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Youth Bible School 2024 Application Inside www.ephrataministries.org

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DATES: November 11-17, 2024

ELIGIBILITY: Youth ages 16-30

DAYTIME SESSIONS:

For God So Loved...John 3:16

by Jesse Hurst, Lititz, PA

Anabaptist History

by Stanley Sensenig, Bernville, PA

Godly Family Relationships

by Wilmer Horst, New Columbia, PA

CHORUS REHEARSALAND PROGRAM:

Jonathan Oberholtzer Womelsdorf, PA

EVENING REVIVAL MEETINGS:

Aaron Hurst New Holland, PA



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Youth Bible School

PURPOSE AND MISSION

The purpose and mission of this Bible School is to provide young people who are serious about their relationship with God an opportunity to learn and be inspired to grow spiritually. We will strive to provide an atmosphere that is conducive for the learning and growth of each student. We don't expect every student to have the same relationship or experience with God. However, we do expect each student to be serious minded, willing to learn and to be compliant with the standards of the Bible School. There will be opportunity to grow in spiritual disciplines including personal prayer and fasting, personal meditation and reflection, inspirational singing, and small group prayer and sharing. Please come prepared to participate in these activities and grow in your relationship with God and others.

We will evaluate each application and send a confirmation if accepted, and if not accepted, we will send an explanation.

Registration for the students will begin at 8:00 AM Monday morning.

The daily schedule will be full of teaching, prayer, sharing, singing, time for personal reflection and group activity time. We will have a spiritual revival service each evening except Wednesday and Saturday evening. Wednesday evening will be an organized activity evening with supervised group athletic activities such as volleyball and spike ball. Come prepared to participate and/or observe on the sidelines. The goal is both physical exercise and healthy group social interaction. Sunday evening will be a program with the student chorus singing.

The students will be supervised throughout each day and evening. We will provide lodging with local families for all the students who need it.

In an effort to provide the best atmosphere for growth, development and learning we have a few guidelines we feel are pertinent to mention in this application:

- 1. No student may leave the premises without permission from a principal except in the evening to return to your host family.
- 2. Students will be expected to attend all sessions.
- 3. Modest attire is required that conceals the form of the body. Thus, modesty without question is the expression.
 - a. Young Ladies: We ask that the young ladies wear a dress or skirt without slits and a loose-fitting second layer (jumper, cape dress, vest, or something similar). We also ask the young ladies to wear their hair up and wear a head covering unless given exception.
 - b. Young Men: We ask that the young men do not wear T-shirts, blue jeans or any other comparable casual clothing.
- 4. We request that students do not use cell phones except in an emergency. We ask that you turn them off upon arrival in the morning and leave them off until you head to your place of residence in the evening. If you must message or make a call during school hours, please obtain permission from a principal or a matron. This would include texting and any other social media activity.
- 5. We encourage students to not engage in any extra activities throughout the week that would be a distraction from the purpose of Bible School.

2024 QUESTIONNAIRE

All students are required to complete this section.

We desire to have applicants who are serious about finding and developing a relationship with God and who are seeking to live for Him in observable practical obedience in everyday life. We will screen and evaluate every young person that applies for these qualities. We need to hear your heart in the answers to the following questions. **Please write your answers on a separate sheet of paper.** This information will be kept confidential to the Bible School administration.

- 1. Please describe your current relationship with God. What is your walk with God like on a daily basis?
- 2. Please describe your prayer life. How do you communicate with God?
- 3. Please describe your relationships with the spiritual authorities in your life. This would include parents and church leaders.
- 4. What is an area in your life that you wish to grow in (through Bible School or otherwise)?
- 5. Have you grown in any areas of your spiritual life in the last year? Please describe.
- 6. These last questions we will be asking your pastor. Please be sure to include his email address and phone number on the other side. "Does this applicant demonstrate a practical personal walk with God and a respectful relationship with spiritual authority including parents and church leaders? Do you believe that he/she will benefit from this Bible School and be a positive influence in it?"

Please read carefully the paragraph above the signature line. It outlines significant commitments you are making when you sign your name.

Your signature below indicates that you have read and understand the Purpose and Mission of the Bible School with the guidelines and expectations as outlined above. It also indicates that you are willing to be under the authority of and take direction from the administrators, principals and matrons during the week of the Bible School. You agree to submit to their discernment and expectations in all matters of question, especially concerning dress, phone use, behavior and attitude. By signing and returning this application you agree that you are serious about your relationship with and pursuit of God and desire to be a positive contribution to the Bible School atmosphere.

Applicant's signature