

Dear Youth Strike Participants and Leaders:

We are very excited that you will be attending Youth Strike for Christ 2010 "Portable Faith"! We hope that you are looking forward to an amazing weekend that brings you closer to God as well as the opportunity to meet other youth and leaders from around the state of Iowa!

Our speaker is an incredible chalk artist, Kelly Croy, and our band this year is Harlend. We are also excited to bring you entertainment such as the Bucket Boys on Saturday morning and comedy by last year's main speaker, Bob Stromberg, on Saturday evening. You can check out the information on our website: www.youthstrike.com.

We want to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your participation in Youth Strike 2010. We are anxiously awaiting your arrival on February 5th and the opportunity to meet each and every one of you!

See you at YOUTH STRIKE FOR CHRIST 2010!

The YSFC Core Team

Included in this packet is the following information:

✘ Leader Information	✘ Youth Strike Chapel
✘ Parking and Hotel Check-in Information	✘ Youth Strike 2010 Rules
✘ Recreation Time Options	✘ Youth Strike 2010 Schedule
✘ Merchandise Options	✘ 2010 Mission Flyer

*****Special Note:*** Youth Strike for Christ will take place, regardless of the weather - snow will not stop the Holy Spirit from filling our lives at Youth Strike for Christ 2010. ***There will be no refunds for any reason.*** Substitution of participants is allowed.

Leader Information



✘ You are responsible for your youth at ALL times!!

Even though there is security provided by the Core Team, you are still responsible for your youth. You need to make sure that your youth are all accounted for and where they are supposed to be. If YSFC security gets involved, we will contact the adult leader registered with the youth, call the parents, and the youth will be sent home at their expense. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**

✘ Nurse available

We are pleased to announce that Sarah Asmus will be our nurse this year at YSFC 2010. Her cell # 712-304-0269, please contact her if there are any concerns.

✘ Cell Phones

We don't want to discourage Youth Strike Participants to bring their cell phones because we know they are the main way of communication between families and the participants. In fact, for those who have them, we may be inviting the use at times. However, **all** cell phones must either be on **silent** or **turned off** during main meeting and small group times.

✘ Please inform your youth they may want to bring money to YSFC

There will be many opportunities for them to purchase items from the merchandise stands of the event performers as well as the Cokesbury Bookstore table. Vending machines are available at the convention center and hotel for snacks and drinks between meal times.

✘ Be courteous to other hotel guests

We are not the only ones staying at the Marriott during Youth Strike weekend. They have been very accommodating to our needs and in order to use this hotel for future events, we need to make sure that we are courteous to the staff as well as other guests staying at the hotel. This includes when using the pool, elevator, escalators and the calling of random hotel rooms late at night after lights out.

✘ Adult Workshops

As part of Youth Strike for Christ in 2010, adult participants will be able to select from several workshop options designed to enhance the ministry of your church's youth programming. The workshops will be held on Saturday, February 6, 2010 at 3:15-4:15 and 4:45-5:45 with a break for refreshments between workshops. Each workshop will be presented twice and each participant will be able to choose two workshops to attend. Sign up for workshops will be available on Saturday morning at Youth Strike.

✘ Movie Option on Saturday Night

The movie is “UP” (rated G) will be shown at the same time as the dance and it is an alternate option for those youth not wanting to participate in the dance. Youth will be able to move freely between these two options only.

Parking and Hotel Check-In Information

Driving Directions:

Motorists traveling from the west should exit I-235 at the 7th St. exit; the Marriott is on 7th and Grand Avenue

Motorists traveling from the east should exit I-235 at 3rd St., turn right (west) onto Grand Avenue.



Parking Options:

There is Valet parking at the Hotel but it is expensive. There are other parking ramps located round the Marriott Hotel.

They are:

- 9th and Locust Garage
- 7th and Grand Garage
- Locust Mall Garage

There is a small fee for parking on Friday night, but Saturday and Sunday night parking is FREE!!

Hotel Check-in Information: Downtown Des Moines Marriott Hotel



When ***all*** Youth Strike participants come to check into the hotel, the registration tables will be located in a special area on the mezzanine level. Take the escalators up to begin your Youth Strike experience. All Youth Strike participants will find their room keys, name tags, and T-shirt tickets at the registration tables. Please find your items by the ***first initial*** of your ***last name***.

The tables are as follows:

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| ✘ Youth Registration | ✘ T-shirts pickup |
| ✘ Adult Registration | ✘ Help/Information Desk |
| ✘ Small Group Leaders Registration | |

Once you have received your room keys and T-shirts then you may go to your rooms, unpack, and get ready for Youth Strike!! ***The official start of Youth Strike is 8:00pm.***

*****If checked into the Marriott before 8:00pm, please be at the Convention Center by 7:00pm to enjoy a concert featuring a guest band!***



Rec Time Options

All Rec Time Options listed below are available outside of the Polk County Convention Center and are the responsibility of each church in attendance. A more complete list will be available at the information table at the Polk County Convention Center.

- ✘ All Play arcade - gaming center and rock climbing wall
 - ✘ *Ice Skating at The Brenton Skating Plaza*
 - ✘ *Science Center*
 - ✘ *Valley West Mall*
 - ✘ *Jordan Creek Mall*
 - ✘ *Pool at the Marriott*
- ✘ Ice Skating and Allplay are within walking distance from the Convention Center. Directions to the malls will be available at the event and so will a list of movies showing at the malls. **Your youth will need to bring extra money for these options. The cost is not included with your registration.**

Merchandise Options



- ✘ Harlend will have a merchandise stand from Friday until Sunday.

- ✘ Cokesbury Christian book store will be selling books, t-shirts, CD's, etc during the weekend.



All event performers are available for autographs upon request.



Youth Strike Chapel

*Located on the 1st Floor of the
Polk County Convention Center*

The chapel is simply a place for you to draw close to Jesus. Take time to leave the busyness of the weekend at the entrance and slow down and reflect on what you are experiencing at Youth Strike.

Whether you come in to spend some quiet time with God or you want to experience the prayer stations, this is a place of quiet rest. Be sure to let the scriptures and reflections sink into your heart and mind. Please know that you can use the chairs to just sit and talk with God. If you have a specific request, please write it down on the prayer wall for those attending Youth Strike to lift up on your behalf.

The Chapel is open to everyone, so please feel free to come as often as you like.

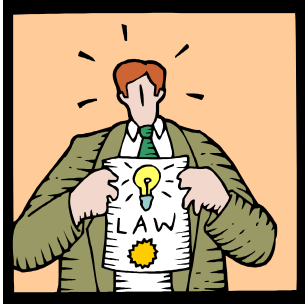
Be still, and know that I am God.

—Psalm 46:10

Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

—Matthew 11:28-29





The Rules

1. Thou shall be at all scheduled events.
2. Thou shall remain in designated areas.
3. Thou shall stay out of your room during scheduled events.
4. Thou shall not change rooms.
5. Thou shall obey curfew.
6. Guys and gals shall not be alone together.
7. Thou shall not drink, do drugs, or act foolish.
8. Thou shall not destroy other's property.
9. Thou shall respect one another.
10. Thou shall have FUN!!!



Free Time Options

At the Hotel—Swimming or Starbucks and hanging out

Allplay of Des Moines-

Modern entertainment and gaming center that has over 100 of the most popular virtual reality, interactive, sports, action and classic games all spread across two floors.

And the tallest rock climbing wall in Des Moines.

There is also a grill available with snack foods and appetizers. Deals on game cards will be available

**Shopping at Valley West Mall or Jordan Creek Mall
(Directions available)**

**Movie At Century Des Moines Jordan Creek 20
(movie list available)**

**Science Center of Iowa— General Admission \$9.00
IMAX—\$8.00
General Admission and IMAX \$14**

Ice Skating at The Brenton Skating Plaza

It is an outside ice skating rink. A group rate will be available.

***Adults— you will responsible for these activities. Ice Skating and Allplay are walking distance from the Plex. Directions to the malls will be available at the event and so will a list of movies showing at the malls.**

This is not included in your registration fee. Your youth will need to bring extra money for most of these options.

The Official Schedule of Events

(Tentative schedule, Youth Strike for Christ reserves the right to change the schedule at any time without notice)

Friday, February 5, 2010

4:00 - 8:00 PM	Registration - Time to check in
7:00 PM	Opening Band, Inner Rain
7:45 PM	Break Time
8:00 PM	Praise Time with Harlend (YSFC 2010 officially starts)
8:15 PM	Welcome, Introductions and Instructions (The Rules)
8:25 PM	Guest Speaker, Bidwell Riverside
8:40 PM	Praise Time with Harlend
8:50 PM	Keynote Speaker, Kelly Croy
9:15 PM	Small Groups - Time to split up into small groups for in depth discussion
10:30 PM	Announcements
10:40 PM	Harlend Concert
11:40 PM	Announcements and head to the room
12:00 AM	Lights Out! (12:30 must be in your room)

Saturday, February 6, 2010

8:00 - 9:00 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM	Guest Speaker, Bishop Julius C. Trimble
9:15 AM	Praise Time with the band Harlend
9:30 AM	Main Speaker - Kelly Croy
10:00 AM	Small Groups - Time to split up into small groups for in depth discussion
11:00 AM	Bucket Boys Percussive Duo.
12:00 PM	Lets Eat!!! Remember, we are supplying the food!
1:00 PM	Praise Time with the band Harlend
1:30 PM	Main Speaker - Kelly Croy
2:00 PM	Small Groups - Time to split up into small groups for in depth discussion
3:00 PM	Announcements
3:05 PM	Free Time (Time to take a break and have some fun)
6:00 PM	Dinner Time! Remember, we are supplying the food!
7:00 PM	Comedian Bob Stromberg
8:30 PM	Announcements and Break time
8:50 PM	Large Group Games
10:00 PM	Announcements and Break time
10:15 PM	Dance Time or Movie Time (You get to choose)
11:30 PM	Local Church Meetings (snack time, we are having a surprise treat)
12:00 AM	Lights Out!

Sunday, February 7, 2010

8:00 - 9:00 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM	Praise Time with the band Harlend
9:15 AM	Small Groups - Time to split up into small groups for in depth discussion
10:00 AM	Worship time with Communion
11:30 AM	Announcements
12:00 PM	See you Next Year!! (Remember to get e-mail address from all your new friends!)

Youth Strike for Christ 2010

Mission Focus: Bidwell Riverside

Operation: Fill the Truck!



A little about Bidwell Riverside...

Services They Offer

- Assistance for Homeless Women & Children
- Early Childhood Development Center
- Christmas Sharing
- Des Moines Area Religious Council Food Pantry
- Provide Personal Care Products
- Provide Free Clothing & Household Items

Bidwell Riverside's Mission

To provide services to individuals and families which will meet immediate needs and to work in cooperation with those persons and the community to develop programs and policies which will promote continual improvement in their lives. Bidwell Riverside Center is related to the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church.

For more information, visit:

www.bidwellriverside.org or call (515) 244-6251

Canned Food Items

Fruit: Peaches, Pears, Pineapple, Apricots, Applesauce, Mandarin Oranges, Fruit Cocktail

Vegetables: Carrots, Corn, Peas, Green Beans, Baked Beans, Boxed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables

Other: Boxes of Spaghetti, Cans of Pizza Sauce, Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken, Canned Pork

Your local church congregation can help too!! Start a Youth Strike for Christ Food Drive at your church right now and bring the food to YSFC 2010!!

Matthew 25:34- 40: "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see