



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Episcopal  
Diocese  
Of  
New Jersey

# YOUTH EVENTS

SPRING  
2010



[newjerseyyouth.org](http://newjerseyyouth.org)

Easy online registration is available for all youth events at

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## Youth Event Policies

**REGISTRATION DEADLINES** are posted for most events. You **MUST** register online or by mail by the appropriate deadline to attend an event. You cannot show up to an event without being properly registered!

**ATTENDANCE:** All youth and adult participants at each event are expected to be present for that entire event. Any exceptions must be cleared in advance with the Youth Ministry Office.

**ADULT SPONSORS:** FOR **SPRING YOUTH EVENT** ALL YOUTH PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO BRING AN ADULT SPONSOR (age 21 or older). Each congregation must bring one adult for every 5 youth, matching genders if possible. All sponsors must also register by the deadline for the event. Sponsors are expected to stay in the cabins with the youth (for overnight events); see to the needs of the youth in their group (including transportation, behavioral, physical, mental, and spiritual well being); enforce and abide by event rules and the Community Covenant; encourage participation and participate themselves; cooperate with and support conference coordinators, staff, and the other adults. Any adult or parent may attend a youth conference as a sponsor.

**MEDICAL RELEASE FORM:** ALL YOUTH PARTICIPANTS MUST TURN IN A COMPLETED MEDICAL RELEASE FORM FOR EACH EVENT (*other than Bishop's Ball*). This form can be mailed in beforehand or turned in upon arrival at the event. You can download forms from [newjerseyyouth.org](http://newjerseyyouth.org) or contact the Youth Ministry Office. Adults do not need a Medical Release Form.

**SCHOLARSHIP** money for Diocesan Youth Events is available for youth and adults in need. The fund is set to pay 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the registration cost while you would pay 1/3<sup>rd</sup> and your church would pay 1/3<sup>rd</sup>. For more information visit [newjerseyyouth.org](http://newjerseyyouth.org) or contact the Youth Ministry Office.

**CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY:** A full refund will be given for cancellations made three weeks or more before the event. No refund will be given for cancellations made less than three weeks before the event.

**CELL PHONES:** Youth are only permitted to use their cell phones during breaks and free time as it can become distracting to the community time we have together. Parents/Guardians will also be provided phone contact information for each event to leave messages for their child or to contact them in case of emergency.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER:** In cases of inclement weather, check the youth website at [newjerseyyouth.org](http://newjerseyyouth.org) or call 877-394-5281 ext. 36 for info on postponements or cancellations.

**VISITORS:** All Diocesan Youth Events are open to visitors. Please contact the Youth Ministry Office before the event if you plan on visiting. You must also check in with the conference coordinators or Youth Director upon arrival.

**YOUTH EVENTS** in the Diocese of New Jersey are open to all 6-12 grade youth (except where noted) regardless of religious affiliation, ethnic group, sex/gender, sexual orientation, nationality, or difference of ability.

## Bishops' Ball

**When:** Friday, January 22, 2010

**Where:** Trinity Cathedral in Trenton, NJ

**Time:** 8:00 PM until 12 Midnight

**Who:** 9-12 graders and their adult sponsors

**Churches coming as a group are asked to bring 1 adult for every 5 youth**

**Ticket Cost:** \$15 each for advance purchases (\$20 each at the door)



Buy tickets at [newjerseyyouth.org](http://newjerseyyouth.org)

**Dress:** Semi-Formal (optional)



**Music:** The Sloan River Project

**Dance DJ:** Ryan Harrivan (Howell, NJ)

The Sloan River Project



High Schoolers and their adult sponsors are invited to join us for the 51<sup>st</sup> edition of New Jersey's Diocesan-wide tradition of gathering for music, dancing, food, and fun! The evening begins with a high energy concert by The Sloan River Project. A melding of talent from Virginia, Tennessee, and North Carolina, SLP toured the southeast extensively in the summer of 2009 and brings a creative mix of originals and covers to the stage with energy, humor, and spirituality. A big dance follows, complemented by food and space for hanging out with the bishops and friends from all over the diocese! A great night for a good cause!

All proceeds will go to:

**Camp Lebanon** in Lebanon, NJ  
(host site for Diocesan Youth Events)



Register for ALL of these events at  
[newjerseyyouth.org](http://newjerseyyouth.org)

## The Senior Retreat Trust

**When:** April 9-11, 2010\*

\*registration deadline: April 6, 2010

\*register by March 9 and receive \$5 off!

**Where:** The Episcopal Convent of St. John Baptist—Mendham, NJ

**Begin:** 7:00 PM (4/9) **End:** 10:00 AM (4/11)

**Who:** 12<sup>th</sup> graders

**Lodging:** Single Rooms

**Cost:** \$75 (meals and lodging included)

**Coordinators:** Debi Clarke and Kep Short  
(Diocesan Youth Ministry Office)

*Trust God from the bottom of your heart;  
Listen for God's voice in everything you do...  
(Proverbs 3: 5-6)*

High school graduation is a huge milestone! It is, for many, a big step that propels us into the rest of our lives.



God calls us into a deepening relationship as we step further into our lives. How do we trust God in that relationship? What makes it hard? What do we do when things do not go our way sometimes? How do we reconnect with the God who loves us when we feel lost?



Regardless of what your plans are after high school—this retreat is for you! This weekend is for you to

explore your spirituality, rest and relax, and celebrate in community on the verge of life after high school.



## Spring Youth Event

One God, One Year, One Weekend

**When:** May 14-16, 2010\*

\*registration deadline: May 11, 2010

\*register by April 14 and receive \$5 off!

**Where:** Camp Lebanon in Lebanon, NJ

**Begin:** 7:00 PM (5/14) **End:** Noon (5/16)

**Who:** 6-12 graders and their adult sponsors

**Lodging:** Beds - heated cabins

**Cost:** \$75 (meals and lodging included)

**Coordinators:** Kate Reilly (St. David's, Cranbury) and Cecilia Alvarez (Diocese of New Jersey)

*It's who you are and the way you live that count before God. Those who worship God must do it out of their very being...  
(John 4: 23-24)*

There are 365 days in a year, six seasons in our church's calendar, and one life for each of us to



live. What do Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost all mean and how is God revealed in them? Do these seasons really hold key insights into who God is and who we are? Do we dare look for God in different ways?



Take time to explore these questions with young people from all over New Jersey! Join us in the beautiful setting of Camp Lebanon as we

honor life together and celebrate Christian community. There will be engaging program, great music, creative worship, fun games, relaxing free time, and more! See you there!

