

**PREPARING FOR THE GATHERING
PLANNING TIMELINE EXAMPLES**



Here are three samples of a 12-15 month planning timeline (May 2018 – August 2019) which a congregation could adapt and use to prepare to attend the 2019 LCMS Youth Gathering. These timelines include informational meetings, fundraisers, Bible studies, payment plan and a post-Gathering recap presentation. Schedules were adapted from those submitted by experienced Gathering Primary Adult Leaders Laura Burkey, Derek Broten and Deb Hartje.

SAMPLE 1

DATE / TIME

FOCUS

Wednesday, May 23, 2018, 6:30-8:00PM

ADULT LEADER INFORMATION MEETING
For anyone interested in serving as an Adult Leader

Wednesday, May 30, 2018, 7:00-8:00PM

GROUP INFORMATION MEETING
For youth and their parents, and anyone interested in attending the National Youth Gathering

Sunday, June 3, 2018, 12:00-1:00PM

GROUP INFORMATION MEETING
For youth and their parents, and anyone interested in attending the National Youth Gathering

Wednesday, June 6, 2018, 6:30-8:00PM

FUNDRAISING MEETING (Rationale and Opportunities)
For Parents

Sunday, November 4, 2018, 12:00-1:00PM

NYG GROUP MEETING #1
*For Both Youth and Parents
Registration Updates, Fundraisers,
Adult Leader Information*

Sunday, February 3, 2019, 12:00-1:00PM

NYG GROUP MEETING #2
*For both Youth and Parents
Fundraisers, NYG Program Information*

Wednesday, February 27, 2019, 7:00-9:00PM

Leadership Team Meeting #1

Sunday, March 3, 2019, 12:00-1:00PM

NYG GROUP MEETING #3
*For both Youth and Parents
Fundraisers, NYG Program Updates*

Wednesday, April 10, 2019, 7:00-9:00PM

Leadership Team Meeting #2

Sunday, April 28, 2019, 12:00-1:00PM

NYG GROUP MEETING #4
*For both Youth and Parents
Fundraisers, NYG Program Updates, and
Medical Forms*

Wednesday, May 8, 2019, 7:00-9:00PM

Leadership Team Meeting #3

Wednesday, June 5, 2019, 6:00-8:30PM

NYG GROUP BUILDING MEETING #1
*For Youth & Adult Leaders
Group Building*

Wednesday, June 5, 2019, 8:45-9:30PM	Leadership Team Meeting Connect
Wednesday, June 12, 2019, 6:00-8:30PM	NYG GROUP BUILDING MEETING #2 <i>For Youth & Adult Leaders</i> <i>Group Building</i>
Wednesday, June 17, 2019, 7:00-9:00PM	Leadership Team Meeting #4
Wednesday, June 19, 2019, 6:00-8:30PM	NYG GROUP BUILDING MEETING #3 <i>For Youth & Adult Leaders</i> <i>Group Building</i>
Wednesday, June 19, 2019, 8:45-9:30PM	Leadership Team Meeting Connect
Sunday, June 23, 2019, 8:00 & 10:45AM	Commissioning Service
Sunday, June 23, 2019, 5:00-8:00PM	FAMILY BLESSING <i>For Both Youth & Their Families</i> <i>Final Information</i>
Friday, August 2, 2019, 6:00-8:00PM	NYG Rewind Party
Sunday, August 4, 2019, 8:00 & 10:45AM	Sharing in Worship Services

NYG Payment Schedule:

Payment	Amount	Due Date
Deposit	\$175.00	Sunday, August 26, 2018
Payment #1	\$150.00	Sunday, November 4, 2018
Payment #2	\$150.00	Sunday, February 3, 2019
Payment #3	\$150.00	Sunday, March 3, 2019
Payment #4	\$150.00	Sunday, April 28, 2019
Payment #5	\$200.00/remaining balance	Sunday, June 23, 2019

SAMPLE 2

Meeting Dates:

May 2018 - Youth & Parent Meetings

- What's the gathering all about and how much does it cost?
- List of planned fundraisers

June - August 2018 - Adult Leader Meetings

- Determine Adult Leader Meetings - how many and when
- Determine Group Meeting - how many and when
- Determine Fundraisers - when, how many, and what type
- Determine Payments - dates and amounts
 - Break down payment into \$200 increments so it does not become overwhelming at the end to write one big check
- Registration Deposit
- Travel Deposit

August 2018

- Begin Fall Fundraiser
- Youth turn in Registration form and Gathering deposit

September 2018

- Register online (Remember, Gathering registration deadline)

October 2018

- Mail in forms and deposits

November 2018

- 2nd Fall Fundraiser

January 2019

- Winter Fundraiser
- Youth turn in Funds for transportation (airfare, train, van/bus costs, etc.)

April 2019

- Spring Fundraiser
- Youth turn in Funds for extra events (e.g. District event, pre-gathering events)
- Group Meeting 1

May/June 2019

- Summer Fundraiser
- Youth turn in Gathering Registration balance
- Group Meetings 2 & 3

Late June 2019

- Parent-Youth Meeting (Last minute details, sharing with the congregation when we come home)
- Hotel \$\$ Due

July 11-15, 2019

- **NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING, MINNEAPOLIS, MN**

SAMPLE 3

Team Meeting Dates:

2018

Sunday, August 5	4:00-5:30pm	Information Meeting
Wednesday, August 22	by end of the day	Deadline for Sign-up
Saturday, October 13	9:30am – Noon	Participant Meeting
	Noon - 1pm	Leader Lunch Meeting – Training/Organizing

2019

Saturday, January 12	1:00-3:00pm	Local Informational Meeting for leaders in district
Saturday, February 23	10:00am- Noon Noon - 1pm	Participant Meeting Leader Lunch Meeting Training/Organizing
Saturday, March 30	10:00am-3:00pm	Local Informational Meeting 2
Sunday, April 21	3:00-5:00pm	Participant Meeting
Sunday, May 19	3:00-5:00pm	Participant Meeting
Saturday, June 8	9:00-10:00am	Parents & Participant Meeting
Saturday, June 22	10:00am-4:00pm	Participant Work Day
Sunday, June 23	@ Worship	Commissioning Service for Gathering participants

Thursday, July 11 - Monday, July 15

National Youth Gathering

Deadlines for Payment:

Thursday, November 1	\$150 must be in your account for trip
Friday, February 1	\$300 must be in your account for trip
Monday, April 1	\$500 must be in your account for trip
Wednesday, May 1	\$700 must be in your account for trip
Saturday, June 15	Trip must be paid in full