

DISTRICT BLITZ 2017

Youth Worker Information Packet



Duluth, MN - April 21-23

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ABOUT DISTRICT BLITZ

District Blitz is an annual student ministries conference hosted by the North Central District of the EFCA and CNC (Converge North Central). The purpose of District Blitz is:

“To provide a conference that challenges students to love God, love one another, and love the lost.”

It is our prayer that this event will help in the spiritual development and transformation of your students. We strive to accomplish this through teaching that is biblical, energetic, and challenging as well as through worship times, practical workshops, and prayer rallies. Of course, there's also lots of time for you to be together as a group building and deepening relationships.

This conference is designed as a growth-level event. During our sessions, there will be a "call" for students that may be new to understanding who Jesus is. However, the overall presentation of the conference is intended for students who are already Christians and wanting to grow in their walk with Christ.

We know that these conferences take a lot of time and work to plan, so please don't hesitate to contact us. We plan to put additional resources on our websites as well.

Blessings,
Glenn Olson & Tait Hoglund

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PLANNING CHECKLIST

- Read this registration packet and decide whether your group will attend.
- Remember to budget costs for the weekend, including transportation and meals. We suggest adding about \$5-\$7 per meal. Many groups bring supplies for meals and some hotels offer continental breakfast. Run the numbers to figure out how much to charge your students factoring in your leaders' cost if necessary.
- Get information into the hands of your students by the middle of January.
- Seating assignments are determined by your group's registration date. Payment must be received for your registration date to count.
- Registration will open online February 1, 2017.

Online: Go to www.districtblitz.org using a credit card starting February 1.

Phone: CNC churches may call Shanae at 218-543-7516.
EFCA churches may call Jena at 612-991-8150.

Fax: Fax CNC forms to 218-543-7550 using a credit card starting February 1.

Email: EFCA churches can also email Jena at jena.ncd@gmail.com.

Mail: If you need to send a check, CNC churches may make it payable to Trout Lake Camps and send it to District Blitz, c/o Trout Lake Camps, 10173 Trout Lake Drive, Pine River, MN 56474

EFCA churches, mail check registrations to District Blitz, c/o NCD of the EFCA, 711 10th Ave S., Minneapolis, MN 55415

- Make hotel reservations for your group. Please be as accurate as possible. A list of conference hotels is included in the registration information with instructions on how to do it. Be sure to call and confirm your hotel registration 14 days prior to the conference.
- Add additional students to group until April 7 (\$15 late fee for each student from April 7–21).
- All registrations are transferable (within your group? See page 13), but not refundable.
- Provide an email address that is checked regularly where additional Conference information, confirmation packet and small attachments can be sent.

TENTATIVE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Friday, April 21

- 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 22

- 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 23

- 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

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

Rallies

Each rally includes worship, student-led prayer, and messages to challenge students about their understanding of the Gospel. This will also challenge them in 2 ways; 1. Examine how the Gospel is changing their lives personally and 2. How the Gospel gives direction to relationships around them. “Gospel Clarity!” Students will find the rallies fun, encouraging, and challenging.

Begin praying now for our speakers and worship leaders at each of the rallies, as well as prepared heart for adults and students attending.

Seminars/Workshops

We desire students to go deeper in their faith and knowledge of Jesus Christ, so we are offering a number of different seminars and workshops that will encourage them to live out their faith in all areas of their life.

Students and leaders can select two seminars/workshops that interest them (Saturday from 11:30_{AM}-12:30_{PM} and then 6:00-7:00_{PM}). A list of all the available seminars/workshops will be available with the confirmation packets, which you can review with your students prior to the conference.

Breakout Sessions

Following each of the rallies, groups will have a time to meet to discuss and interact with what they just heard. We have a limited number of rooms so larger groups will be assigned spaces. You may want to check with your hotel about open meeting spaces prior to arriving in Duluth.

Afternoon Options & Ministry Projects

We will have several recreation options available for groups. In addition, students will have the opportunity to help local churches and ministries by providing various services for them. We will have 300-500 spots available.

All projects will last approximately 90 minutes, including driving time (if necessary). More details on these opportunities will be available with your confirmation packet around April 10.

Prayer Time

About 45 minutes prior to each rally, we will have a time set aside for students and leaders that want to commit our rally time to the Lord. This time is spent in large group and small group prayer. We will also have students that will pray for our rallies on stage during each session. Please consider finding someone in your youth ministry that is willing to start a prayer team prior to the conference.

"Be Still, Know God" Prayer Event

Want to help your students reach a new level of getting to know God through prayer as well as preparing their hearts for what God will do during District Blitz? Bring them to our "Be Still, Know God" prayer event in the DECC from 1:00-3:00 _{PM} on Friday. There will be worship and prayer, individually and in small groups. This event is designed to help students embrace intimacy with God through prayer and to teach them different ways to pray. We can't really think of a better way to begin your District Blitz weekend.

Note: This event is optional, but if you're able to come, we suggest eating an early lunch so that you can be at the DECC by noon. ("Get-Out-Of-School Early" forms are available on page 20.) The event will run until 3:00 _{PM}, at which time you will have a chance to check into your hotel, eat dinner, and then make your way to the conference registration area.

Meals

All groups will be responsible for their own meals while at the conference. Some hotels offer a continental breakfast and some of the hotels also have refrigerators in the guest rooms. There are several fast food locations in the area, however, you may need transportation to get to them. There are grocery stores and pizza places that are less than 2 miles away.

Location & Directions

All Rallies and Seminars will be held at the DECC.

Duluth Entertainment Convention Center

350 Harbor Drive
Duluth, MN 55802
(218) 722-5573
www.decc.org

Parking/Transportation

Most of our blocked hotels are within walking distance to the DECC. Check a map to be sure your hotel is within walking distance. To keep your parking costs to a minimum, we recommend that you arrange for parking at your hotel and utilize the Skyway system. The parking lot at the conference location will have enough parking spaces to accommodate all vehicle types, buses, and trailers. Each time you have a vehicle enter the DECC parking lot you will have to pay a parking attendant. We are currently negotiating reduced parking rates with the Duluth Visitors Bureau for our conference participants. You will have the option of parking your vehicles overnight at the DECC for the entire weekend, should you wish.

Health Forms & Medical Personnel

All students and leaders are required to bring a completed copy of the enclosed health form to be turned in at registration. Many of you have your own medical forms (email us to approve your medical form), but we do need one specifically for the conference. We will have certified medical personnel present at all locations and our largest hotels. In the event of an emergency, it would be best to call 911 or go directly to the hospital.

Youth Leader Expectations

The focus of this weekend is ministering to students. We trust leaders will set the example by following conference rules and encouraging their students to do the same. The main leader in your youth group must attend a brief orientation meeting on Friday evening during the first rally. We will also have many of the rules and expectations printed in our conference handbook.

Head Youth Leader Orientation Meeting

We have a head youth leader orientation meeting scheduled for 8:40 ^{PM} on Friday. This will be the time we review the schedule for the weekend and answer questions.

DISTRICT BLITZ SPEAKERS

Gospel Clarity are words that describe the direction for District Blitz this year. What if every student and every adult leader understood the impact that the Gospel has both on our salvation but also our every day life. It impacts how we see ourselves and how we look at others. It impacts our character and our mission in life.

To think that Jesus dying on the cross can be the single greatest..."

This year we will have multiple speakers addressing and bringing clarity to what the Gospel is and how it transforms all of life.

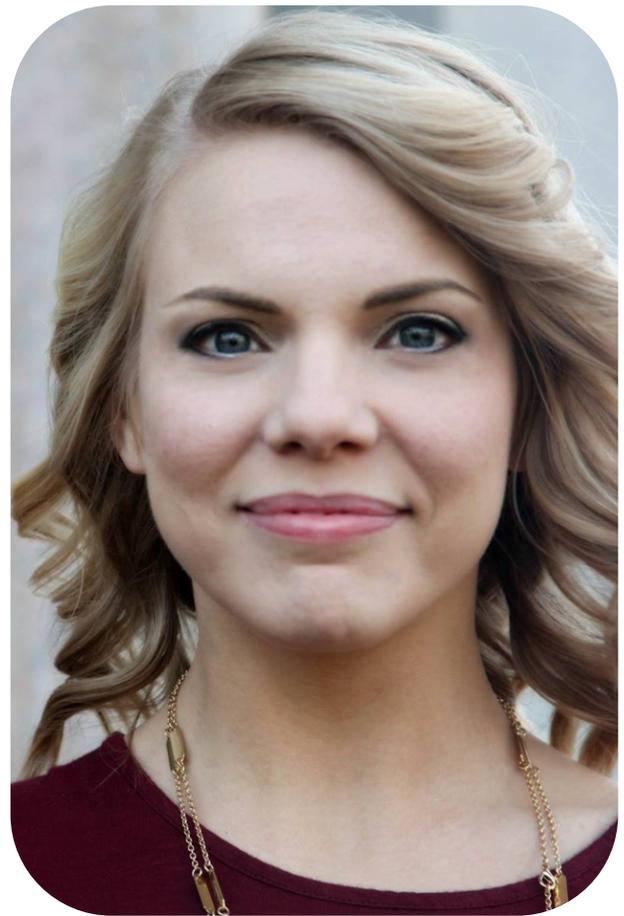
Main Stage Featuring:

Speakers

Cesar Castillejos



Kylee Larson



(Speakers Continued)

Kirsten King



Jeremy Deck



Conference EmCees – Mike & Nate



Spoken Word – David Bowden



Worship – Good Little Giants



Good Little Giants founders Scott Phillips and Shane Maze add a modern, dance-worthy pop twist to their singer/songwriter, folk, and bluegrass roots with their latest offering, *ARROWS*. From humble beginnings as an acoustic vocal trio, GLG has grown into larger, more energetic audiences and venues and are bringing their music right along with them. *ARROWS* adds synth, electric guitars, big gang vocals and stadium-sized melodic hooks to their earlier, more subdued and mellow folk projects. The result is a dynamic, matured sound geared toward listeners who want to be entertained with fun music, but also want to plumb the depths of a faithful believer's walk. Good Little Giants is excited to be a part of the District Blitz 2017 line up!

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

In order to assure a smooth and quick registration the day you arrive in Duluth, please make sure you have completed all of the following items:

1. As Soon As Possible:

- Familiarize yourself with the Conference Information Overview.
- Make reservations for housing your group.
- Collect all fees.

2. Between February 1 and April 7:

- Register your group between February 1 and April 7 (see page 4 for details).
- Add additional students to your group until April 7 (\$15 Late fee applies from April 7–21).

*** Remember, registration fees are transferable within each youth group, but registration fees are non-refundable.*

- Look for the confirmation packet, which will be mailed/mailed to you two weeks before the conference. It will include maps and recreation information.

3. Sometime before April 21:

- Make sure all of your students, parents and sponsors are familiar with the Conduct Code and Guidelines Pledge.

4. On April 21:

- On site check-in will be from 6:00-8:30 ^{PM} on Friday, April 21, in the registration area at the DECC. The head youth worker should come and check your church in. Please bring a copy of your Group Registration Sign-up Sheet knowing the exact number of students and sponsors in your group and one complete set of health forms of your group.

*****Please do not bring your youth group into the check in area.*****

- Pick up your seating assignments and wristbands. (Note: Wristbands serve as tickets to the conference and must be worn at all times. Broken wristbands may be turned in and replaced. Lost bands will cost \$15.)

GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

Note: This form is necessary only if mailing in a check; otherwise, please register online at www.districtblitz.org.

Church Name:

Date:

Person Completing Form:

Church Address:

City/State/Zip:

Church Phone:

Your Phone:

Your Email:

Registration Type (circle):

Original Registration

Additional Registration #1

Additional Registration #2

(If you are sending in additional registrations, please include only the numbers of NEW registrants.)

Supervising Adult in Duluth (required):

Cell Phone of Supervising Adult:

	Number Registering
Middle School Boys	
Middle School Girls	
High School Boys	
High School Girls	
Youth Leader (Male)	
Youth Leader (Female)	
Total Registering =	
x ___/person	\$
Total \$ Enclosed	\$

If Using a Credit Card	<input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> Discover
Card Number:	
Expiration Date:	
3-Digit code:	
Cardholder Name:	
Address:	
City/State/Zip:	
Amount to charge:	
Signature:	

CNC & Other Denominations make checks payable to Trout Lake Camps. EFCA Churches make checks payable to EFCA. Credit cards will be processed on the day registration is received.

HOUSING INFORMATION

You are responsible for securing housing arrangements at one of the local hotels. Below is information on hotels that have blocked off a certain number of rooms for us at our conference rate. You can see the number of rooms blocked, cost per room, and other information here.

Most rooms reserved are double doubles (DD), which sleep 4 comfortably, and in some cases more with sleeping bags on the floor. The hotel costs and number of people per room should be taken into consideration in computing per person costs for your trip. Please confirm with your hotel what type of room you are getting and the max count per room!

All hotels will release the unused rooms one month prior to the conference, but hotels usually book up long before then. We recommend contacting your selected hotel as soon as possible.

When you call, identify yourself as being part of the "District Blitz Conference." Let them know how many rooms your group may need, and ask for the rate listed below. All hotel prices are subject to a 13% state & local tax. Check-in time is after 3 PM on Friday and check-out is by noon on Sunday.

Youth leaders, like students, are expected to comply with hotel rules. You are responsible for the conduct of your youth group. We want our attitudes and actions to be the best possible testimony in the name of Jesus Christ.

Hotel	Price	People per Room	Phone Contact	Rooms
Best Western Edgewater	\$ 99	Up to 5 (2 Queen)	800-777-7925 (Contact: Sarah Warner)	125
	\$ 129	Up to 5 (2 Queen)		
	\$ 169	Up to 8 (Suites)		
	\$ 139	Up to 7 (2 Queen, 1 Bunk Bed)		
	\$ 139	Up to 7 (2 Queen, 1 Hideaway)		
	\$ 159	Up to 7 (King, 2 Queen)		
	\$ 179	Up to 9 (King, 2 Queen, 1 Hideaway)		
Radisson Hotel Harborview	\$ 92	Up to 5 (DD)	218-727-8981 (Contact: Ari Eilola)	80
Holiday Inn	\$ 89	Up to 6 (DD)	218-722-1202 (Contact: Debbie)	150
The Suites Hotel	\$ 94	Up to 3 (King)	218-727-4663 (Contact: Debbie)	30
	\$ 94	Up to 5 (DD)		
	\$ 94	Up to 5 (King + Sleeper)		
	\$ 134	Up to 7 (Poolside Suites)		
	\$ 134	Up to 6 (Two Bedroom Suites)		
	\$ 134	Up to 6 (Jacuzzi Suites)		
Canal Park Lodge	\$ 134	Up to 5 (DD)	218-279-6000 (Contact: Regina)	50
Hampton Inn Canal Park	\$ 119	Up to 5 (2 Queen City)	218-720-3000 (Contact: Chelle)	50
	\$ 139	Up to 5 (2 Queen Lake)		

Tell Hotel....

"District Blitz Conference April 21 – 23, 2017"

HOUSING FORM

Please mail, fax, or email this form directly to your hotel no later than two weeks before the conference.

Church Name: _____ Housing Dates: April 21 & 22, 2017

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Church Phone: _____ Head youth worker: _____

Youth Worker Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Boys Room	
Room #	
Names	
Room #	
Names	
Room #	
Names	
Room #	
Names	

Girls Room	
Room #	
Names	
Room #	
Names	
Room #	
Names	
Room #	
Names	

Place an asterisk (*) by the names of your youth leader(s) in each room.

MEDICAL RELEASE FORM -STUDENT

District Blitz Conference, April 21-23, 2017

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:

MEDICAL RELEASE FORM -ADULT

District Blitz Conference, April 21-23, 2017

Because of the increasing sophistication of our hospital systems, we have found it necessary to have all attending youth leaders and adults provide the District Blitz Conference with a release form in the unlikely event of some serious injury requiring hospital treatment. This release gives us permission to provide a quick response to any medical treatment that may need to be 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.

I understand the arrangements and believe that the necessary precautions and plans for my care will be dealt with and handled well and in a professional and timely manner. Beyond this, I will not hold responsible the North Central District of the Evangelical Free Church of America, 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 my emergency contact. If they cannot be reached, I hereby give the District Blitz Conference leadership, staff or other emergency medical personnel the permission to act on my behalf in seeking emergency medical treatment in the event that such treatment is deemed necessary by the conference 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 of America, CNC (Converge North Central), 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 Adult Leader: _____

Insurance Company: _____ Policy Number: _____

In case of an emergency, please contact:

Name: _____ Phone #1: _____ Phone #2: _____

Relationship to Adult _____

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____

CONDUCT PLEDGE

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 (I 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: _____

Get Out of School Early Form

District Blitz Student Conference

April 21-23, 2017

DECC, Duluth, Minnesota

Dear School Officials/Teachers:

Please be informed that my child, _____, will be away from school on Friday, April 21, 2017, beginning at _____. I have given my son/daughter permission to attend a District Blitz Conference. I would appreciate it if you would make them aware of any assignments which they may miss on that Friday. Thank you.

Parent/Guardian

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