

2026 PLANNING TEAM FAQ'S

Youth Conference FAQ's (see separate sheet for Middle School Conference)

How many trips would I have to make to Montreat? What will my costs be? What will I be doing? Some details are different for adults & youth. Please see the appropriate chart for the answers -

ADULTS:

TRIPS	DATES	COSTS	WHAT WILL I BE DOING?
First trip: Shadow Trip	One week during a 2025 Youth Conference (see www.montreat.org)	Travel, Housing & Meals are provided for you (in accordance with the Montreat Travel Policy)	Serving as a Small Group Leader and shadowing a 2025 PT member to learn your job and promoting the 2026 conference. PT members agree not to be back home leaders while they are shadowing.
Second trip: Planning Team Meeting	Saturday, September 13, 2025, 2 pm – Monday, September 15, 2025, noon.	Travel, Housing & Meals are provided for you (in accordance with the Montreat Travel Policy)	Getting to know your planning team, creating the theme for the 2026 Youth Conferences
Third trip: 2026 Summer Youth Conference	Arrive by 2pm, Thursday, prior to the start of the conference. Depart by noon, Saturday after the second week in your pair of conferences. See the planning team application for the specific dates.	Travel, Housing & Meals are provided for you (in accordance with the Montreat Travel Policy)	Helping facilitate the conference in the role that you have been assigned by your co-directors.

Can I stay with my group in summer 2026 while I'm serving at the conference?

You will be housed and have meals with the other planning team members in Assembly Inn. Therefore if your group is here during one of your planning team weeks, you will not be staying with them. If you are on a planning team a different pair of youth conference weeks than your group, you would be able to attend the conference and stay with your group when they attend.

Could I be present through meetings in any other way (i.e., skyping in) in case something interferes? Your presence at the meeting is mandatory and part of your requirement as a planning team member. If selected, the covenant that you will be asked to sign says,

"I am being invited to be part of this team in part because I am available to attend the planning meeting in its entirety. I understand that failure to attend this meeting generally means that I will have to resign from the team. Exceptions may be made for family emergencies."