

2026 PLANNING TEAM FAQ'S

Middle School Conference at Maryville College FAQ's

How many trips would I have to make?

YOUTH:

| TRIPS | DATES | COSTS | WHAT WILL I BE DOING? |
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| First trip: Planning Team Meeting #1 | March 7, 7PM – March 9, noon, 2025. | Travel, Housing & Meals are provided for you (in accordance with the Montreat Travel Policy) | Getting to know your planning team and creating the theme for the 2026 Middle School Conference. |
| Second trip: Shadow Trip | July 15, 4 pm – July 20, 2025. | Room & meals are provided but travel is your own responsibility. | Being a member of the Work Crew shadowing a 2025 PT member to learn your job and promoting the 2026 conference. |
| Third trip: Planning Team Meeting #2 | 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) | Reconnecting with your planning team and meeting the stage leaders for your conference. |
| 2026 Middle School Conference, Maryville, TN | Arrive in Maryville between 3 – 4 pm, Sunday, July 12, 2026. Depart by 2 pm, Sunday, July 19, 2026. | 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. |

Is it important that I attend every meeting? Can I Skype or call instead?

Your presence at the meetings is mandatory and part of your requirement as a planning team member. If you are selected, we trust your physical attendance at meetings and the conference will take precedence over other commitments. 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."