

Shenandoah Presbytery Youth Council

New to SPYCE Youth Application

About SPYCE

The Shenandoah Presbytery Youth Council Extraordinaire~ *SPYCE* ~ has completed five successful years of creating and leading events for the Presbytery as well as building leadership and strong Christian unity among the council leadership.

For the 2009-2010 school year, we are again welcoming high school students and adults from every Mission Community to join the Youth Council for a year of service, leadership development and commitment to Jesus Christ and the Church.

To ensure good representation from all our churches, all grades and genders, we are asking that every youth and adult submit an application to serve on the 2009-2010 Youth Council. In addition, the council is working towards a balance of 20 youth and 5 adults.

Mission Statement

The Shenandoah Presbytery Youth Council is called to bring youth and adults together to build and strengthen the faith, fellowship and mission of youth in our Presbyterian community.

Requirements

Youth:

- Demonstrate a love of God-Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- Demonstrate a love for the Church of Jesus Christ
- Possess a personal relationship with God as revealed in Jesus Christ
- Demonstrate a willingness to serve others and to grow as a leader
- Be an active member of a Church in Shenandoah Presbytery
- Be in 9th-12th grade in the 2009-2010 school year
- Be a role model for other youth
- Be willing to learn new skills and fulfill leadership roles
- Be willing to listen, exchange ideas with openness and support the group
- Be willing to attend all meetings and the events sponsored by SPYCE

Adults:

- Demonstrate a love of God-Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- Demonstrate a love for the Church of Jesus Christ
- Possess a personal relationship with God as revealed in Jesus Christ
- Demonstrate a willingness to serve others and to model strong leadership
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2009-2010 SPYCE Calendar

August 21-23, 2009	Planning Retreat and Team Building- Massanetta Springs and Bon Air Presbyterian Church, Richmond VA
September 27, 2009	Middle School Rally -Massanetta Springs
November 13-15, 2009	SALT Leadership Event- Massanetta Springs
January 9-10, 2010	Epiphany Party and Planning Meeting for Senior High Retreat
March 5-7, 2010	Senior High Retreat-Massanetta Springs
April 2010	Planning meeting at a local church to plan the 2010-2011 year

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- Complete the information form below
- Photocopy the Reference form for 2 persons to complete. Give them the reference form and a pre-addressed, stamped envelope to be mailed to Laura Holbrook at the address below. Please ask for references from:
 1. A pastor, educator or youth director in your church.
 2. A lay person in your church, school or community who knows you well.
- On a separate sheet of paper(s) answer the following questions:
 1. Tell us about yourself. What do you participate in both in and out of school? What are some things that are unique about you?
 2. Share about your faith journey and significant times in your walk with Christ.
 3. What are you most concerned about in the culture and world that surrounds you? What are you most hopeful about?
 4. What are you hopeful about in your church and the church at large?
 5. Why do you hope to serve on the Shenandoah Presbytery Youth Council?
- Cut the information portion on the dotted line and mail with the written portion to:

Laura Holbrook
712 Massanetta Springs
Harrisonburg, VA 22801



Name _____

Address _____

Grade (09-10) _____ Gender _____ T-shirt size _____

Email _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Church _____ Mission Community _____

References Names:

1. _____

2. _____

SPYCE Youth Reference Form

You have been asked to provide a reference for an applicant for the Shenandoah Presbytery Youth Council. The mission statement and requirements are listed below. Please share with us the ways in which you know the youth applicant and how you believe he or she will enhance and encourage this ministry.

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Applicant's Name	Reference's Relationship to Applicant
Reference's Name	Phone Numbers Day: _____ Night: _____
Address	City, State, Zip
Church	Mission Community

Please answer the following questions about the applicant on a separate sheet of paper and return in the envelope provided to Laura Holbrook.

1. How do you know the applicant and in what ways has he or she been involved in the church or your organization?
2. After reading the requirements for the Youth Council, do you believe the young person could serve in this capacity?
3. Knowing that we all have them, what are the strong and not-so-strong attributes that you see in the applicant as they relate to this position?

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