

The Ridge Student Ministry

NAZARENE YOUTH CONFERENCE 2026



WONDER

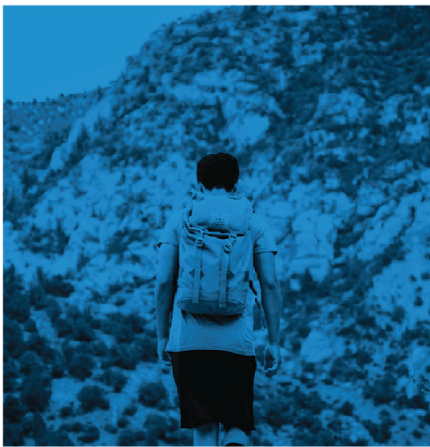
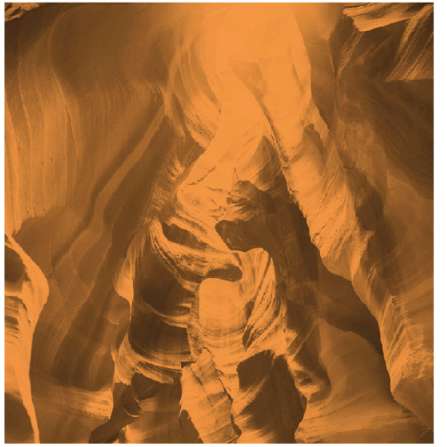


NYC26

NAZARENE YOUTH CONFERENCE

**June 30-July 8 2026
SALT LAKE CITY,
UTAH**

WASHINGTON PACIFIC DISTRICT





***“The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders;
where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call
forth songs of joy”***

Psalm 65:8

The word **WONDER** necessitates questions: How? Why? Who? For how long? Despite cultures pull to cynicism, individualism, and hopelessness. God has “set eternity in the human heart” (Ecclesiastes 3:11). There is an innate awe in us for the sublime, the majestic, for beauty beyond comprehension. Despite our own inability to answer big questions about these things, there is a Word to guide us—one that “was with God, and....was God. He was God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.” (John1:1-3) All that we wonder at finds an answer in the person of Jesus

What’s more, in Jesus we discover not just answers to existential questions, but a call to a deep and intimate relationship. We are known and cherished as his very own children. Oh, to see the world with childlike wonder again! Through faith, we, as the community of believers, are invited to experience and explore creation with fresh eyes- and not just the beauty of a sparkling beach at sunrise or the scent of evergreens under crisp clear snow. Wonder whispers to us in the still, mundane, holy moments of ordinary life, arguing us to slow down and listen for his good Word.

May we be ever filled with wonder at our Creator God, and may we , secure our identity as God’s handiwork, move through the world to do the good works which he prepared for us to do.

NYC INFORMATION

What is NYC?

NYC is a powerful youth event, hosted by the Church of the Nazarene, which has been held in different locations for six decades. Taking place every few years, NYC provides an opportunity for high school students from the USA and Canada to be united for worship, discipleship, community outreach, and tons of fun.

What happens during NYC?

NYC invites students to participate in plenary sessions with engaging speakers and creative artists, live concerts featuring top Christian recording artists, Ministry With Others service projects throughout Salt Lake City, interactive discipleship experiences, and a Recreation Hall filled with individual and group activities, games, and exhibits.

What venues will NYC use in Salt Lake City?

All major elements, including the Main Sessions and the Rec Hall, will be held at the Salt Palace Convention Center.

What are the age requirements for students?

Students who have completed 8th grade through completed 12th grade at the time of the event are eligible to attend NYC.

What if my student has special needs?

Our goal is to be inclusive to all participants. If your student has any special needs, please contact our directors Austin Elleby and Ethan Gerdes by emailing wapacnyc@gmail.com.

What are venue security measures?

Event registration is required to participate in any portion of NYC 2026. No individual without a name badge (provided to registered student/adult participants, staff, exhibitors, and volunteers), regardless of position or circumstance, will be allowed into the NYC areas of the event venues. Name badges will be checked by venue security personnel throughout the event. Please be sure to wear your name badge at all times and enforce this with your district's students and sponsors.

To access venues, participants must pass through a security checkpoint. Venues will also provide a list of prohibited items that will not be allowed into the event.

NYC SCHEDULE

A

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WEDNESDAY 7.1

6:00p – 10:00p

District Check-In and Bring With Drop-Off Appointments

FIELD EVENTS

THURSDAY 7.2

Breakfast

9:30a – 11:30a

Lunch 1:00p –

5:00p

Dinner

7:30p – 9:30p

9:30p – 11:30p

Provided by District

SESSION 1 Provided

by District MWO

Projects

Provided by District

SESSION 2

Late Night Event

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SESSION 1

Provided by NYC

Rec Hall

Provided by NYC

SESSION 2

Late Night Event

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SESSION 1

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Experience

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SESSION 2

Late Night Event

FRIDAY 7.3

Breakfast

9:30a – 11:30a

Lunch

1:00p – 5:00p

Dinner

7:30p – 9:30p

9:30p – 11:30p

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SESSION 3

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Experience

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SESSION 4

Late Night Event

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SESSION 3

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MWO Projects

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SESSION 4

Late Night Event

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SESSION 3

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Rec Hall

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SESSION 4

Late Night Event

SATURDAY 7.4

Breakfast

9:30a – 11:30a

Lunch 1:00p –

5:00p Dinner

7:30p – 9:30p

9:30p – 11:30p

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District **SESSION**

5 Provided by NYC

Rec Hall Provided

by NYC **SESSION 6**

Night of Worship

Provided by District

SESSION 5 Provided

by NYC Experience

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SESSION 6 Night of

Worship

Provided by District

SESSION 5 Provided

by District MWO

Projects Provided

by District **SESSION**

6 Night of Worship

SUNDAY 7.5

Breakfast

9:30a – 11:30a

Breakfast

SESSION 7

REGISTRATION FAQ'S

Who is NYC for? NYC is for students going into their freshman year of high school through graduating high school seniors.

When does registration open? Registration for NYC 2026 opens is now open at wapac.org.

When is the registration deadline? The early bird registration deadline is October 1, 2025. After October 1st all students/adults who register will be considered in our regular registration rate. The final day to register for NYC 2026 is January 1, 2026. It is best to get registered early.

What is the age requirement for NYC sponsors? NYC has established a policy that all sponsors must be 23 years of age or older.

Ministry Safe Training. All sponsors will be required to pass a background check and complete Ministry safe/Nazsafe training or something comparable.

Why do parents need to fill out the online registration? Parents will be required to sign the medical liability form electronically. Even if the student is 18 years of age their parent/guardian still needs to register them online and sign the medical liability form.

Can a parent deny medical liability? All Parents/Guardians must sign the medical liability form. If a parent is not willing to sign the medical liability form, their child will not be able to attend the event. All participants both student and sponsor must sign and complete.



REGISTRATION FAQ'S

Can our church get a refund for a registration? Once a participant from your church is registered, your church is financially responsible to pay the registration fee. This is nonrefundable, but it is transferable. If you have a participant backout you can have a participant take their place. The transfer must be done student to student or adult to adult. You cannot transfer a student registration to an adult registration or visa versa. We encourage you to have each participant pay some sort of deposit to get their name on the list/registration form.

Are refunds possible? *100% refunds are not possible. We are continually making deposits and payments on transportation, hotels, food etc. Refunds will be given according to what we have already paid in deposits per an individual. Refunds will be left up to the local church. If a refund is awarded, it will be deducted from your local church payment. The district will not cut that individual a check.*

Can we transfer registrations? Yes. Transferring registrations is one of the easiest ways to fill a spot if a participant has to back out. Please note, you can only transfer from student to student or adult to adult. You cannot transfer from student to adult or adult to student.

If I have questions about the registration process, who should I contact? Amber Langeliers or Maria Swinger-Inskeep.

Who do I make checks out to? You will make your initial payment when you sign-up with WAPACNYI. Memo NYC. There is a fee for CC. All future payments will be made through our church. Please note the student's name on all payments or donations.

Who do I send Registration Payment to? Send Checks to the NYC Treasurer David LaFrenz. Rescue Church Sumner P.O Box 368, Buckley WA 98321.

RELEASE AND CONTENT

Below is the liability release and consent language which will be included in the event registration system. We crafted this language under legal counsel in hopes of encompassing the release of liability for both the event and the Washington Pacific District. We wanted to show in advance the language that will be used as part of the registration process.

LIABILITY RELEASE

I hereby release and discharge the Church of the Nazarene, Inc. and its affiliates, along with any other chaperoning adult employees or volunteers of Nazarene Youth International, its agents, employees, officers, directors, affiliates, successors, assigns and all other from any and all claims, demands, expenses, personal injury, wrongful death, cause of action lawsuits, damages, and liabilities of every kind and nature, whether known or unknown, in law or equity, that I or my child ever had or may have, arising from or in any way related to participation in any activities associated in any way with NYC 2026. I have full knowledge as to such activities and I have full knowledge of the possible risk involved.

MEDIA CONSENT

I grant to The Church of the Nazarene, Inc., a Missouri nonprofit corporation, and its employees, officers, agents and assigns (hereinafter referred to as "Nazarene Church"), the right to use, reproduce, adopt, distribute, and publish photographs, video, audio, related content or personal information, including but not limited to my first and last name and general area of residence ("Content") take by Nazarene Church at NYC 2026 or that I have independently and voluntarily submitted to Nazarene church for the use by any of the ministers of the Nazarene Church for purposes of informing and promoting the work of the Nazarene Church and its ministries. I understand and agree that the content(s) may be used in whole or in part, at any time, in composite or distorted form, in color or otherwise and may be published through any medium including, but not limited to, print medium, video and/or on the internet. I waive any right to inspect or approve any finished product, advertising or other copy that uses the Content. I agree to indemnify Nazarene Church from and against any claims, losses, judgments, settlements, expenses and reasonable legal fees, incurred by Nazarene Church by reason of any claim of invasion of privacy or trespass created in the taking or publication of the Content(s). I also agree to indemnify the Nazarene Church for any such amounts arising from my breach of covenant, representation, or warranty of this agreement.

AUTHORIZATION FOR CONSENT

I understand that the terms herein are contractual and not a mere recital, that this instrument is legally binding, and that I have voluntarily signed this document. I HAVE FULLY INFORMED MYSELF OF THE CONTENTS OF THIS CONSENT, WAIVER AND RELEASE BY READING IT BEFORE SIGNING IT ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY HEIRS.

I have reached the legal age and am signing on my own behalf or I am the parent or legal guardian signing for a minor who is under the legal age of majority, or someone who is mentally or physically unable to sign for him or herself.

WASHINGTON PACIFIC SEND HOME POLICY

NYC2026 has the potential of being a truly life-changing event! We, as the Washington Pacific District want to give everyone the opportunity to hear God's voice and follow God's leading.

Therefore, we are asking you to follow the three "R's" while part of NYC 2026.

Respect...

- The space of those around you.
- The property of those around you.
- The privacy of those around you.

Restrain...

- Your language.
- Your public display of affection.
- Your anger, aggression, or outbursts of negative energy.

Be Responsible...

Be where you are to be, when you need to be there.

Do not bring anything you are not supposed to bring (drugs, tobacco, alcohol, weapons, fireworks, explosives, ect., ect.,ect.)

Agreement

If I...

Constantly make trouble during NYC or Flagrantly break the Washington Pacific district guidelines of Respect, Restrain and Responsibility or I am in the hotel room of a member of the opposite sex (zero tolerance)

Then I will either be sent home at the expense of my parent/guardian. The Washington Pacific NYC Coordinator will call my parent/guardian, explain the situation, and inform them of the Seattle or Portland bound flight I will be arriving on, should this become necessary.

Student Signature

Date

I have read the NYC 2026 Send Home Policy and understand that, should the Washington Pacific District find it necessary to send my son/daughter home, that it will be done so at my expense, this will include the purchase of a return ticket for a sponsor to travel with them. I understand that my child will have been extended grace at every point possible and this action will only be taken under the advisement of the NYC committee members and, if possible, at least one sponsor from the participants' local church. I also understand that I will be notified by phone concerning the above action.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Cost of NYC 2026

TOTAL COST OF NYC

The cost of WAPAC'S NYC Experience is **\$2100** for our Early Bird Rate and **\$2250** for our Regular Rate. To receive the early bird rate, registrants must have \$500 to the district by October 1st. If the registrant does not have \$500 to the District by Oct 1, they will be required to pay the regular rate.

MY MONEY GETS ME...

Travel:

We will be taking a road trip into Salt Lake City , UT. Our district will travel together on Charter Buses from Vancouver WA to Salt Lake City. Following the Conference we will return via Charter Buses to Vancouver.

Meals:

Meals while in Salt Lake City are included in the cost. Some meals are provided by NYC, while others are part of the district package. With that said, meals on travel days are not covered by the registration cost. Please work with your local church.

NYC:

- A 4-day youth conference for high school students.
- Ministry With Others service projects and community outreach which will impact the host city.
- Featured speakers and creative artists from across the globe.
- Amazing worship services led by world-class worship team.
- Live concerts featuring today's most popular Christian recording artists.
- Daily teachings that inspire, challenge and unite our students.
- Access to resources students can take home after the event.
- Multi-sensory experiences designed for group discipleship and creative learning.
- Recreation Hall with tons of individual and group activities, games, and exhibits

Activity: During our road trip we will be making stops along the way. More info TBD.

PAYMENTS

EARLY BIRD SCHEDULE

Registration	\$250
September 1st	\$250
October 1st	\$200
November 1st	\$200
December 1st	\$200
January 1st	\$200
February 1st	\$200
March 1st	\$200
April 1st	\$200
May 1st	\$200
Total	\$2100

REGULAR RATE SCHEDULE

Registration	\$250
November 1st	\$300
December 1st	\$285
January 1st	\$285
February 1st	\$285
March 1st	\$285
April 1st	\$280
May 1st	\$280
Total	\$2250

How To Register & Make Payments:

Go to <http://www.wapac.org/nyc-2026.html> and click on Student Registration. Make your initial deposit. Future payments will be made through the church.

Fundraising Opportunities

- Winter Market - December 5-6
 - Hot Cocoa
 - Raffle ticket sales
 - Student booth - Ideas needed
 - Service hours for setup and tear down
- Community Bunco Night
- Car Washes (Parent led)
- Envelope Fundraiser (Alisha George)
- Personal Fundraising Letter (see sample)

SAMPLE FUNDRAISER LETTER

Dear _____,

[ADD PERSONAL GREETING]

I have the opportunity to be a part of a once in a lifetime opportunity with our church and thousands of other young people from around the USA and Canada from June 30th - July 8, 2026. We will be going to Salt Lake City Utah to attend Nazarene Youth Conference. While at this conference we will be partnering with a local ministries and working on a Ministry With Others project. I will also have the opportunity to learn from some of the best speakers to be empowered and equipped to Love God and Love Others.

I would love for you to join me on this mission! Most of all, will you join me in prayer? Please pray for me, our team, and the people in Salt Lake City we will get to work with and point to Jesus.

Will you also consider providing any financial support? I am raising \$2100 in order to be a part of this trip. If you are able to support me in this way, please send a check to my church, (Payable to: church name and address) Your gift is tax deductible. Please put "NYC 2026" AND my name in the memo line so the church knows who it is for. Your gift will make it possible for me to serve!

[If you do not need financial support, please consider sending a support letter to your family and friends requesting prayer. You may also consider asking your family and friends to give in general to our Mission Fund.]

Thank you so much for your consideration. I am excited about the opportunity to be used by God this summer in Ministry With Others. I can't wait to share about all that God does as we point people to Jesus.

[ADD PERSONAL PARAGRAPH TOUCHING ON YOUR EXCITEMENT AND HOPES FOR THIS TRIP.]

Sincerely,

To register with Ridgefield Nazarene:

STUDENTS



LEADERS



For More information on NYC 2026:



SCAN ME FOR NYC 2026!

