

# District Blitz 2016

*Student Information Packet*



**Duluth, MN, April 15-17**

# F.A.Q.

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## What is District Blitz?

The best weekend of the year! District Blitz is a state-wide EFCA youth conference held once a year. It's a weekend to hang out with friends and learn more about God. We play games, swim, eat, hang out, explore Duluth, and attend four awesome rallies! Each rally includes worship, prayer, and messages to challenge students on what a real relationship with Jesus actually looks like in their personal, everyday lives. There are also breakout sessions on important topics, and the students pick which to attend based on what sounds interesting to them. It's a great opportunity to connect with friends, leaders, and The Lord. We want you to come with us!

## Who can attend?

Students 5<sup>th</sup> grade through 8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend with us, even if they're not a part of our youth group. Please note that registration is broken into blocks, so students will register at different times.

## When is it?

April 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>

Students will gather at 3pm on Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> to check in and get everything ready to head out. Parents are invited to drop luggage off at the church early that day if they wish and have students walk to PVC after school.

We will return at approximately 5pm on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Please plan on meeting your student at church at that time.

## Where is it?

District Blitz is in Duluth this year!

### **Duluth Entertainment Convention Center**

350 Harbor Drive  
Duluth, MN 55802  
(218) 722-5573  
[www.decc.org](http://www.decc.org)

## What will we do?

Our schedule will be flexible as we adapt to opportunities to be together, but the conference has produced a tentative schedule to give us an idea of what to expect. See “Tentative Conference Schedule” page.

## How much?

~~\$159~~ **\$119!** – this amount includes food for the weekend, lodging at a great hotel (with two pools!), travel, and conference fees. If this is more than your family can afford at this stage, please contact James ([james@pvwinona.com](mailto:james@pvwinona.com)) to discuss ways to raise support or receive a scholarship – we don’t want anyone to miss out because of cost!

## When do I register?

Because we have limited seats available, registration will occur in three stages. Once we are full, students will be added to a waiting list.

**Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>:** 8<sup>th</sup> grader pre-registration. We want to make sure our 8<sup>th</sup> graders get a chance to go with us before they graduate, so any 8<sup>th</sup> grader (whether or not they are part of our youth group) may register during this time.

**Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> – Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>:** All youth group student registration. We want to make sure our students get a chance to go before friends fill up the registration. Any student who has attended Sunday School or Wednesday Night Youth Group once in the last three months may register during this time.

**Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>:** Open Registration. Any students, 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade, may register during this time.

**Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup>:** Late registration. Registration at this point will go up to ~~\$189~~ \$159.

## How do I register?

1. Go to <http://bit.ly/thrivedistrictsform> to submit initial registration information.
2. Make payment of ~~\$159~~ **\$119!** (~~\$189~~ \$159 after March 19th) by cash or check to Pleasant Valley Church
3. Submit “Medical Release and Permission Form” (PV’s release form at [pvwinona.com](http://pvwinona.com)), “District Blitz Medical Release,” and “District Blitz Code of Conduct” (both attached to this document) no later than Friday, April 8th.

## More Questions?

Please contact James ([james@pvwinona.com](mailto:james@pvwinona.com)) with any questions you may have about District Blitz or registration!

# Tentative Conference Schedule

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## Friday, April 15

- 1:00-3:00 PM "Be Still, Know God" pre-conference prayer event
- 6:00-8:30 On-site check-in at the registration area. *Head youth worker only, PLEASE!!!*
- 7:15-8:00 Pre-rally prayer in the Lake Superior Ballroom
- 8:00 Doors Open
- 8:30-10:00 Evening Rally in the Arena
- 8:40-9:10 Head youth worker orientation meeting in the Lake Superior Ballroom
- 10:00-10:45 Breakout Sessions by groups
- 11:00 In hotels
- 11:30 In hotel rooms and quiet for the night

## Saturday, April 16

- 7:30 AM Breakfast on your own
- 8:30 Doors open
- 8:15-8:45 Pre-rally prayer in the Lake Superior Ballroom
- 9:00-10:30 Morning Rally in the Arena
- 10:45-11:15 Breakout Sessions by groups
- 11:30-12:30 Seminars / Workshops
- 12:30 PM Lunch on your own
- 1:00-6:00 Recreation and Ministry options
- 4:00-5:00 Dinner on your own
- 6:00-7:00 Seminars / Workshops
- 7:10-7:40 Pre-rally prayer in the Lake Superior Ballroom
- 7:20 Doors open
- 7:55-9:55 Evening Rally in the Arena
- 9:55 Breakout Sessions by groups
- 11:15 In hotels
- 11:30 In hotel rooms and quiet for the night

## Sunday, April 17

- 8:00 AM Check-out and breakfast before leaving for the rally
- 9:30-10:00 Pre-rally prayer in the Lake Superior Ballroom
- 10:00 Doors open
- 10:30-11:30 Closing Rally in the Arena
- 12:00 PM Lunch & head home

# Medical Release Form (student)

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## District Blitz Conference, April 15-17, 2016

Because of the increasing sophistication of our hospital systems, we have found it necessary to have signed parental release forms in the unlikely event of some serious injury requiring hospital treatment. Since many hospitals will not administer any medical treatment to a minor without some parental consent this release forms gives us permission to take your child to the nearest available medical facility and have the necessary medical treatment administered.

Please read and sign the statement below. This provides permission to seek whatever medical attention may be necessary. It also releases North Central District of the Evangelical Free Church of America, CNC (Converge North Central), Trout Lake Camps and / or the church's personnel from any liability against personal injury or loss.

*We understand the arrangements and believe that necessary precautions and plans for the care and supervision of the child will be taken during this conference. Beyond this, We will not hold responsible the North Central District of the Evangelical Free Church, CNC (Converge North Central), Trout Lake Camps or any of the conference staff. In case of emergency I understand that every effort will be made to contact me. If I cannot be reached, I hereby give the Student Ministries Conference leadership, staff or other emergency medical personnel the permission to act on my behalf in seeking emergency medical treatment for this child in the event that such treatment is deemed necessary by the conference or church staff. I give permission to those administering emergency medical treatment to do so using those measures deemed necessary. I absolve the North Central District of the Evangelical Free Church, CNC (Converge North Central) and Trout Lake Camps and/or church personnel from Liability in acting on my behalf in this regard so long as they are not grossly negligent.*

Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent / Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

If Parent / Guardian are not available, please call person below:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Student \_\_\_\_\_

May we administer over-the-counter-medications? (e.g., aspirin, Tylenol, Advil, antibiotic ointments, etc.)  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Additional comments regarding medical history, allergies, penicillin or drug reactions, use of over-the-counter-medications, etc., that may be needed in treatment:

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# Conduct Pledge

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We want to remind each youth leader and student that we are representing Christ in Duluth. Therefore, our speech and conduct should be glorifying to God (1 Tim. 4:12; Col. 3:17). Please discuss this page with your group before the conference. We are looking forward to the best District Blitz conference ever, and hope that you will be a part of making it happen! Your cooperation is vital and greatly appreciated.

## Conduct Code

- My model for conduct and attitudes is the Lord Jesus Christ.
- I will observe all rules established by the Conference directors and will follow the code given by my church.
  - For my own safety sake, I will not leave the rally area unless given special permission by my Youth Pastor/Leader.
  - I will attend all scheduled rallies and sit with my group.
  - There will be no hand holding or arm around the opposite sex.
  - Any free time given me will be used wisely, and I will, at all times, respect the property and safety of others.
  - No members of the opposite sex are allowed in hotel rooms.
- I will (in travel to and from the rally, and during the conference) avoid all questionable activity and things which would be offensive to Christ, my parents, my church, the rally and others.

## Responsibility Pledge

- My goal in attending is for spiritual growth and to enjoy and develop friendships. I accept the responsibility for my conduct at the District Blitz Conference.
- I realize that my participation in questionable behavior will end my stay at the Conference.
- I understand that my parents/guardians will assume financial responsibility due to property damage/loss caused by me and travel cost if I am asked to leave early (only after parents have been called).
- I will not bring a radio or CD/Mp3 player or other digital audio and video devices to the Conference.
- My family and I will be praying that this conference will be an enriching experience for our entire youth group.

*We have read and agree to follow the conduct code and responsibility pledge.*

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_