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EVENT GUIDE

EVENT SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

MONDAY- November 2, 2026

Event Times: 12:00 PM to 8:15 PM (Eastern Standard Time Zone)

- *New2Ministry Pre Conference*
- *12:00 PM: Registration*
- *12:30 PM: Doors Open*
- *1:00 PM: Mainstage Session Block One*
- *3:00 PM: Break*
- *3:30 PM: Mainstage Session Block Two*
- *5:35 PM: Dinner*
- *6:25 to 8:15 PM: Leadership Labs*
- *8:15 PM: Day One Concluded*

TUESDAY- November 3, 2026

Event Times: 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM (Eastern Standard Time Zone)

- *9:30 AM: Registration/ Doors Open*
- *10:00 AM: Mainstage Session Block Three*
- *12:15 PM: Lunch*
- *1:15 PM: Mainstage Session Block Four*
- *4:00 PM: Break*
- *4:30 PM: Mainstage Session Block Five*
- *7:15 PM: Food Truck Rally*
- *8:15 PM: Conference Concludes*

WEDNESDAY- November 4, 2026

- *YPS National Universal Day – Park opens at 9 AM – provided by event sponsors*

EVENT OVERVIEW

Youth Pastor Summit National is a conference in Orlando Florida that brings together student pastors, educators, and volunteers into one room to **foster community, place of learning, and moment of understanding**. It is a direct response to the growing need for people to pour into this generation.

As Student Leadership University trains up the next generation, we increasingly recognize the exponential impact that the leaders have on these students. YPS National gathers thousands of leaders from across the

country from 30+ denominations and movements. SLU also hosts 4-spring YPS events in SoCal, Dallas, Nashville, and Raleigh where we foster collaboration, community, and soul-care.

We bring in some of the world's best student ministry minds, communicators, and practitioners to address four foundational and ever-present questions:

1. **Spiritual Formation:** Who are we becoming?
2. **God's Mission:** What story is God telling?
3. **Ethics:** How should we think?
4. **Leadership:** Why and how do we influence?

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR MONDAY AND TUESDAY

What to Pack: Make sure to pack a Bible, pen, notebook, and a bottle of water for you to have during the conference.

Meals: Through the generosity of our event sponsors, dinner is provided on Monday and lunch is being provided on Tuesday. For dinner Tuesday, there will be a variety of food trucks available onsite for your purchase. Make sure to stop by our sponsor tables and say thanks for providing for everyone!

Registration: In order to expedite your registration and to minimize gathering in the lobby, please bring a copy/screen shot of your registration in one of the forms below. Having one of the options above will ensure a smooth check-in for you and your team the morning of the event. **Registration Proof (any of the options below will work):**

- Printed Copy or Screen Shot of your Registration Email
- Printed out or/Screen Shot of your registration account with YPS National Listed – you can access this from here:
<https://events.circuitree.com/studentleadership/Account/Login/?returnUrl=%2Fstudentleadership&skip=False>
- If you want to check in as a group (if you registered that way), there will be an express line for this at Welcome Center B on the Left when you arrive.

Wristbands: You will receive a YPS wristband when you check in. You must wear this on Monday and Tuesday as it is your access into all sessions and meals and to receive your Universal tickets for Wednesday.

MONDAY EVENING LEADERSHIP LAB DESCRIPTIONS

Leadership Labs (breakout sessions) are designed to inspire and equip you and your team. We encourage every participant to take full advantage of the practical and relevant training sessions the labs will provide. Make sure your group splits up and attends as many lab sessions as possible. Leadership Labs descriptions will be updated in this document and sent in the pre-event email two weeks prior to the event.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the New 2 Ministry Pre-Conference Gathering at YPS?

Get what you need before the conference even starts! A special pre-conference session designed for those who are New2Ministry (2ish years or so) in mind! This is a roundtable session that is wildly practical, conversational, pro-active, and specifically tuned to set up you and your team, a new-ish youth ministry leader, with an action plan for how to better build a healthy ministry. Our friends at Lifeway Students want to connect and equip you with the strategy and stuff you need to lead well now. You can sign up for this as part of your regular YPS registration. **Space is limited.**

Who should attend YPS?

Youth Pastor Summit is geared to all youth pastors and key youth leaders (staff or volunteers). It is also open to Christian educators. **All attendees must be 18 years or older.**

Can my spouse attend?

Of course! We love when couples do ministry together. Make sure you register them so that they are guaranteed a spot. Each attendee of YPS must be registered for the event and each attendee must register with their unique email address.

I have a small child; can they attend with me?

We think families are great and time together is important. However, this event is **only for those who are 18 and older** and who have graduated high school. We want everyone to have the best experience possible at this event, so please make arrangements to leave your children at home or arrange childcare outside of the conference.

Can I transfer my ticket to someone else?

If you are registered as a group, we will do a one-time transfer of any of your participants, without penalty. Transfers are not available on individual registrations. To make a transfer on your account, email us at yps@studentleadership.net from your group leader's email indicating the individual(s) you are canceling and the name, email, and DOB of the new registration(s). We will only make a transfer(s) on each group registration one time, and once you have made a transfer, your group is then finalized. **No transfers are possible after 2 PM on October 30th or onsite.**

