

# UCC National Youth Event Illinois Conference "FILL THE BUS"



NYE Dates: July 26-30, 2016

Coronado Springs Resort Hotel, Lake Buena Vista, FL

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## WHAT:

In the Illinois Conference we are trying to "FILL THE BUS" to the UCC National Youth Event in July 2016. We will travel by charter bus from Illinois to Florida. The hope is to get youth within our conference connected before the event even starts and hopefully spark continued connections between churches and youth. It is also a way to decrease significantly the cost of travel!

## WHO:

Any church that wants to be a part of the joint trip to NYE would be welcome so long as they provide their own chaperones and can get themselves to the place of departure (TBD). NYE requires ONE chaperone for each 8 youth of each gender. *Each church must submit the required paper work for their church and each participant along with a NON-REFUNDABLE \$50 deposit per person to reserve a space on the bus.*

***Each church is responsible for completing their own online registration NYE. These forms only register you for the bus trip. Registration for NYE ends May 27<sup>th</sup>.***

## WHEN:

*Our departure date is currently set for Monday, July 25, 2016 with arrival in Disney on July 26. We will be travelling straight through. NYE is from July 26-30. One of these days is a day in the parks. The plan is then to leave straight from the parks on Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> and arrive back in Illinois on Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>.*

## COST:

The total cost breakdown is below, but is subject to change. This does not include any money for souvenirs and the cost of extra meals is a best guess. Please see the Overview and Information section to see what is included with the registration cost.

**Illinois Conference funding: Thanks to a generous LEEAP grant from the conference, the cost of the bus has been reduced to ONLY \$50!!** This means that once your deposit is paid, no additional money is due.

(REGISTRATION FOR NYE IS TO BE DONE BY INDIVIDUAL CHURCHES.)

NYE Registration (double occupancy)	\$549
Per Person Bus Cost	\$50
Meals (not included in registration)	\$100-150
Total Estimated Cost Per Person:	\$700-750 (Approx.)

**A \$50 NON-REFUNDABLE deposit per person is required** in order to secure a place on the bus. Checks payable to the Eastern Association, Illinois Conference (who fronted the cost of the bus deposit).

**Return all forms and payments to Rev. Sarah Lohrbach.**

# National Youth Event



## Overview and Information – From NYE Website

<http://nye.uccpages.org/>

National Youth Event (NYE) is a spirited quadrennial event centered on faith, leadership, service and social justice first inaugurated in 1980. It is celebrated as the largest denominational gathering for the United Church of Christ with an expected attendance of 4,000 participants. NYE 2016 will bring many firsts for this youth inspired gathering, including hosting the event on a non-college campus for the first time in NYE history! In 2016, we proudly partner with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), a sister denomination, to jointly host NYE!

*Believe* hails as our 2016 theme, but it is not a query. It is a charge, responsibility and call to action. The scripture Hebrews 11:1 captures the heart of this charge, "Now faith is the confidence that what we believe will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see." We invite our amazing still speaking youth to believe in themselves as leaders of faith sharing in the infinite work of our Lord in a diverse world calling each of us to serve.

NYE 2016 is substantially discounted for the value of participating in five days and four nights of programming which includes housing, most meals, snacks, park access, Wi-Fi and local ground transportation! The program offers a generous discount by more than 50% which is unmatched for a week at any theme park!

### So What's Included in This Amazing Experience?

- ❖ Youth inspired programing dedicated to faith, leadership, social justice and service!
  - Disney's YES (Youth Education Series): Learn more!  
(All youth participants will have the option to participate in Disney YES!)
  - Service Projects & Social Justice Outreach: Explore Opportunities!  
(There will be optional community immersion experiences beyond the Disney and Coronado Springs campuses!)
  - Workshops & TIE Experiences (Theological, Interactive and Educational)
- ❖ 5-days and 4-nights of exclusive housing and recreation at Walt Disney World's Coronado Springs Resort.
- ❖ Park access to Disney's theme parks: Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Hollywood Studios and Animal Kingdom Parks.
- ❖ 8 Meals & Daily Snacks (PLEASE NOTE: Friday is a full day in the theme parks and all meals on Friday are on your own and not included.)
- ❖ Free Wi-Fi
- ❖ Local Ground Transportation for service projects and social justice outreach.
- ❖ Free roundtrip airport shuttle between Orlando's International Airport (MCO) and Coronado Springs Resort.
- ❖ And so much more!

### Rates - 2016 NYE Scholarship Rates

\$549.00      Double Occupancy--Per Person (This rate is per person in a shared room.)

\$599.00      Single Occupancy

# **IMPORTANT NYE UPDATE (2-24-16)**

## **REGARDING FAMILY PARTICIPANTS**

Previously, and early on in the planning process, an invitation was extended for families to join the youth at National Youth Event at Walt Disney World in Orlando. Since that time, some concerns have developed regarding the implications of extending such a wide-reaching invitation to family members. These concerns include programmatic, logistical and financial issues.

Centered in our primary purpose of ensuring that NYE remain the National YOUTH Event in a church and world where youth continually wonder whether or not they have a place – we have adjusted the logistical framework for NYE to ensure that NYE participants have the first privilege of registration and to accommodate with reasonableness families who wish to participate.

We honor the importance of family, and in recognizing that attending an event at Disney holds broad appeal, we have revised NYE family pricing as follows:

- Registration from now until May 1 is open only for NYE participants.
- Beginning May 1, families may register on a first-come/first serve basis.
- Each family member will be charged the advertised \$549.00 registration fee which will include their lodging and a one-day pass to one of the Disney parks. Meals are not included in this package.
- At \$549.00 per person, a family of four will be paying \$2,196 for the family package.
- This requires a minimum of double occupancy for accommodations. Families of more than four will be required to be responsible for a second guest room.

The delayed family registration is intended to allow a period dedicated exclusively for event participants. Please note that the revised family registration package clarifies that family individuals who are not event participants are responsible for meals. This revised family pricing does not pertain to those registered before February 24, 2016.

For questions and additional information, please contact Mr. Lee Foley ([foleyl@ucc.org](mailto:foleyl@ucc.org)).

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## **NYE Safe Conduct Quick References**

- Our housing policy will only allow one youth per bed in assigned rooms.
- Youth participants are not permitted to share beds.
- Roommates must be of the same gender.
- Special needs requests must be submitted at registration for assistance as specified.
- Youth participants can be housed with family, but we recommend staying with your group.
- The youth to adult chaperon ratio is 8:1 with matching genders. If a group consists of 8 young women, one woman chaperon is required. If a group consists of 7 young women and one young man, both one woman and one man will be required to chaperon the group.
- Chaperons must be 21-years of age or no less than 3-years older than group's oldest youth.
- Youth must be accompanied by a group leader, parent or guardian in order to attend NYE.
- All attendees must review and agree to the NYE Safe Conduct policies in order to register.
- NYE has zero tolerance for any forms of abuse. Violations can be grounds for dismissal.