


# Youth Program YM 2010

	Wednesday 3/31	Thursday 4/1	Friday 4/2	Saturday 4/3	Sunday 4/4
8:00 - 8:45 a.m.		Breakfast			Breakfast
8:45-11:45am <b>Youth Program</b> 9-9:50am <b>Teens join Worship Sharing</b> 10-12am <b>Teen program</b>		<b>Program:</b>			<b>Program</b> - prepare epistles.
		<b>Wee Friends: Learning to be a F(f)riend</b>	<b>Wee Friends</b>	<b>Wee Friends</b>	Join adult plenary session, <b>Share epistle.</b>
		<b>Young Friends: The teachings of Jesus through art, puppets and plays. Independent Middle*1 Jr.YM/Teens</b>	<b>Young Friends &amp; Jr. YM Independent Middle*1</b>	<b>Young Friends: Independent Middle*1: Jr.YM Business and committee meetings</b>	
12 noon-12:05 pm		<b>Parents pick up children (promptly, please)</b>			
		<b>Children under Parental care from 12:00 noon</b>			
12 noon-12:45 pm		Lunch			
1-1:30 pm 1:30-2 pm		<b>Parent/Child/Leader meeting</b>	<b>Interest Groups/Activities</b>		Clean up camp and leave for home
2-4 pm 2:30-3:45 pm		<b>Family Time</b>	<b>2-4-Friday, Saturday--Swimming Warren Willis Pool--weather permitting</b>		
4-9 pm		Check-in/Registration- Auditorium Lobby	<b>Special session (See Adult Program) Teen Fish Bowl*2</b>	<b>Easter Egg Hunt - outdoors or auditorium</b>	
5:30-6:15 pm	Dinner				
6:15-6:45 pm	Singing in dining room around piano				
7-9:30 pm	<b>Children under parental care</b>		<b>Youth care</b> provided during Walton Lecture		
Following program:	Snacks - Gold Room porch <b>Children under parental care</b>		<b>Intergenerational Dance</b> Auditorium		
	Film, <b>Wall-E</b> -- Auditorium		Snacks <b>Children under parental care</b>		
			<b>Teen Movie Night</b>		

\*1 Selected Independent Middles assist w/office

\*2 TEEN FISH BOWL: Teens & then adults become the fish in the fishbowl as they discuss important issues and others listen. To raise issues or propose questions to be discussed at the Fishbowl, teens & adults put ideas in the glass fishbowl on the registration table.

# SEYM Youth Views, Youth news

## DRAFT SEYM Teen Program Rules

*Assistant Clerk, Gary Arthur has agreed to meet with teens and parents at YBM to help us create community and keep each other safe. We have found through experience that behavior contrary to these guidelines can lead to hurt feelings, fractured community, and physical harm. Participants who are unable to function within the context of the Teen Program and/or SEYM rules will be asked to spend time with parent(s) or sponsor, or be asked to leave the program.*

### Excerpts:

1. ... **treat all persons ...with respect**, ...respect the property of Friends and of the Life Enrichment Center.

2. **No illegal drugs or alcoholic beverages.** ...

**Reason:** Apart from the obvious legal implications, use of mind-altering drugs undermines the purpose of the community. It can lead to disruptive behavior and reduced ability to participate in the program.

**LEC Rules:** Alcoholic beverages (including wine and beer) illegal drugs, firearms and fireworks are strictly prohibited.

3. **High School participants will refrain from sexual activity** during SEYM's YBM-Gathering.

**Reason:** This is dictated by the purpose of SEYM: to create a spiritual community. It is also a commitment made to the larger SEYM community and to parents to observe the conditions upon which they support the Teen Program. The intensity of relationships at SEYM can affect individual judgment, leaving persons open to exploitation or to consenting to actions they would not engage in at home. Further, couples tend to give less attention to group activities and other participants. Sexual activity intensifies this distraction and brings further isolation from the group. Those who are sexual partners prior to SEYM indicate by their attendance their agreement to remain celibate during the week, in order to participate on the same basis as others.

4. **Smoking guidelines** are determined by the Teen Business Meeting. Our goal is not to create the appearance of a smoke-free high school program by forcing smokers underground, but to do what we can during the week to help people quit and to discourage others from starting...

**LEC Rules:** ALL buildings are smoke-free. Smoking is permitted in designated areas only.

5. **All participants must attend their teen program each day** unless excused by their parent or sponsor.

You are expected to arrive on time and to stay until the activity is over.

**Reason:** The teen program provides the main focus for the week. It is a place for giving and receiving support, getting to know a few people well and for

keeping informed about events and activities. Sporadic attendance or late arrival can disrupt the process and lower the trust level in the group.

6. **No one is to visit at any time in the Teen Program who is not registered for SEYM.**

**Reason:** We have no commitment on the part of non-registrants to respect the purpose of the program, nor have we control over their conduct.

7. **Teen Program participants are to be in their assigned rooms by midnight...** QUIET TIME commences at 11pm. Late evening activities after 11pm require a friendly adult presence.

**Reason:** Parents and SEYM participants must know that their teens are in for the night as a safety measure. The curfew provides a check on a natural tendency to talk and socialize all night, which can result in burnout and reduced participation in the program. ...

**LEC Rules:** Quiet time is from 11pm until 7am. This is for the benefit of all LEC guests and residents.

8. **FGC Teen rules...** Teens may visit in each other's rooms with parental or guardian permission at all times except between the hours of 11pm and 7am when you are expected to be in your own room. **Doors are to be kept open** when visitors are in the room. This also applies for other conference facility rooms and structures.

**Reason:** Privacy and the need for sleep must be respected. Keeping doors open is a sign that the host values the community's respect, and strengthens the community's trust in one another.

10. **All participants in the Teen Program must attend the orientation session. Parents/sponsors must attend them as well.**

**Reason:** It is important that everyone be familiar with the program, and that each person participates in the decision-making that sets the tone for the week.

11. **No teen is to leave the LEC campus without his or her sponsor or parent.**

**Reason:** Safety and liability.