2028 PLANNING TEAM FAQ'S

Middle School Conference at Maryville College FAQ's (see separate sheet for Youth Conferences)

How many trips would I have to make?

ADULTS:

TRIPS	DATES	COSTS	WHAT WILL I BE DOING?
First trip: Planning Team Meeting #1	March 5 - 7 PM – March 7, noon, 2027.	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 2028 Middle School Conferences.
Second trip: Shadow Trip	July 20 – 25, 2027	Travel, Housing & Meals are provided for you (in accordance with the Montreat Travel Policy)	Serving as a Small Group Leader and shadowing a 2027 PT member to learn your job and promoting the 2028 conference. PT members agree not to be back home leaders while they are shadowing.
Third trip: Planning Team Meeting	Saturday, September 11, 2027, 2 pm – Monday, September 13, 2027, 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.
2028 Summer Middle School Conference	Arrive in Maryville between 3 – 4 pm, Sunday, July 16, 2028. Depart by 2 pm, Sunday, July 23, 2028.	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."*