

# APEX 2018

## IFCA NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

May 15, 2018

Dear Parents & Students,

If you are reading this letter right now, it means you are registered to attend the Apex National Youth Conference, May 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, at Pitt-Johnstown University. As your Youth Pastor I want to be the first to tell you how excited we are at Powersource and New Brighton Christian Assembly that you have made the decision to take part in this life-changing weekend!

The purpose of this letter is to touch base with you as a youth **and your parents** to convey some very important info about this weekend that will ensure a great trip.

**When are we leaving and returning?** – You need to meet at the Life Center on Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM. The bus will leave the Life Center promptly at 4:30 PM (we will arrive at the University around 7:00 PM on Friday). *There will be NO dinner served, so I strongly encourage you to eat before you leave on Friday and/or pack yourself a dinner for the bus.* **We will leave Pitt-Johnstown University around 7:30 AM on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> and will return to the Life Center between 9:30 - 10:00 AM.** \*Parents, we will instruct students to contact you with about 30 minutes left in our trip, so have your phone ready! If you are running late, please call me on my cell phone to let me know when you will arrive.

**What do I need to pack & what will we be doing during the weekend?** – On the back of this letter I have included a packing list and important information. Also, a schedule of events will be given to the students upon their arrival to the Apex on Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.

**What phone numbers can I reach someone to get in touch with my child if there is an emergency?** – You can reach me (Pastor Daren) on my cell phone at 724-561-7993, my wife Jillian at 724-561-4951, or the number to the University is 814-269-1900.

Students, I encourage you to think about what you want to receive from this weekend. What are you expecting God to do? I know that God has a unique experience for you, so begin, even now, to pray for this weekend. Parents, I encourage you to pray for this weekend as well. Pray with your child and pray for us as a youth ministry. We can't thank you enough for your continual support and the privilege that you give us to minister to your children while helping them reach their fullest potential in what God has called them to be.

**If you have any questions, you can reach me at the church: 724-846-8820 (ext. 20).**

Get ready for an incredible weekend,

Pastor Daren Duncan  
Powersource Youth Ministry

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## Packing List & Important Info

### I. PACKING LIST:

- **Your Bible**, a notebook, and pens
- All necessary toiletries (deodorant, soap, shampoo, toothbrush, shower shoes, etc.)
- Tennis shoes & clothes to run around in during your free time Saturday & Sunday
- Comfortable, casual clothes for all the services
- Swim suit, if you want to swim (ladies, it must be a one-piece!)
- A compact umbrella and/or jacket in case of rain
- You can bring as many snacks as you want! (Also, remember that each room has a refrigerator and microwave.)
- You **DO NOT** need to bring pillows, blankets, or towels – the college is providing these. (This also helps with preventing excessive luggage.)
- \* REMEMBER ~ you are only going to be gone 3 days (not 3 months) – **SO PLEASE, PLEASE pack accordingly.** *What you pack you will have to carry to your rooms – if you can not carry it on your own that is usually a pretty good indication that you have packed too much!*

### II. IMPORTANT INFO:

- There is NO fee for transportation this year!
- **\*\*PARENTS – IF YOUR CHILD IS ON ANY MEDICATIONS THAT AN ADULT NEEDS TO ADMINISTER TO THEM – PLEASE CALL ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH ALL NECESSARY DETAILS PERTAINING TO THIS ~** even if you clearly covered it in the “Medical” portion of your child’s event registration. **\*\*\*We need you to call because we can not have any last minute instructions given to us while we are loading the bus on Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.**
- **THE CAN’T DO’S:**
  - There will be no weapons, drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products of any kind.
  - There will be no “sneaking out” or pranking while at Apex.
  - Keep your hands to yourself! No touching each other or each other’s stuff.
  - We also ask that no secular music be brought or listened to during the conference. *(If seen, they will be taken by a leader and returned to the youth on Monday.)*
    - Smart phones & tablets are allowed as long as it is used in a Christ-like manner. *We trust your integrity with this!*
  - Dress modestly for the weekend *(If there is more skin exposed than covered – that’s a problem.)* Also, no clothing with inappropriate messages on them.
  - Any major infractions, throughout the weekend, of these and/or the other rules covered at the Apex **will result in the youth calling their parents to come and pick them up.**
- **Do I need spending money at the Apex?** – Everything you will need was covered in the Conference registration fee you paid. You will be receiving 3 all-you-can-eat meals on both Saturday and Sunday. However, you are welcome to bring some money to buy pizza, snacks, and drinks after services. There will also be an opportunity to give in the offering, as well as purchase souvenirs (such as t-shirts, CD’s, etc.) if you desire.