

THE 2019 MASSANETTA SPRINGS NEW YOUTH ENABLER APPLICATION

The Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference will select 44 high school students (current 10th-12th graders) to serve as Youth Enablers in the June and July conferences of 2019.

Application Process:

The dates of commitment are: **June 17 (noon)-June 29 (noon) OR July 8 (noon)-July 20 (noon)**

REMINDER!- We will only accept applications via **EMAIL**. You must send it to hannaha@massanettasprings.org and you must send the application as a Google or Word Document, or PDF. No other files will be accepted.

1. Read through this form in its entirety.
2. Choose two references. **Family members may not be references.** Give them the reference form (page 3). Remind them that the form is due by **January 14, 2019**. Their reference must also be sent as a WORD document or PDF document.
3. **Complete the Youth Enabler essay questions.** This is the way we get to know who you are and the gifts you have for service as an Enabler.
4. Complete and send the **Applicant's Personal Information** portion along with your essays by the **January 14, 2019 deadline.**
5. **You will receive a confirmation email within 24 hours of receipt. If you do not receive this email then your application was not received.**
6. Applicants will be informed in mid-March, 2019 regarding acceptance.

Youth Enabler Responsibilities

(Responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following)

- Participate in training for leadership and be a "team player" by assisting in the planning, implementing, and evaluating activities and events for the conference.
- Provide specific leadership through direct involvement on one of two teams that will provide the programming and activities for the conference: the **Theme Team** is responsible for assisting the Keynoter in stage theme presentations (reading, skits, art, music, and/or dance) that unpack the scripture and worship; the **Activities Team** is responsible for assisting the Recreation Director in implementing 3 evening and 2 afternoon recreation events (as well as leading energizers!). These roles have an abundance of supervision and guidance as well as drawing heavily on the youth's abilities and gifts.
- Serve as an Encounter Group leader for a group of 10-15 youth and adult advisors, be prepared to lead games, discussions, and group building.
- Help create an environment that embraces living for God and others as followers of Christ, and to embody our mission: Massanetta is a place for all people to experience God through renewal, discovery, and hospitality.
- Support a caring atmosphere of participation, enthusiasm, and inclusiveness.
- Show flexibility, an ability to see beyond yourself, no drama, and a consideration of others.
- Make a positive contribution to the work of the Youth Enabler team, all within the context of life in a full house, with long days, late nights, and early mornings.

Note

- There is a \$100 participation fee. This covers your meals and lodging for the 12 days/12 nights.
- Transportation to and from Massanetta is the Enabler's responsibility.

Applicant's Personal Information:

Applicant's Name _____

Home Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Current Grade _____ **Gender** _____ **T-shirt Size** _____ (All Adult sizes)

Cell # _____ **Parent Name & Cell #** _____

E-mail _____

Parent E-mail _____

Church Name _____ **Presbytery** _____

Adult Reference 1 _____ **Adult Reference 2** _____

As an Enabler, we hope you are available to serve either June 17-June 29 or July 8-20. Please list your preference and the circumstances that prevent you from serving a particular conference:

Applicant's Signature

By signing below, I confirm having read and understood the Application Information and the Youth Enabler Responsibilities and that the information is true to the best of my knowledge; and that I have no reason to be absent for any part of the June and/or July Youth Enabler time commitment.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

NEW APPLICANTS Questions:

Please send as a Google or Word Document, or PDF.

1. We would love to get to know you some more! In a paragraph or two tell us about you! Include any groups, clubs, organizations you are involved with, interests and hobbies you may have, and share a quirky fact (or two) about you. Anything that makes you, you!
2. We want to know more about your faith journey. Tell us about some times where you felt God's presence in your life.
3. Time to Tweet! In 140 characters (or less) explain what the Massanetta Middle School Conference means (or could mean) to you. Hashtags encouraged!!
4. Describe a time when you felt overwhelmed but still had to complete an important task/project. What caused the feeling of being overwhelmed? How did you react? What did you learn about yourself from the experience?
5. As an Enabler you will be interacting with different middlers from various backgrounds and experiences. Share with us some of your spiritual gifts that will assist you in this.
6. Vital to the MSC are 2 teams: **Theme Team:** development and explanation of the text in creative skits, art, music, worship, and leadership and **Activities Team:** development of the theme in creative recreation, movement, games, worship and leadership. Knowing both are equally essential for our ministry with middlers, which are you better suited for and why?

Please email this form and your essay questions (**as a Google or Word Document or PDF**) by the deadline **January 14th 2019** to the MSC Planning Team at hannah@massanettasprings.org
Questions? Email Hannah Altman at hannah@massanettasprings.org or call 540-434-3829

THE 2019 MASSANETTA SPRINGS ENABLER REFERENCE FORM

Thank-you for providing a reference for the **Youth Enabler** program of the Middle School Conference at Massanetta Springs Conference Center. This conference is for rising 6th-9th grade youth and their adult leaders. The role of the Youth Enabler is a vital part of this ministry (see the responsibilities below). You know the applicant better than we do and we would appreciate your input. **We are not looking for perfect people.** We hope you know their strong and not-so-strong points (we all have them both). Only with your views can we find a match between what is expected and what the applicant has to offer. **Please complete and return this form with the reference comments by email to Hannah Altman (hannah@massanettasprings.org) by January 14, 2019.** Please note we will only accept **Google or Word Documents or PDF Documents.** If you have any questions, please contact Hannah Altman at hannah@massanettasprings.org or (540) 434-3829.

Youth Applicant's Name	YOU - Reference's Name and relationship to applicant
Reference's Email	Phone Number Day: _____ Cell: _____
Address	City, State, Zip
Church/Organization Name	Location and Presbytery (if applicable)

Questions: Please answer the following questions on a separate page

1. After reading the Youth Enabler Responsibilities below, do you believe that the applicant could serve in this capacity? Do you have any reservations? If so, please describe.
2. Knowing that we all have them, what are the strong and not-so-strong attributes that you see in this applicant as they relate to this kind of position? Please describe them.
3. Is this applicant an active part of your church or organization? In what ways?
4. Please describe a time when you have seen the applicant during a stressful and busy time - how did she/he handle it?

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Reference's Agreement

By signing below, I affirm my responses to the above questions. I will strive to support this applicant in the role of Youth Enabler, if selected.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

*Please email this form, by **January 14th, 2019** to Hannah Altman at hannah@massanettasprings.org
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