

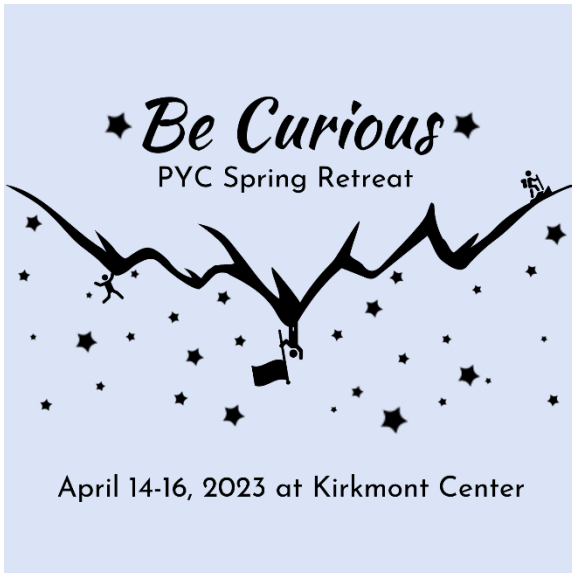
Important Information for the PYC Spring Youth Retreat at Kirkmont

Who: Youth, Grades 7-12, and their adult advisors

Where: Kirkmont Center, 6946 Co Rd 10,
Zanesfield, OH 43360

When: April 14-16, 2023. Check In time: 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. Friday, with first event beginning at 8:30 p.m. The retreat concludes at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday.

Why: To worship, sing, hear God's Word, think, pray, grow, play, make new friends and get together with old friends.



Theme: Be Curious! Through curiosity, creativity, and community, we'll explore familiar Bible stories in a new way!

Keynote: Our Keynote leader is Marcus Hong who serves at Louisville Theological Seminary as the Director of Field Education and Assistant Professor of Practical Theology. Marcus is also the Project Director for a new grant to facilitate innovation in youth ministry that emerges out of a collaborative, co-creative, and embodied way of being together inspired by the ideals and practice of community-engaged art.

Where will we stay?

Indoors! No Cabents for us! Groups will stay in Dunaway and Goodrich lodge. Programing will be both outdoors and indoors. Individuals are assigned to sleeping space by gender and church. Your church may share a room with another church to ensure effective use of space.

Who will be our Chaperones? Our chaperones are adult youth leaders from a variety of churches. It is our hope that each church will provide adult leaders to supervise youth of both genders.

In order to comply with the safety policies of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley, **each adult must complete a background check.** Adults who have already completed a background check for their local church should fill out FORM B. Others should complete FORM C and return it to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery **three** weeks prior to the retreat.

Health Care: A nurse will be responsible for dispensing any over the counter or prescription medications, as well as working with the teens on any medical issues that may arise. We will follow Kirkmont's Covid-19 protocols. **A Participant Information Form must be on file for all adult and teen participants.**

Retreat Covenant: The Participant Information Form outlines a Retreat Covenant that each minor and Parent/Guardian signs and agrees to. Violation of this covenant will require that the youth is immediately removed from the retreat.

What to Bring: Participant Information Form, Mask, Bible, sleeping bag/bedroll, pillow, towel, clothes & jacket for the weather, something to sleep in, medications (must be turned in to retreat nurse at registration), flashlight, rain gear, toiletries (soap, toothpaste, etc.)

What Not to Bring: Knives, guns, cell phones, computers, video games, DVD players, alcohol, tobacco products, matches, lighters or fireworks. (Adult leaders may bring cell phones but they should be kept on silent mode.)

To Register: Go To: <http://westminsterdayton.org/youth/retreat.html>
You may register as a group or as an individual)

Cost: \$75/person. Make checks payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church this includes all program cost, meals and lodging.

Registration Deadline: Friday, March 24, 2023
Late registrations will be accepted as long as space is available.

Tentative Schedule:

Friday

Arrive at Kirkmont between 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. (eat dinner before arrival)

8:30	Welcome, Icebreakers and Singing
9:30 – 11:00	Keynote & Small Groups*
11:00	Snack and prepare for bed
11:45	Lights Out

Saturday

9:00	Breakfast
10:00-12:00	Keynote & Small Group
1:00 – 2:00	Lunch
2:00-6:00	Keynote, Small Groups, Free Time Activities
6:15	Dinner
7:30	Evening Program
9:30	Snacks & vespers
11:45	Lights Out

Sunday

8:30	Pack Up & Load car
9:00	Breakfast
10:00	Worship
11:30	Depart

*Teens are assigned to small groups in advance to encourage a mix of ages and churches.

For more information, please contact the Presbytery of the Miami Valley Presbyterian Youth Connection (PYC) Network advisors:

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2023 Spring Youth Retreat – Presbytery of the Miami Valley
Participant Information Form

Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

Home Church & City: _____ I am: ___ Female ___ Male ___ Youth ___ Adult

T-Shirt Size: ___ Youth Small ___ Youth Medium ___ Youth Large
___ Adult Small ___ Adult Medium ___ Adult Large ___ Adult XL ___ Adult XXL

Youth Leaders attending the Retreat: _____

Retreat Covenant

- I will treat each person with love and respect.
- I will participate in all group activities.
- I will be accepting and respectful of others and celebrate the difference between us.
- I will welcome others into this community of faith.
- I will abide by the community curfew.
- I will abide by all Kirkmont policies about Covid-19 and those that prohibit smoking and the possession and use of alcohol and illegal drugs.
- I will remember that there is a time and place for everything and I will keep my cell phone use to an absolute minimum.
- I will respect other people's belongings, keep track of my own stuff and clean up after myself.
- I will have fun, play hard, make new friends and grow in relationship with God and others.

Parent/Guardian Permission (This section MUST be filled out for those under 18 years of age.)

I hereby give permission for my son/daughter, whose name is shown on this form, to attend the Spring Youth Retreat. In case of medical emergency, I hereby give permission to the Presbytery of the Miami Valley Advisors to secure proper treatment for my son/daughter, including, but not limited to hospitalization, injection, surgery, and anesthesia.

Presbytery of the Miami Valley PYC Network Picture Release

The Presbytery of the Miami Valley has permission to use my child's image in print and web media for promotional purposes. ___ **YES** ___ **NO**

Please list **all** Allergies, Medications & Special Needs or Restrictions (use the back if necessary). I understand that all medications shall be turned into the retreat Nurse for safe keeping and distribution as directed:

Participant's Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____ Relationship to Youth: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Emergency Contact(s): _____ Phone #: _____