

PYC

PRESBYTERY
OF
WESTERN
NORTH
CAROLINA
YOUTH
COUNCIL



Apply NOW for the 2009-2010 year of the
Presbytery Youth Council!

Here's what this year's seniors say about their PYC experiences:

"Although I never admitted to being nervous about leading a large group, I was; however, after being on PYC for a year, I have no problems doing an energizer on the spot or leading a small group. From this council, I have learned that I can have an influence on other peoples lives and help them grow in their faith along with my own."
- Annie Franklin

"I would have missed out on many great opportunities if it wasn't for PYC and I hope you will apply for the youth council."
- Nick Patton

"Being on this youth council has made me feel closer to God than I have ever been in my life."
- Amanda Young

"The PYC has given me the opportunity to grow in faith, leadership and humor. It's a chance to learn and teach about modern, applicable theology and recreational Presbyterianism."
- Joseph Chapman

"PYC has given me so many opportunities over the past four years, to meet new friends, grow in my faith, and to grow as a person. When I joined PYC I was very shy and sometimes felt uncomfortable expressing my opinions and being in a group of strangers, much less trying to lead and teach one. But that did not last very long. It is pretty amazing what you can learn about yourself

and the impact you can have on others. It has been one of the best experiences of my high school years and I will miss it very much!"
- Stephanie Bridges



Being a member of Presbytery Youth Council gives you an opportunity to deepen your faith in a supportive community; lead other youth in worship, recreation and music; plan presbytery-wide events; and attend retreats, rallies, and conferences!

Youth Council members work hard, have fun, worship regularly, pray for one another, and grow long-lasting relationships while exercising God's gifts in the service of other youth.

If you are committed, enthusiastic, and eager to learn and lead, the Youth Council needs YOU!



Presbytery of Western North Carolina
 114 Silver Creek Road
 Morganton, NC 28655
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Youth Council Application

Due by May 29, 2009

Full Name: _____

Preferred Name (what name we should call you): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Cell Phone _____

E-mail address _____

Name of church where you are member: _____

Birth Date: _____ Confirmation Date: _____

Sex: _____ School Grade (youth): _____

Recommendations (please have them fill out the attached recommendation)

Name of Parent / Guardian (youth only): _____

Name of Youth Leader / Director: _____

Name of Minister / Elder / Educator: _____

Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper and attach to this form.

- 1) Why do you want to serve on the Youth Council?
- 2) How do you feel your own spiritual growth will be enhanced by this opportunity to serve on Youth Council?
- 3) What skills and gifts do you feel you have to contribute to the Youth Council?
- 4) In what presbytery youth events and activities have you participated?
- 5) What are your other current time and responsibility commitments? (work, athletics, clubs, etc.)
- 6) What does your Christian faith mean to you and how do you express it in your day-to-day life?

Applicant's Agreement:

In signing below, I understand the responsibilities and requirements expected of me as member of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina's Youth Council. I understand that failure to abide by these expectations listed in the Job Description will result in my removal from the Youth Council. I understand that three absences from rallies, retreats, or council meetings during the August 2009 to July 2010 year will result in my removal from the council.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

We the session of _____ affirm
_____ 's application to serve on the Youth Council of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. We will strive in every way to stay in contact with this applicant, helping them continue to grow in faith and maintain their responsibility as a representative to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina.

In signing this commitment, the Session agrees to invite our youth council member(s) to a Session meeting at least once during the 2009-10 school year to share with the Session the work of the council.

Clerk of Session: _____ Date: _____

Please send this application along with your answers by **May 29, 2009** to:

**PWNC Youth Ministries Committee
114 Silver Creek Road
Morganton, NC 28655**

Presbytery of Western North Carolina Youth Council Application

Please submit this form along with the answers to:
PWNC Youth Ministries Comm., 114 Silver Creek Rd., Morganton, NC 28655

Parent / Guardian Recommendation *Due by May 29, 2009*

Applicant's Name: _____

Name of Church: _____

Parent / Guardian's (1) Full Name: _____

Parent / Guardian's (2) Full Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Work Number _____

Recommendation Questions: (Please briefly answers these questions on a separate sheet of paper and attach to this form)

- 1) Do you have any reservations about this applicant's serving as a leader for the Presbytery of Western North Carolina's youth ministry? If so please describe?
- 2) What are some of the strengths and weaknesses of the applicant?
- 3) How would you characterize this applicant's dependability (following through on responsibilities)?
- 4) Is the applicant actively and willingly participating in church activities? Please give examples.

Presbytery Youth Council offers its members the opportunity to serve the church and their peers as they plan and implement presbytery-wide youth events. It is hard work and makes demands on busy schedules, but the experience is also very rewarding and faith-building. Youth Council members will develop leadership and planning skills, experience many unique events and opportunities, and make lasting friendships with other youth.

An important component of an effective Presbytery Youth Council is parents/guardians of the youth. Being supportive of their responsibilities and encouraging their active participation on the council is essential. If your child is selected to serve on the Council, we need to know that it meets with your approval and that you would provide encouragement, support, and help in making transportation arrangements to and from events and meeting.

I am aware that _____ is applying for a position on the Presbytery of Western North Carolina Youth Council and have read the job description for the youth council members. I will support their participation on Youth Council if they are selected. I understand that three absences from rallies, retreats, or council meetings during the August 2009 to July 2010 year will result in my child's removal from the council.

Parent / Guardian's Signature: _____

Presbytery of Western North Carolina Youth Council Application

Please Submit this form along with the answers to:
PWNC Youth Ministries Com., 114 Silver Creek Rd., Morganton, NC 28655

Youth Leader / Director Recommendation

Due by May 29, 2009

Applicant's Name: _____

Name of Church: _____

Parent / Guardian's (1) Full Name: _____

Parent / Guardian's (2) Full Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Work Number _____

Recommendation Questions: (Please briefly answers these questions on a separate sheet of paper and attach to this form)

- 1) How long have you known the applicant?
- 2) Do you have any reservations about this applicant's serving as a leader in youth ministry for the Presbytery of Western North Carolina? If so please describe?
- 3) In what areas, if any, does the applicant need further growth and maturity?
- 4) Do you perceive that the applicant's family will be supportive of their participation on youth council, if they are selected?
- 5) Is the applicant active in the life of your congregation? In what ways?
- 6) How would this person be a good role model and example for others?
- 7) Please rate the applicant on the following from 1= low to 5= high.
_____ Dependability - follows through on responsibilities
_____ Participation in church activities
_____ Participation in Church youth activities

Youth Leader / Director Agreement:

In signing below, I affirm my responses to this recommendation form and will accept this Youth Council Applicant's role as a representative of this church, if selected. I will strive in every way to stay in contact with this applicant, helping them to continue to grow in faith and maintain their responsibility as a representative to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. I will see that this youth person is invited to a Session meeting during the year to report on his/her work. I understand that three absences from rallies, retreats, or council meetings during the August 2009 to July 2010 year will result in removal from the council.

Youth Leader / Director's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Presbytery of Western North Carolina Youth Council Application

Please submit this form along with the answers to:
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Minister / Elder Recommendation

Due by May 29, 2009

Applicant's Name: _____

Name of Church: _____

Parent / Guardian's (1) Full Name: _____

Parent / Guardian's (2) Full Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Work Number _____

Recommendation Questions: (Please briefly answers these questions on a separate sheet of paper and attach to this form)

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Minister / Elder's Signature: _____ Date: _____

SCHEDULE for August 2009 – July 2010
Youth Council Retreats, Rallies, Planning Meetings
and leadership conference opportunities

Aug 21-23rd	Orientation Retreat/Let's Celebrate	Old Fort/Morganton
Sept 13th	Senior High Rally	Montreat, NC
Oct 24th	Planning Meeting	Hickory or Morganton
Nov 13-15th	Middle School Retreat	Camp Grier, Old Fort
Feb 6th	Planning Meeting	Blk. Mtn. Pres. Church
Feb 26-28th	*SARW (optional event)	Rock Hill, SC
March 21st	Middle School Rally	Montreat, NC
April or May	Retreat for Triennium Participants	?????
July 17-24th	*Triennium (optional event)	Purdue University

*** Partial to full expenses are paid for Optional Training Events**