



## Baltimore BBYO | Council Convention 2024

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **IMPORTANT DATES + REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

- **What are the Important Dates?**
  - **Monday, February 26th:** [Registration Opens at 8PM!](#)
    - **Monday, February 26th:** Scholarship applications open. [Apply for scholarship here!](#)
      - Applying for scholarship counts as your convention registration, you do not need to register separately.
  - **Monday, March 11th:** Scholarship applications due by 11:59pm.
  - **Wednesday, March 13th:** Scholarship awards announced.
  - **Friday, March 15th:** Registration closes at 5:00pm. No refunds can be given after this date.
  - **Friday, April 12th:** Council Convention begins!
    - Buses will leave at approximately 3:45 pm. Exact timing will be sent out closer to convention
  - **Sunday, April 14th:** Council Convention concludes.
    - Pickup will be approximately 1:30pm
  
- **How much does Council Convention cost?**
  - Council Convention costs \$350 and includes the following:
    - Roundtrip bus transportation between Fairfax and camp
    - Five meals and many snacks
    - Lodging
    - Program supplies and swag
    - Guest speakers and educators
    - And surprises along the way!
  - [Scholarship is available](#) and we encourage you to apply. There is an opportunity to list why you are applying for a scholarship (teen paying for convention, family expenses, etc.) that may paint a bigger picture than your AGI. [Please apply here!](#)
    - Scholarship applications are due by Monday, March 11th at 11:59pm. Applying for a scholarship confirms your registration. Scholarship awards will be announced by Wednesday, March 13th.
    - We strongly hope that finances will not be a barrier to any teen attending the convention. Please [reach out to Hannah Feldman](#) if you'd like to discuss further.



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- **What is the cancellation/refund policy?**
  - The deadline to cancel with a full program refund is the final registration deadline, Friday, March 15.
  - Until that date, full refunds will be granted for cancellations in writing (email is acceptable) for any reason.
    - After the registration deadline we've already confirmed final counts with our vendors, and no refunds can be given for any reason. **"No shows" will not receive a refund.**
- **How many teens will be at Council Convention?**
  - We plan to have about 80-100 teens at Council Convention!
- **What if someone needs to arrive late or leave early?**
  - We understand that members have other activities and commitments throughout the weekend. We will allow participants to arrive late or leave the convention early.
    - We are not able to offer any prorated rates if a participant must miss parts of the convention.
  - Anyone arriving late or leaving early should email Tarryn Winik at [hfeldman@bbyo.org](mailto:hfeldman@bbyo.org) by Friday, April 5.
- **Who is Council Convention for?**
  - Council Convention is for **ALL teens in Baltimore Council BBYO!** Whether you have just joined or you are a graduating senior, we would love to have you there! No leadership role of prior program participation is required.
  - Council Convention is a perfect first convention if you haven't yet attended a BBYO convention.
  - We welcome all Jewish teens in the Baltimore area in grades 8-12 who are [registered members of BBYO](#).
- **Why should I attend Council Convention?**
  - BBYO conventions are one of the things that teens look forward to most during the school year. Conventions are planned and led by teens and are an opportunity for our council to come together as a community. Conventions provide teens with meaningful Jewish experiences and friendships that they will remember for years to come.



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- **What does programming look like?** While we love a good surprise, here's some of what you can expect!
  - **Friday**
    - Opening Ceremonies
    - Kabbalat Shabbat Services
    - AZA, BBG, and BBYO Separates and Inductions
    - Chapter Bonding
  - **Saturday**
    - Saturday Morning Services
    - Teen-Led Program Electives
    - Meet the Candidates
    - Chofesh (free time)
    - The State of Baltimore Council
    - Havdalah
    - Senior Lives
  - **Sunday**
    - Elections of the 76th Council Board of Baltimore Council
    - Closing Ceremonies
  - **Throughout Convention**
    - Surprises and Pop-Up activities!
- **What are the accommodations?**
  - Teens will be staying in camp-style cabins with 12-15 participants
  - There are bathrooms and showers in the cabins
  - Alephs will be in cabins with Alephs, and BBGs will be in cabins with BBGs
- **Is the food Kosher?**
  - While camp does not have a Glatt Kosher kitchen, all food served will be kosher-style. We will not mix dairy and meat, and any meat served will be kosher.
- **Is the food nut-free?**
  - Yes! BBYO has a strict nut-free policy at conventions. All food served will be nut-free and teens may not bring any snacks containing nuts.



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### PREPARING FOR CONVENTION

- **What are BBYO's community standards?**
  - All convention participants must agree to and uphold BBYO's Community Agreements and Code of Conduct policies
    - [Click here for BBYO's Community Agreement and Code of Conduct](#)
  
- **What is the packing list?**
  - Casual clothes
  - Nicer Shabbat outfit for Friday night
  - Snacks
  - Refillable water bottle
  - Toiletries
  - Sheets or a sleeping bag and towels
  - A detailed packing list will be shared with registrants prior to Council Convention
  
- **Have any other questions? Please don't hesitate to reach out to Hannah Feldman ([hfeldman@bbyo.org](mailto:hfeldman@bbyo.org))**