

Great Plains Youth

2018 – 2019 Calendar of Events

[The OneEvent - January 5th and 6th in Salina, KS](#)

This is our biggest annual event! Youth from all over Kansas and Nebraska will gather for worship and fellowship. This year's theme is WORD. In addition to captivating speakers, bands, and special guests there will be opportunities for service and fun as well as a chance to meet leaders from our camps, campus ministries, and more.

[Bishop's Confirmation Rallies](#) – Join Bishop Saenz and others on the confirmation journey to learn more about the Christian faith, the distinctiveness of United Methodism, and the opportunities young people have in our connection. Designed for youth who are currently part of a confirmation class (or just finished or about to start) as well as their pastors, youth leaders, and mentors.

March 2, 2019 at First UMC in McPherson, KS

March 30, 2019 at Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln, NE

[Youth Service Fund](#)– YSF is youth in ministry! This is money raised by youth, for youth. The Conference Council on Youth Ministries raises money and distributes grants to churches and other organizations that are equipping youth in ministry. Grants are usually given to organizations creating new ministries with youth or expanding existing ministries to reach more youth. Grant application deadlines are August 1, November 1, February 1, and May 1 of each year.

[Youth worker Training Grants](#) – Grants are available year-round to help youth leaders attend training events to help them be more effective in ministry.

[2019 Annual Conference](#) - May 29, 2019 to June 1, 2019 – Expo Centre
One Expo Centre Drive, Topeka, KS

[Youth 2019 – July 10 – 14 in Kansas City Missouri](#) - YOUTH 2019 IS FOR ALL UNITED METHODIST YOUTH, GRADES 6-12, AND THEIR LEADERS.

Join thousands for 4 days of discipleship, worship, Bible study, service opportunities, and life-changing fun! Expect inspiration, support, and challenges to grow authentically as a world-changing disciple of Jesus Christ.

The YOUTH Event is the National Gathering for United Methodist Youth, it will be in 2019 and traces its' roots all the way back to the first YOUTH event of 1988. YOUTH 2019 will provide youth and their leaders with chances to connect with each other, denominational leaders, and connectional agencies to help them discover the wide variety of ministries of the United Methodist Church.

Conference Council on Youth Ministries The CCYM are working on opportunities to connect and resource ministry with youth across the Annual Conference. They are also exploring youth ministries in each district and how-to best resource churches from the district they represent. If you know of a youth who would like to represent the district, encourage them to take another step-in leadership and apply for CCYM.

Annual Conference- May 29-June 1, 2019. Join 1000s of United Methodists from the Great Plains for the annual gathering to hear the connection of the work of the church. Youth are invited to take part as a representative from their district or to join in the youth activities before, during and after the conference. See the connectional system at work!

GP Camps – There are six GP Camps located throughout Kansas and Nebraska to serve your ministry needs. For more information:

<https://www.greatplainsumc.org/camps>

- Camp Chippewa, Ottawa, KS
- Camp Comeca, Cozad, NE
- Camp Fontanelle, Nickerson, NE
- Camp Horizon, Arkansas City, KS
- Camp Lakeside, Scott City, KS
- Camp Norwesca, Chadron, NE

Connect Events – These all-day events are designed to help youth connect with others, with God, and with nature. Offered at four of our Great Plains Camps, each event will feature a day packed with worship, fellowship, and fun camp activities. Opening and closing worship will be planned by the local district councils on youth ministries. Registration is only \$20 per person and includes all activities, lunch, and dinner.

- **TBA 2019** at Camp Fontanelle (Blue River, Elkhorn Valley, and Missouri River Districts)
- **TBA 2019** at Camp Chippewa (Five Rivers, Flint Hills, Kansas City, and Topeka Districts)
- **TBA 2019** at Camp Horizon (Dodge City, Hutch, Parsons, Salina, Wichita East and West Districts)
- **TBA 2019** at Camp Comeca (Gateway, Great West, Hays, and Prairie Rivers Districts)

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