees. A deposit of \$100 per participant must be paid at registration.

**LATE REGISTRATION:** A late fee of \$45 will be added to each participant registered after June 26th.



Small groups  
Service projects  
Fun town night  
Energizers, music, and more

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT:

[synodyouthworkshop.org](http://synodyouthworkshop.org)

or contact:

Gary Holloman, SYW Coordinator  
214-463-9036

[synodyouthworkshop@gmail.com](mailto:synodyouthworkshop@gmail.com)



# Mo-Ranch Children & Youth Conferences

## **Summit 46, June 16-19, 2026**

Rising fourth to sixth graders

Shared transportation to Summit 46

Contact Ann Nielsen, Director of Children & Family Ministries,  
FPC Fort Worth – [anielsen@fpcfw.org](mailto:anielsen@fpcfw.org)



## **Intercultural Youth Conference, June 30-July 3, 2026**

Completed sixth to twelfth grade youth



## **Junior High Jubilee, July 5-9, 2026**

Completed sixth grade to eighth grade youth

## **Youth Celebration, June 21-25, 2026**

Completed ninth to twelfth grade youth

Shared transportation contact for Junior High Jubilee and Youth Celebration

Laura Martinez, Director of Youth Ministry

Canyon Creek Presbyterian Church -- [lmartinez@canyoncreekpres.org](mailto:lmartinez@canyoncreekpres.org)

# Summer Trip FAQs

## *Presbytery Youth Mission Trip*

1. **Where will you be going?** Little Rock, AR
2. **What will you be doing?** Again, we will not know specifics until assigned our worksite, but we will either be engaged in home repair or disaster recovery.
3. **My youth do not know anything about home repairs. Can they still go?** YES! They will learn “on the job” and we will have an event in April for all youth attending the Mission Trip to learn simple skills like hammering a nail.
4. **Which age youth can go?** Completed sixth grade through graduated seniors.
5. **What about transportation?** Each church provides their own transportation.
6. **Are adult sponsors needed?** Yes! If you are interested in attending as an adult sponsor, please talk to your church leader or Jen Bluestein.
7. **We aren't able to go this year. How can we find out about next year's mission trip?** Planning for the 2027 trip starts in fall of 2026. To be added to the list of interested churches, email Jen Bluestein.

## *Montreat Youth Conference*

1. **Where is the Montreat Youth Conference held?** Montreat Conference Center in Montreat, NC hosts this annual youth conference. Montreat Conference Center was established in 1897 and welcomes 5,000 youth over six weeks for their youth conferences.
2. **Why should our youth attend Montreat Youth Conference?** This conference is one of the largest conferences held yearly with attendance around 800 people for the week we are attending. They will meet Presbyterian youth from all over the country, hear inspiring keynote speakers and preachers, and enjoy the beauty of North Carolina's mountains.
3. **Do we need to send adult sponsors?** Adults sponsors for this trip will be identified by the Presbytery. If you are interested in accompanying your youth, please contact Jen Bluestein.
4. **What is the transportation plan?** This will be determined after the March 31 deposit deadline when we know how many youth will be attending.
5. **What other costs will be involved?** Each person attending will need around \$100 for meals on travel days and for free day activities.
6. **Where can I get more information on Montreat Youth Conference?**

[www.montreat.org](http://www.montreat.org)

## ***Synod Youth Workshop***

- 1. What is Synod Youth Workshop?** Synod Youth Workshop (SYW) is an annual summer conference for youth who are rising ninth graders through graduated seniors. It is sponsored by the Synod of the Sun and is held at the University of Tulsa in Tulsa, OK.
- 2. Does the Presbytery sponsor a group to attend SYW?** Each individual church registers separately for SYW and provides their own sponsors. Individual youth may also register.
- 3. Where can I get more information about SYW?**  
synodyouthworkshop.org

## ***Mo-Ranch Conferences***

- 1. Where is Mo-Ranch?** Mo-Ranch is located in Hunt, TX.
- 2. Does the Presbytery sponsor a group to attend Mo-Ranch conferences?** No, each church must register and accompany its youth to these conferences. The presbytery is connecting churches that are interested in shared bus transportation to several of the Mo-Ranch conferences. See the flyer for contact information for these shared buses.
- 3. Where can I get more information on Mo-Ranch conferences and camps?**  
www.moranch.org

## ***Scholarships***

Scholarships are available for all of the events in this booklet and for summer camp at Mo-Ranch and Ferncliff Camp and Conference by applying for a Prairie Valley Legacy Fund scholarship through the presbytery.

Fill out this [online application](#) and list the email of your pastor, children, or youth leader.

Scholarships typically cover 50% of the cost of a camp, conference, or event and are paid directly to the organization. If your family needs more than 50% scholarship, please provide an explanation.

For questions about children and youth programming in Grace Presbytery  
please contact

Jen Bluestein, Coordinator of Generational Leadership Development  
jen@gracepresbytery.org or