



North Texas Oklahoma Region | [Virtual Weekend 2020](#)
Frequently Asked Questions

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REGISTRATION

- **What are the important dates to know?**
 - **Sunday, September 13:** Registration opens (\$50). [Register here!](#) **If you are applying for scholarship, please register through [this link!](#)**
 - **Sunday, September 27:** Scholarship applications due ([apply here](#))
 - **Wednesday, September 30:** Scholarship allocations announced
 - **Friday, October 9:** Registration closes at 11:59pm. No refunds will be given after this date.
 - **Tuesday, October 13, 6-8 PM @ JCC:** Swag bag pick up - Click here to [sign up for pick up time slot](#) (be ready for our photo shoot!)
 - **October 16-18:** NTO Live: A Weekend!!
- **What is the cancellation/refund policy?** The deadline to cancel with a full program refund is the final registration deadline for each program. Until that date, full refunds will be granted for cancellations in writing (email is acceptable) for any reason. After the registration deadline (Friday, October 9 at 11:59pm) we've already confirmed final counts with our vendors, and **no refunds will be given for any reason.** "No shows" will not receive a refund.
- **Can I register after the registration deadline?** Late registrations will be accepted only if we have not yet placed our supply order for \$75. For the lowest price, and a guaranteed spot at convention, we strongly recommend registering before the October 9th deadline.
- **Are there an unlimited number of convention spots?** Yes! We are able to accept any members who are interested in joining us!
- **Why does a virtual convention cost money?** Great question! While virtual conventions are much, much cheaper than in-person conventions (\$50 vs. \$295 for Texoma Kallah last year), there are still some costs associated with it. The convention fee helps cover convention supplies (programming materials, apparel, software purchased for convention, etc), guest speakers and workshop programming, staff, a songleader, and more. [Extensive scholarship is available](#), and we strongly encourage you to apply. There is an opportunity to list why you are applying for a scholarship (COVID related barriers, teen paying for convention, family expenses, etc.) that may paint a bigger picture than your AGI.

CONVENTION BACKGROUND

- **Who is this convention for?** Open to every Jewish teen registered for membership with BBYO NTO! Chapter leaders, chapter members, new members, freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors are all invited. No leadership role or prior program participation is required to participate. Teens must be [registered](#) members of BBYO to attend.
- **Why should I attend convention?** BBYO conventions are one of the things that teens look most forward to during the school year. With all of the changes in teens' lives over the past six months, we're excited to offer an experience



that will be different in looks, but with all of the same BBYO traditions we hold near and dear. Programs are guaranteed interactive and our teen steering committee is working hard to ensure these are programs NTO has never seen before. We'll also have special guests with us throughout the weekend!

- **Where will I be?** Digital! For some programs, you'll be given suggestions of where to be to create the optimal atmosphere (ex. Outside, in a comfy spot, with your families, at a desk/table, etc.).
- **What does programming look like?** While we love a good surprise, we're hoping to share exactly what you can expect from our very first digital convention! Here are the program highlights:
 - **Friday**
 - Opening ceremonies
 - Kabbalat Shabbat
 - Song Session
 - Onegs
 - **Saturday**
 - Saturday morning services
 - Program in a Box
 - Teen Led chuggim/electives
 - Voice your Vote
 - Havdalah
 - AZA/BBG Separates
 - **Sunday**
 - Friendship Circle
 - International Limmud speaker
 - Closing Ceremonies
 - **Sprinkled Throughout Convention:**
 - Surprises!
 - International Community-Led Programming with other regions
 - Special guest speakers
 - Live puppy cam
 - Prank wars
 - Compliment offs
 - Fitness challenges
 - Magic tricks
 - Meditation
- **How will participants meet new people and interact with their regional friends if programming is mostly virtual?** Our convention leadership team and steering team are working to ensure programming allows for new connections to be formed. On some of the onegs and chuggim programs, teens will work on projects with peers they already know, and new partners. As you work together, you'll bond and create new inside jokes.



PREPARING FOR CONVENTION

- **What are BBYO's online community standards?** Linked [here](#) are the guidelines for engaging in BBYO programming online.
- **Packing list for the weekend:** Laptop + charger + WiFi 🖥️, post-it notes (if you like having those handy) 📝, pen/pencil 🖋️, paper 📄, Snacks 🍪, water 💧, program in a box 📦

Have any other questions? Please don't hesitate to reach out to Lory Conte (L.Conte@bbyo.org) or NTO (NTO@bbyo.org)

LINKS FOR ONGOING BBYO OPPORTUNITIES

- [BBYO Summer Programs](#)
- [New Israel Travel Programs](#)
- [International Leadership Network](#)
- [Voice Your Vote](#)
- [BBYO On Demand](#)