



Greensburg Alliance Youth Creation Music Festival 2017

June 28th - July 2nd



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Creation is the largest Christian music festival in the US. Each year around 60,000 believers make their way to Shirleysburg, PA (2.5 hours East of Greensburg) to spend 5 days experiencing amazing times of worship, inspiring speakers, exciting concerts, and outdoor community camping. For the past 29 years our church's youth group has been participating in the festival. Each year we offer an affordable trip for our students in which they are provided a safe campsite, good food, and enough freedom to have fun while maintaining responsible adult supervision.

We do our best to ensure that each student has an amazing time on this trip. Each year we try to make improvements to the way that we arrange our campsite and structure our activities so that our experience will improve as we continue to participate in this event. But with all of that being said, any student going to Creation can expect to either get dusty (if the week before creation is dry), or muddy (if the week before creation has been wet), there is not much in-between. But whether dusty or muddy we are sure that it will be a memorable experience for all involved.

What does my \$150 get me?

Good question. The short answer, a lot of bang for your buck. The long answer...

The Creation Festival continues to be one of the best deals around. The way that it works is that Churches and individuals can buy tickets throughout the year (anywhere from \$95-\$115 depending on the date and quantity of the tickets purchased). These tickets entitle you to entrance into the festival and all concerts as well as a spot to camp for the week. It is every group's responsibility to figure out their own food, transportation, and camping set up. We as a group, have put together a system that provides great hot meals, sturdy shelter, and plenty of room to have a good time. To do so requires us to purchase a ton of food, rent vehicles, and a number of Circus tents.

When all is said and done, each year we have been able to set up a fun camp that serves as our home base while our group takes in all that the creation festival has to offer (which is a lot). There are great speakers, awesome concerts, fun places to explore, and a great times of fellowship. It is definitely a trip that you'll remember.

Important Details

- The cost for the trip \$150 (\$35 of which is a deposit due by June 4th)
- Creation festival's website www.creationfest.com (for artist line-up and festival info)

- All students are welcome to attend except for those who have just moved up into youth group a few weeks prior. This is too big of a trip to jump into when you have just moved up into our group.
- Students will be camping in an outdoor setting throughout the week but we make it comfortable.
- **This year we will be sending a team up on Tuesday to set up our camp ahead of time. Because of this, every student will need to bring the bulk of their luggage to the Church on Sunday afternoon (including your main bag as well as your sleeping bag). You will not have access to the luggage until you arrive at the festival on Wednesday afternoon.**
- Once we get to the Festival, all meals are included in the cost of the trip (Including pizza on the last night!) though students should bring money for extra fair food if they want that special something (cotton candy, ice cream, french-fries, or deep fried whatever 😊)
- As mentioned above, students should bring some spending money for souvenirs and snacks
- There will be a **mandatory** lunch meeting on **Sunday June 11th at 12:15pm** in the fellowship hall
- There is room for 40 students on the trip, more can be added closer to the trip if needed
- **Both Students and Parents** must sign a contract of conduct to go on the trip. Please note that this contract will include an agreement to pick up your child from the trip if the behavioral contract is violated. Determination of violation is at the discretion of the GAC leadership.
- Some minor campsite chores will be assigned to each student once we arrive
- **Final details (Packing lists, a detailed itinerary, & parent/student expectations) will be distributed on June 11th**
- **We will need a handful of students to volunteer at noon on Monday the 23th to help pack the truck with tables, tents and necessary supplies. It's usually a pretty fun afternoon which takes about 3 hours tops. Please contact Rigel if you are interested.**

Dates for Payments*

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- Total Cost -> \$150.00
- Deposit Amount -> \$35.00
- Deposit Deadline -> Sunday, June 4th (There may still be room after this date)
- Final Payment Due -> Sunday, June 25th

****Please make all deposit checks payable to Greensburg Alliance Church***

Student Led Devotions

In addition to our leader led lessons on the trip, this year we will have a number of slots open for student led devotions. Any student interested in putting together a 5-10 minute devotion for our trip can sign up with Rigel. We will commit to walking you through the process of preparing the message that God has put on your heart so that you can deliver it with confidence. See Pastor Rigel for details.

Fundraising

For this year's trip there will be two fundraisers available. If sufficient effort is put forth, between these two fundraisers a student/parent can expect a decent portion of their trip to be covered but this will depend greatly on the amount of effort that you put into getting bowling pledges.

Pulled Pork Sandwich Fundraiser

April 23 (During and after 2nd service)

Students will help prepare and serve a pulled pork lunch. If you believe that you are going on the trip to Creation and you want to participate in this fundraiser you can sign up with Rigel. Students should plan on being at the church from the second service through 1:30pm)

Bowling for Creation Fundraiser

May 21 (After 2nd service)

This fundraiser is expected to be the main money maker for the trip to Creation. Each year we have had multiple students pay for their trip through participation in this fundraiser (but a lot depends on individual effort). Here is how it works. In the beginning of May students will get bowling pledge sheets from Rigel. These sheets will be used to collect pledges from people in and outside of the church. They can either pledge a flat fee or they can pledge per pin. On the afternoon of the 21st we will be bowling as a group (Or you can bowl on your own if you have a previous commitment). Then over the next few weeks, students contact the people who have pledged to sponsor them and they arrange to collect the money.

As always, feel free to contact Rigel with any questions.

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