

TEEN PRAYER SUMMIT SPONSOR GUIDE



ARMS OF THE FATHER

WELCOME

The staff of the Rocky Mountain Conference Youth Department and Glacier View Ranch are happy that you're here. Leading research indicates that young people who stay in the church into adulthood have 5+ meaningful connections with church volunteers. Together, we'll engage our young people and make this weekend both meaningful & unforgettable!



EXPECTATIONS

Your role as a sponsor is integral to the success of the weekend. As such, we expect you to:



- Assume responsibility for the participants in your group, including: their behavior, language, and interaction with staff, property & other groups.
- Help us maintain the facility and property by holding & enforcing high standards of cleanliness in private rooms and the common areas.
- Stay off of electronic devices during gatherings & engage sessions.
- Actively and consistently interact with the participants & program.

need HELP?

Whether you forgot a pillow, clogged a toilet, or have a question about the next activity, GVR and RMC Youth staff are available to help. Whatever your need, simply call for help on the radio that is located in the lodge lobby.

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SHARE feedback

We are here to serve and appreciate your feedback. Comment cards are available in the lodge lobby throughout the weekend!

thank YOU!

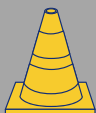
The success of the Teen Prayer Summit program starts and ends with you. We recognize and applaud the amount of dedication and sacrifice that it takes to be a local youth leader. Your work is worth it!



JANUARY 18-20, 2019

ENGAGEMENT STRATEGIES

seven tips for a successful weekend



1 SET RULES & BOUNDARIES

As a sponsor, you are responsible for supervising, leading & guiding your youth. Hold a group meeting before the weekend and clearly establish expectations for the trip.

EXAMPLE: (1. Jesus first, 2. Respect others, 3. No girls in guys rooms & vice versa, 4. Be on time, 5. etc.)



2 ENCOURAGE & INTERACT

Teenagers love to do their own thing and be their own people. They're easily distracted by the social dynamic of the weekend and need guidance. Start early and be consistent. By maintaining a positive attitude and interacting consistently, you will build momentum and can better steer the direction of the weekend.



3 SHOW GENUINE INTEREST

Sometimes it's hard work to show interest in the things our young people care about. It takes a load of mental energy to stay up to date on social apps, fads, drama and even language. If you commit to being interested, you'll build rapport and strengthen influence.



4 ASK THOUGHTFUL QUESTIONS

Be intentional in your conversation. Spend time considering what you want to achieve with your youth group and be intentional in designing questions that will guide the impact of the weekend's environment, theme and messages.



5 PRACTICE ACTIVE LISTENING

Quality listening is an often underrated component of good leadership. An active listener will make better connections, engage constructively and build empathy.



6 MODEL GOOD BEHAVIOR

As a group leader, your behavior will receive extra attention this weekend. Be a good example! Watch your language, be patient, stay off of technology, maintain healthy boundaries, keep your areas clean, volunteer extra help, and have a good attitude!



7 PARTICIPATE IN FUN

Don't stand (or sit) on the side while your youth are having fun! It may mean getting messy, snowy and cold. Other times it may be awkward or flat out something you don't want to do. Just do it! Your participation will make a world of difference.