



2010 Junior High Florida Information Packet

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Dear Youth Director,

Hello there! If you're reading this, you are probably considering bringing a group of students to Jr. High RYM in Panama City Beach, Florida, June 21st-25th—either that, or you're just really bored and looking for obscure online documents to read. If that's the case, more power to you. However, I'm going to assume for the sake of this short note that you are a member of the former group, rather than the latter.

Now that we have that narrowed down, I'd like to take it a step further and place you into one of three categories. You are A.) A youth director who has experience with RYM and already have kids pestering you about the 2010 Edition, and you're trying to find a bone—a scrap of information about the conference—with which to whet their appetites; B.) A youth director who hasn't been to RYM before, but you have heard good things about the ministry and want to know more; or C.) You literally stumbled upon this page, know virtually nothing about RYM, and are just curious.

In whatever category you find yourself, this website can answer most any question you may have, about our ministry in general, or about the 2010 Jr. High conference specifically. Please spend some time looking around the site, as well as perusing the information we already have posted for our time together this summer. If you have comments or questions, please feel free to contact RYM Worship Coordinator, Cathy Wilkins, at 919-889-9231 or cathywilkins@rymonline.org, or Executive Director, Joey Stewart, at (901)-581-7579 or jstewart@rymonline.org. You are also more than welcome to contact me with questions related to the Jr. High conference at (901)-628-4574 or brian@stpatrickpres.com. I look forward to getting to know you better over the upcoming months. May the Lord bless us as we seek to teach another generation of the love and goodness of Jesus!

Grace and Peace,

Brian Henson
Jr. High RYM Conference Director

RYM 2010 Junior High Florida Conference

Dates: June 21-25 (Check-in Begins at 3:00 PM on June 21st)

Location: Laguna Beach Christian Retreat
20016 Front Beach Road
Panama City Beach, FL 32413
(901) 481-5215

Main Speaker: Reverend Joey Stewart

Theme: Who is in Control? The Sovereignty of God

Cost: \$300 per person (If paid by April 19, 2010)

TIMELINE OF DUE DATES FOR DEPOSITS & FORMS

February 1, 2010: Group Reservation Forms and Deposits due

*A \$100 per person **non-refundable deposit** is due at the time of reservation. Spots cannot be secured without a deposit and are reserved on a first-come first-served basis.*

April 19, 2010:

Full Balance, Group Attendance List and Individual Registrations due

A \$25 per person late fee will be added to all balances paid after April 19, 2010.

No refunds or credits will be given.

If a student drops out you must fill their spot by May 24, 2010.

May 24, 2010: Registration Closed

MAILING INFORMATION

Please mail all registration forms, deposits, balances, etc. to:

**RYM
P.O. Box 697
Cookeville, TN 38503**

2010 RYM JUNIOR HIGH FLORIDA

June 21-25, 2010 Conference Schedule

Monday

3:00-5:00 p.m.	Registration (Rachel's Kitchen) Sign up for Electives & Activities (Mary's Kitchen)
5:30-7:00 p.m.	Supper (Martha's Kitchen)
6:30-7:30 p.m.	Youth Leader & Chaperone Meeting (Mary's Kitchen)
7:45-9:15 p.m.	Evening Worship (Promise Land)
9:30-10:15 p.m.	Small Groups-Meet with your youth leader
10:15 pm	Late Arrivals - Sign up for Electives & Activities (Mary's Kitchen)
10:15-11:15 p.m.	Free Time/Swimming in Pools
11:15 p.m.	Go to Rooms
12:00 a.m.	Lights Out

Tuesday

7:30-8:15 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30-9:00 a.m.	Devotions-Meet with your youth leader
9:15-9:45 a.m.	Morning Assembly (Promised Land)
10:00-10:45 a.m.	First Elective Class
10:45-11:15 a.m.	Morning Break (Snack Shop!)
11:15-12:00 a.m.	Second Elective Class
12:00-1:00 p.m.	Lunch.
12:30-5:30 p.m.	Free Time at the Beach/Scheduled Activities Mega Rec Beach Volleyball Basketball Ultimate Frisbee Parasailing Banana Boats
6:00-7:15 p.m.	Supper
7:00-7:25 p.m.	Youth Leader & Chaperone Prayer (Mary's Kitchen)
7:30-9:00 p.m.	Evening Assembly
9:15-10:00 p.m.	Small Groups-Meet with your youth leader
10:00-10:30 p.m.	Free Time
10:30 p.m.	Go to Rooms
11:15 p.m.	Lights Out

Wednesday

7:30-8:15 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30-9:00 a.m.	Devotions-Meet with your youth leader/counselor
9:15-9:45 a.m.	Morning Assembly
10:00-10:45 a.m.	First Elective Class
11:00-11:45 a.m.	Second Elective Class
11:45-12:45 p.m.	Lunch.
12:30-6:00 p.m.	Free Day!! Water Park Pier Park Hang at the Beach Snorkeling, Etc.
6:00-7:15 p.m.	Pizza & Ice Cream!!
6:45-7:45 p.m.	Mid-Week Youth Director/Chaperone Meeting (Mary's Kitchen) Youth Leaders & Chaperones: PLEASE go to front of line and get your food so you can be on time!
8:00-9:30 p.m.	Evening Assembly
9:45-10:30 p.m.	Small Groups-Meet with your youth leader
10:30 p.m.	Go to Rooms
11:15 p.m.	Lights Out

Thursday

7:30-8:15 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30-9:00 a.m.	Devotions-Meet with your youth leader/counselor
9:15-9:45 a.m.	Morning Assembly
10:00-10:45 a.m.	First Elective Class
10:45-11:15 a.m.	Morning Break (Snack Shop!)
11:15-12:00 a.m.	Second Elective Class
12:00-1:00 p.m.	Lunch.
12:30-5:30 p.m.	Free Time at the Beach/Scheduled Activities Mega Rec Beach Volleyball Basketball Ultimate Frisbee Parasailing Banana Boats
6:00-7:00 p.m.	Supper
6:45-7:10 p.m.	Youth Leader & Chaperone Prayer (Mary's Kitchen)
7:15-9:00 p.m.	Evening Assembly
9:15-10:00 p.m.	Small Groups-Meet with your youth leader or counselor
10:00-11:00 p.m.	Free Time
11:00 p.m.	Go to Rooms
11:45 p.m.	Lights Out

Friday

7:30 am	Pack and Clean Up * * * * Breakfast will NOT be served
9:30 am	Departure (Must be out for next group)

2010 Summer Conference Theme Description

Who is in Control? The Sovereignty of God

One of the most amazing truths in all of Scripture is something totally unique to Christianity, something that no other religion has ever taught or even tried to articulate. It is so powerful that if you really believe it, it will give you hope in difficulty, thankfulness in prosperity, and grace in suffering. The Bible teaches that God makes *all* things work out for the good of his people and for his own glory. It teaches that Jesus is reigning *right now* and that this suffering Savior is the ruling Lord of the universe. While evil appears to be winning and human suffering seems to leach all the joy and hope out of life, the picture we see in Scripture is of a God who is both powerful enough and loving enough to limit evil, a God who put boundaries around suffering, and a God who takes all the bad things in the world and actually uses them in the lives of his people to accomplish his purpose of making all things in this world brand new. This wonderful truth is known as the *Sovereignty of God*. So this week, join us in the mountains as we look at the many facets of God's loving, powerful control over all things. If you can get your head around this, it will essentially give you a whole new way to see the world—in short—a new life! Now, *that* would be a week well spent!

Main Speaker

Reverend Joey Stewart

Joey Stewart is the Executive Director of RYM. He graduated from the University of Mississippi in 1988 where he also became involved in the ministry of Reformed University Fellowship (RUF). After college he attended Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, MS and graduated with a Master of Divinity in 1992. After spending several summers ministering to youth at IPC Memphis, Alpine Camp for Boys, Twin Lakes Camp, and Grenada PCA, he became the Director of Youth and Educational Ministries at First Presbyterian Church in Yazoo City, MS where he ministered for nearly 5 years. In 1993 he accepted a call to become the organizing pastor and later senior pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church, PCA in Cookeville, TN where he served for 14 years. He then accepted a call in February of 2007 to become the Executive Director of Reformed Youth Ministries (RYM). Joey has served on the RYM Board of Directors since 1990.

Joey married Connie Cawthorn in June of 1990 and together they have four fallen yet fabulous children, Ashley (18), Joe (16), Hannah (13), and Jennifer (8). The Stewart family currently resides in Cookeville, TN.



Joey loves Dallas Cowboy football, movies, Lost, 24, golf, and desserts!

2010 Jr. High RYM Tentative Elective Class List

1. Who Am I? Finding My Identity in Christ – Girls Only
2. God Seems So Far Away! How Do I Make the Most Out of My Devotional Life?
3. So What's the Big Deal about Church Anyway?
4. Does God Really Love & Accept Me?
Justification/Adoption/Sanctification
5. How Do I Deal with Sin & Temptation in My Life?
6. What Is God Really Like? The Attributes of God
7. How Can I Help My Unbelieving Friends to Know Jesus? Evangelism & Discipleship
8. What is a Christian?



What to Bring to Jr. High RYM

- **Linens & Pillows**
- **Bath & Beach Towels**
- **Bible, pen, and a notebook**
- **Swimsuit, hat, & sunscreen**
- **Spending money (for books, snacks, and additional activities)**
- **A medium-sized cooler for your room would probably be helpful, even though many rooms have refrigerators.**

Do NOT bring valuables such as electronics & jewelry.

Frequently Asked Questions

How many chaperones do I need?

RYM does not have a student/chaperone ratio requirement, please use your judgment as you know your students better than we do. However, a good rule of thumb is a 1:6 chaperone to student ratio.

Can chaperones bring children along?

No, no exceptions.

Do I need a male & a female chaperone?

If you are bringing both male and female students, yes.

Are “tankini” swimsuits OK?

Modest tankini and one-piece swimsuits are OK.

Can I request a certain room?

No.

Can I request to room with another group?

Yes, if the request is made by May 24, 2010. However, we can make no guarantees since housing is tight.

Can I make changes to my registration list?

Yes. You may exchange students on your list up until May 24, 2010. After May 24th you may only exchange a male student for another male, and a female for another female. Please e-mail all changes to cathywilkins@rymonline.org. Exchanging students will not incur a late fee. However, any additional registrations after April 19 will incur a \$25 per person late fee. Registration will close May 24, 2010.

What should we do on our day out (Wednesday)?

Most groups traditionally attend Shipwreck Island, a local water park. Discount tickets are available at the Laguna Office. Also, a new shopping center & movie theater, Pier Park, is located about 2.5 miles east of Laguna. Your group is also welcome to stay on site and swim, sleep, etc. However, there are no lifeguards on Wednesday, so chaperones must accompany students to the beach and pool. For more information and ideas please visit www.pcbeach.org.

Tips for First Timers

Arrival: What to do and where to go

Registration begins at 3:00 pm on Monday, June 21st. You will not be able to register early. When you arrive at Laguna Beach Christian Retreat Center, send ONE youth leader/chaperone to Rachel's Kitchen for registration & instructions. Students should proceed directly to elective sign ups at Mary's Kitchen. Pools & beaches will be open from 3:00 - 5:00 pm. Dinner will be served at 5:30.

What is Laguna Beach Retreat Center like?

LBRC is located on Scenic Highway 98, directly on the beach. It has a number of swimming pools, basketball courts, a gift and snack shop. Students sleep in various dorms and houses according to RYM housing assignments. You may or may not be rooming with another group. Bedding and linens are not provided, so you will want to bring them. You can find out more about the facility at the Laguna Beach website, www.christiancamp.com.

Small Group Time

Each night following worship there will be a designated small group time where you will lead your own students in follow-up questions/discussion relating to the evening's sermon. Each person planning to lead a small group will want to take notes during the sermons to aid in discussion. There will also be devotional time in the morning designed for students to have personal quiet time. We will provide materials for small group and individual devotionals.

What is Mega Rec?

Mega Rec is a team competition of unorthodox games and activities on the beach and at the pool areas on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Teams of 15-20 will be comprised of youth from different churches and assigned by RYM staff. A team roster will be posted in the Promised Land on Monday. All Jr. High students are required to participate in Mega Rec.

Required Adult Meetings

At least one leader from each group must attend the meetings listed below. Please make sure you have at least one adult NOT attending these meetings to keep an eye on your group during this time.

Leadership Meetings:

Monday from 6:30 - 7:30 pm in Mary's Kitchen

Wednesday from 6:45 - 7:45 pm in Mary's Kitchen

One Final Tip:

Jr. High students require more sleep! Make sure you enforce "lights out" on time for your sake and theirs!