

Spring 2024 Junior High and High School Conferences

South-Central United States

Dear coordinating saints,

You are invited to participate in the Spring Junior High and High School Conferences for young people. There will be three conferences—for grades 7-8, 9-10, and 11-12.

| GRADE LEVEL | LOCATION | FEE | CONFERENCE QUESTIONS | REGISTRATION |
|-------------|------------------------|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 7-8 | Arlington Meeting Hall | \$100 | contact@thetestimony.us | Registration https://www.thetestimony.us |
| 9-10 | Plano Meeting Hall | \$100 | | Registration Questions contact@thetestimony.us |
| 11-12 | Denton Meeting Hall | \$100 | | |

For proper arrangements to be made (hospitality assignments, meal preparation, etc.) it is imperative that registration be completed in a timely manner. The sooner you can have registration completed, the better it will be for all involved.

Important Dates

- Registration Deadline: [March 17th](#)
- Background Check and Application Deadline: [March 13th](#)
- Conference Dates: [Friday, March 29th to Lord's Day, March 31st](#)

Arrival and Departure

Check-in time on Friday begins at 5:30 pm and includes dinner. The departure time on the Lord's Day is 12:00 pm and includes lunch. Please see the last page for additional information on arrival times if you are dropping young people off at multiple conference centers.

Bring to Registration

- Check made out to the hosting locality for the conference fee
- General Liability forms, signed and filled out correctly (unless completed electronically)
- Names of all serving ones and young persons
- Registration Questions: contact@thetestimony.us

What to Bring

- Sleeping bags or bedding and a pillow
- Personal towel and toiletries
- *Recovery Version of the New Testament* and young people's songbook
- One General Liability / Medical Release combination form for the conference (unless completed electronically)
- One Medical Release form for the driver
- Extra money for snacks or meals while traveling

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Registration Details

Registration is required to facilitate planning and managing the conference. Conference materials will be distributed to all those who register. Registration will be carried out the same way as the previous conferences with the locality coordinators using <https://www.thetestimony.us/> to register young people and serving ones in their locality.

Accommodations

Hospitality will be provided for those attending the conference. The coordinators for the conferences request that all attendees stay in their assigned hospitality and to not make personal arrangements. Staying in hospitality is part of the conference experience and is a wonderful opportunity to blend with the hosting saints. As a reminder, please utilize the "Pay With", "Place With", and "Do Not Place" registration fields as needed to help the coordinators with payment and hospitality assignments.

Where applicable please update any allergies (cat, dog, food, other) that the young people or serving ones may have. The changes can be made on the Health tab in the Edit window for young people and serving ones.

General Liability and Medical Release

For each young person, please submit one General Liability Waiver / Medical Release combination form at registration upon arrival and one Medical Release form for the driver of the vehicle the young person is travelling in as well. You can download the forms on the Download page in the Regional Conferences app on <https://www.thetestimony.us/>. If you use the Registration Link button on the YP List so that the parent can register their child, then the General Liability Waiver / Medical Release combination form is part of that process and you do not need to turn in a paper version. The Medical Release for the driver of the vehicle that they are travelling in will still be required, though.

Payment

The localities hosting the conferences have requested that checks be brought in for payment as other forms of payment may not be supported. Please make the check payable to the hosting locality.

In recent years, we have noticed a gradual increase in the expenses associated with hosting the Young People Conferences. Unfortunately, this has required the hosting churches to absorb the shortfall of \$15-\$20 per person. Since the hosting churches are quite gracious to host the Young People, we would like to do our best to charge enough to cover the costs associated with each conference. We understand that for families with 3-4 young people attending the conferences this can pose a significant financial commitment, and we appreciate the parents for prioritizing attendance despite these financial considerations. In light of this, we encourage the brothers in the localities sending the YP to consider how to support those families for whom this may present a financial burden.

Background Checks & Approval

Please do not register serving ones who have not applied, received an elder's recommendation, completed a background check, and have been approved. If a serving one is not a US Citizen, does not have an existing background check, and would like to attend the conference, please contact Gregory Kingsbury for additional forms that need to be completed. Should you have any

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questions concerning the application process, please call Gregory Kingsbury at 832-474-2562. Thank you!

Additional Details

Additional information regarding the conference can be found on the [South Central YP \(www.southcentralyp.com\)](http://www.southcentralyp.com) website. This website will be used to post updated information, schedules, etc. for anyone who is having trouble finding the information they need.

The topic of the 7-8 grade conference will be *The Spirit and the Church*

The topic of the 9-10 grade conference will be announced.

The topic of the 11-12 grade conference will be announced.

Serving One to Young Person Ratio

Each church must send serving ones to the conference. It is best if the same serving ones remain with their group for the entire conference and strongly encourage parents to serve as workers for the conferences. No church should send any young person without a serving one assigned to them. All the serving ones should set an example of proper attitude and appearance as well as spiritual exercise for the entire conference!

For 7th to 12th graders, the required ratio is at least 1 serving one for every 4 young people attending the conference.

Standards

We desire to have a Christ-centered weekend. Therefore, no young person should be allowed to attend who is irresponsible, uncooperative, or without capacity to be in a spiritual atmosphere for the entire weekend. Also, please avoid sending young people to the conference who are not at the appropriate grade level for the conference. We would encourage the serving ones, in coordination with the elders, to have a definite time of fellowship with the young people to help them in matters of attitude, attentiveness, submission, cooperation, appearance, proper dress, and demeanor (1 Timothy 2:9).

Please shepherd your young people related to all these matters in advance of coming to the conferences!

Dress

We recommend that the brothers wear conservative long trousers, neat in appearance, modest shirts with sleeves at all the meetings. We also recommend that the sisters wear proper and modest dresses or skirts and modest blouses with sleeves in all the meetings. No shorts or tightly fitted pants should be worn in meetings. No shirts with inappropriate logos or images should be worn at any time during the conferences. During recreation and outings shorts are allowed if they are long, loose-fitting, and modest in appearance.

Electronic Devices

The use of cell phones or tablets is restricted to emergencies, parental contact, or for accessing ministry material. No texting or use of the internet on your device is allowed during the meetings or study times of the conferences. Use of a cell phone or tablet requires permission from the assigned serving one prior to use.

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Arrival and Check-In

The check-in times for each conference are below. The first meeting will start at 7pm.

JH Conference – Arlington

- Check-In Opens: 5:30pm
- Address: 2315 W Pleasant Ridge Rd, Arlington, TX 76015

9-10 Grade – Plano

- Check-In Opens: 5:30pm
- Address: 2525 Custer Rd, Plano, TX 75075

11-12 Grade – Denton

- Check-In Opens: 5:30pm
- Address: 411 Thomas St. Denton, TX 76201

Travel Tips

If you are traveling to the Metroplex and are planning to drop off young people at more than one conference, below are the recommended times to drop off in order to arrive before the meeting at each location. The meeting halls at each location will be open. One item to note, all routes have tolls.

From the North

Denton To Plano To Arlington

- Drop off in Denton by 4:50 pm, 10 minutes to unload
 - If only going to Plano, drop off in Denton by 5:30 pm
- 50 minutes to Plano, will be there by 5:40 pm, 10 minutes to unload
 - Directions: [Church In Denton to Church In Plano - Google Maps](#)
- 60 minutes to Arlington, will be there by 6:50 pm
 - Directions: [Church In Plano to Church In Arlington - Google Maps](#)

Denton To Arlington

- Drop off in Denton by 5:10 pm, 10 minutes to unload
- Arrive in Arlington by 6:30 pm
 - Directions: [Church In Denton to Church In Arlington - Google Maps](#)

From the South

Arlington To Plano To Denton

- Drop off in Arlington by 4:20 pm, 10 minutes to unload
 - If only going to Plano, drop off in Arlington by 5:00 pm
- 60 minutes to Plano, will be there by 5:30 pm, 10 minutes to unload
 - Directions: [Church In Arlington to Church In Plano - Google Maps](#)
- 50 minutes to Denton, will be there by 6:30 pm
 - Directions: [Church In Plano to Church In Denton - Google Maps](#)

Arlington To Denton

- Drop off in Arlington by 5:00 pm, 10 minutes to unload
- Arrive in Denton by 6:20 pm
 - Directions: [Church In Arlington to Church In Denton - Google Maps](#)