



*SENIOR HIGH YOUTH CONNECTION*

Presented by:  
Youth Ministry Committee - Grace Presbytery  
Austin College - Sherman

***Where: Austin College, Sherman, Texas***

***When: January 27-29, 2012***

***Cost: \$50.00 before January 13, 2012***

***\$65.00 after January 13, 2012***

## Important Things to Know About Registration

- 1) Adult advisors and youth must register as a group. Youth who wish to participate in SHYC but are not part of a youth group are encouraged to link up with another church. If you are not sure who is attending from your area, please email Gary Holloman at [gary@gracepresbytery.org](mailto:gary@gracepresbytery.org) .
  
- 2) Registrations will not be considered complete until payment (credit card or check) is received.  
Checks can be mailed to:        Grace Presbytery  
   c/o Gary Holloman  
   6100 Colwel Blvd., Suite 100  
   Irving, TX 75039
  
- 3) All registrations will be made online at [www.regonline.com/shyc2012](http://www.regonline.com/shyc2012) .  
(All other means – e-mail, fax, phone, or in person – cannot be accepted). If you have any questions please contact Gary Holloman at the Grace Presbytery Office (214-393-5617, 800-678-4502 ext. 5617, or [gary@gracepresbytery.org](mailto:gary@gracepresbytery.org) .
  
- 4) Registrations will **open December 5, 2011.**  
Registrations will **close January 13, 2012.**
  
- 5) In registering, groups will reserve spots by providing names of the youth and adults attending.
  - a) On the closing date, **January 13, 2012**, all spaces purchased become non-refundable. Prior to this date, a **\$15 non-refundable** fee will be kept for any cancelled spots.
  - b) Any additions, substitutions or cancellations can be made online until registration closes on January 13, 2012. Any additions, substitutions or cancellations after January 13, 2012 need to be made at SHYC registration on Friday evening January 27, 2012 using the **"Drop/Add Form"** attached to the SHYC registration information Packet.
  
- 6) As they are registered, groups will receive a preliminary confirmation email of their registration.
  
- 7) Adult Advisor Background checks are required by Grace Presbytery. Please make sure that these checks are completed and mailed to the Presbytery office by January 13, 2012. Your group's Registration cannot be finalized until this is done!
  
- 8) After full payment has been received and your attending Adult Advisors have been cleared by background checks a Confirmation Letter will be emailed to your registrar. This Confirmation Letter will be needed to check-in your group at SHYC 2012
  
- 9) 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 (214-393-5617, or 800-678-4502 ext. 5617 [gary@gracepresbytery.org](mailto:gary@gracepresbytery.org) ) for more information.

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## ADULT ADVISORS' GUIDELINES

***Please have all Adult Advisors read and sign this form.  
Keep a copy with your Covenants.***

As adult sponsors, primary responsibilities and opportunities are:

- To support the staff, planning team and small group leader in the task of bringing God's people together in a faith community.
- To be available to the youth as an adult friend and counselor.
- To see that the youth participants are at all scheduled events.
- To support the youth in implementing ideas from the event back in the home church.

### **Adult Leadership:**

- 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.
- At least one Adult Advisor from each participating group must attend the Friday night Sponsors' Meeting.
- Adult Advisors, who so indicate on their registration form, will be assigned to a Small Group. The Small Group experience is an important part of the SHYC event, and adults have the option to become part of a Small Group. No more than two adults will be placed in a Small Group, and when possible, they will not be placed in a group with youth from their congregation. Adults are to be participants in the Small Group, not leaders. They will be expected to be supportive of the leadership.
- 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.
- Adults are responsible to help with the behavior of ALL youth at this event. Please sit among your youth during group events and exercise appropriate crowd control, especially when requested to do so by a Planning Team member.
- Advisors are fully responsible for their group's behavior at all times and in all places. Profanity, slamming doors, and running through hotel hallways will not only disturb other guests, but hotels may close their doors to our gathering altogether. Any damages suffered at either the hotel or Austin College will be charged to the church, whose youth and/or adults are found to be responsible, and those youth, and/or that church and its leaders may not be permitted to return to the next SHYC.
- While it is difficult for the planning team to set and enforce QUIET HOURS, we strongly encourage each group to set responsible Quiet Times for their groups at the hotel or host church. We recommend that those hours be at least 12:30-7:00 a.m. Our Planning Team will honor those hours, and we expect that groups will follow this example and honor the decisions that are made. We will ask hotels to report any disturbances to us, and we will take steps to insure that such incidents do not happen in the future, including the asking of individuals and youth groups to sit out the next SHYC event.
- Adult Advisors are not to indulge in the use of alcohol during the SHYC weekend.