

"Peace, Love and Jesus"

John 20: 19-31

Grace Presbytery Youthquakes Fall 2010

Event Information Packet

Youthquakes are events for youth of Middle School and Junior High age, generally Grade 6-8.

This event is sponsored by the Youth Ministries Committee of Grace Presbytery.

If you have questions, please contact:

Gary Holloman, Director of Youth and Young Adults
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Margaret LaPlante, Registrar
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LEADERSHIP TEAMS and REGISTRATION LIMITS

Event	Leadership Team	Spaces Available	Fee	Registration Opens	Registration Closes
Gilmont #1 November 5-7	Austin College "ACTivators"	110	\$97	September 17	October 15
Gilmont #2 November 12-14	Austin College "ACTivators"	110	\$97	September 17	October 22

Registration opens on Friday, September 17, 2010

** The Event Fee of \$97.00 includes two nights lodging and four meals (3 on Saturday and 1 on Sunday), t-shirt, and program expenses. **This fee applies to all youth and adult participants.**

Important Things to Know About Registration

- 1) Registration for Youthquakes will be conducted on a "first-come, first-served" basis.
 - a) When a camp is filled, remaining registrations will be placed on a Waiting List, unless a Group chooses to move to an alternate date.
 - b) Registrations will not be considered complete until a check is received with the mailed registration.
- 2) All registrations must be received **by mail** on, or after, the opening day of registrations. (All other means – e-mail, fax, phone, or in person – cannot be accepted). Postmarks will be used to determine the "first-come, first-served" order.
- 3) Registrations will **open** September 17
Registrations will **close** October 15 for Gilmont #1
Registrations will **close** October 22 for Gilmont #2
- 4) In registering, groups will reserve and pay in full for slots they plan to use (the group is not required to provide names at this time).
 - a) On the closing date for the event (three weeks before the event begins), all spaces purchased become non-refundable. Prior to this date, a **\$10 non-refundable fee** will be kept for any cancelled spots.
 - b) Substitutions can be made but should be male-for-male and female-for-female. If a female youth or sponsor drops out, they need to be replaced with a female, and the same for males.
- 5) As they are registered, groups will receive a confirmation of their registration and a list of the paper work that is required for the completion of their registrations.
- 6) All Groups must submit **all** of their required paperwork to Grace Presbytery, **no later than three weeks before the start of the event.** This gives Grace Presbytery time to prepare and submit required paper work to the camp, thus meeting our deadlines in time for the site to complete its preparation. Paperwork will include:
 - a) Official List of Registrants for the Event
 - b) Official List of "Cleared Adults" participating in the event
- 7) Grace Presbytery will observe all deadlines, and will require the same courtesy from the congregations.

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Background checks

Background checks are required by Grace Presbytery, our insurance carriers, and the camp site. Please make sure that these checks are completed well in advance of your trip to Youthquake. Your group's Registration cannot be finalized until this is done!

Scholarship Assistance

Scholarship assistance, generally one-half the cost of the event, is available for youth who have financial concerns. Contact Gary Holloman at the Grace Presbytery office (214-630-4502 ext. 2617, or 800-678-4502 gary@gracepresbytery.org) for more information.

How to Register

- 1) Complete the Group Registration Form on page 6. You do not have to provide names at this time, just indicate how many spaces you want.
- 2) Mail it, along with a check payable to Grace Presbytery, for the entire fee (# of spaces you are reserving x \$97) to:
Margaret LaPlante, YQ Registrar
Grace Presbytery
6100 Colwell Blvd. Suite 100
Irving, TX 75039
- 3) You will receive a Confirmation Packet, with the forms you need and detailed instructions.

IMPORTANT
Each person pays the \$97
registration fee, **adults
and youth.**

Each group will also receive a **Confirmation Letter**. This **letter must be brought to camp in order for the group to check in at the event.**

Beginnings and Endings

YOUTHQUAKES begin with Registration on Friday at 8:00 pm and conclude before noon on Sunday. Three meals are provided on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. The Leadership of each conference determines individual event schedules. Schedules are always subject to the weather.

Emergency Contacts

GILMONT PROGRAM CENTER (On-Site Staff: Thomas Truitt)

6075 SH 155N, Gilmer, Texas 75644
903.797.6400
866. GILMONT (866.445.6668)

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Directions to Camp Gilmont

The camp is located about five miles northeast of Gilmer on Texas State Highway (SH) 155.

Coming from the Metroplex and points west, take either I-20 or US-80 east toward Longview until you reach Texas State Highway 155

- Highway 155 crosses I-20, just northeast of Tyler and US-80 at Big Sandy.
- Take Highway 155 north to Gilmer; where it joins US-271 on the south edge of town.
- Stay on Highways 271/155 through Gilmer.
- In Gilmer, Highway 155 will split from US-271, turning right (to the northeast) at an intersection that has a Jack in the Box on the west (left) side of the highway. If you get to the Wal-Mart or Brookshire's you have gone too far north.
- Follow Highway 155 about five more miles until you see the Gilmont sign. The camp road turns north (left) off of 155. Be careful it goes down hill and it is not always easy to see, especially in the dark.

Coming from Longview, Tyler, and Marshall will normally take State Highway 154, State Highway 300, or US 271 to Gilmer. Those highways all join or intersect Texas Highway 155 at Gilmer. Once you join with Highway 155, follow the first set of directions.

Coming from Denison, Sherman, Sulphur Springs, and points to the north may want to consider using routes such as US-69 or State Highway 11 through Greenville, Sulphur Springs, or Winnsboro, in order to get to Gilmer. Participants coming from Texarkana will come on US-59 and State Highway 155 to find the camp.

GRACE PRESBYTERY "YOUTHQUAKES"

ADULT ADVISORS' INFORMATION

Youthquakes are events for youth of Middle School and Junior High age, generally Grade 6-8.

1. Each church must send one adult advisor for every 7 youth, or any portion thereof. **Each church must send at least one female and one male adult advisor unless the church's participants are all of the same gender.** In that case, groups are still advised to bring two adults, in order to comply with Child Protection Policies. Adult advisors must be at least 21 years of age.
2. It is imperative that every group have a minimum of two adult advisors for a number of safety reasons. If advisor substitutions are needed, then the adult substitution must be of the same gender as the original advisor. Lack of adequate adult supervision may lead to a group's cancellation. Sharing of advisors between two or more churches is permissible, provided that the minimum number requirements are met.
3. The Purpose of Adult Advisors at Youthquakes:
 - a. To accompany the youth participants in the overall experience of the weekend.
 - b. To encourage the youth and their fellow adult advisors to experience fully the event; participating in all activities, creating opportunities for the youth to express their faith and their ideas.
 - c. To pray for and offer counsel to the youth participants.
 - d. To serve the youth with humor, patience, hospitality, firmness, and faithfulness.
 - e. To collaborate with the Youthquake leadership to create a safe and healthy retreat community. To watch for signs of trouble and signs of wonder. To participate in discipline as well as celebration. To laugh and to offer sympathy when needed.
 - f. To care for themselves by taking seriously the times for rest, food, fun, worship, and networking.
4. **The Austin College Activators provide leadership for some of our events.** In many cases, they will be younger than the adults from a church group. Regardless of their age, they are still the leaders of the event. As stated above, please support and encourage these young people, offer your assistance, and help them to make this event a positive experience for everyone
5. **The Grace Presbytery "STARS", teams of youth representing the Grace Presbytery Youth Ministries Committee also participate in the leadership of these events.** This is part of our commitment to raise up leaders within the church. These young people will lead recreation, small groups, music, and/or other portions of these events, complementing our adult leadership. Please encourage these young people in their efforts to be leaders among your youth.
6. All adults present at Youthquake will be responsible to help with the behavior of ALL youth at the retreat. Please sit among your youth during group events and exercise crowd control, especially when requested by event leadership.
7. If, for some reason, we find ourselves short of small group leaders, the remainder will be recruited at the event. Leaders will receive "leader-friendly" material at the retreat. Please be available to assist when and where you are needed.

8. Adult Advisors are asked to review the rules ("Covenant of Community") for the retreat with their youth before the event in a positive manner. Every adult is expected to sign the "Covenant" and abide by those rules as well. The "Covenant of Community" and the "Release" Form are in effect from departure until return.
9. At no time are youth or adults permitted to leave camp property. The only exception would be in the event of an emergency and then with the knowledge and authorization of the Director.
10. Groups are reminded to respect the possessions of others, as well as the camp property. Pranks are not an appropriate part of the Youthquake experience. Pranks that injure or embarrass another person, or that damage, deface, or dirty the camp property will be sufficient reason for an individual or group to be dismissed from camp. Property damages will be charged to the home congregation.
11. Adult Advisors are responsible for making sure that their youth obey curfew, are in their assigned room or cabin, and should notify the Event Leaders if any youth are missing.

**GRACE PRESBYTERY
FALL YOUTHQUAKES 2010
GROUP REGISTRATION**

Name of Church _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ - _____ - _____

E-mail _____

Person Completing This Registration _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

If a different person will be leading the group at Youthquake, please complete the following lines:

Person Responsible for Group at Youthquake _____

Leader's E-Mail Address: _____

Leader's Phone Number: _____

Registration Request:

For which Youthquake are you registering? (Please check the appropriate line. If you do have a second choice, please place a "2" in the appropriate line.)

____ November 5-7, 2010 – Gilmont #1 ____ November 12-14, 2010 – Gilmont #2

Number of Spaces Requested _____

Registration Fee Enclosed \$ _____

For Registrar's Use:

Date Received _____

TOTAL AMOUNT PAID \$ _____ **CHECK #** _____ **DATE** _____