



Baltimore BBYO | Council Convention 2022

Frequently Asked Questions

IMPORTANT DATES + REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- **What are the Important Dates?**
 - **Sunday, April 3:** [Registration Opens at 8PM!](#)
 - **Sunday, April 3:** Scholarship applications open. [Apply for scholarship here!](#)
 - Applying for scholarship counts as your convention registration, you do not need to register separately.
 - **Monday, April 18:** Scholarship applications due by 11:59pm.
 - **Wednesday, April 20:** Scholarship awards announced.
 - **Sunday, April 24:** Registration closes at 11:59pm. No refunds can be given after this date.
 - **Friday, May 13:** Council Convention begins!
 - Dropoff at the Owings Mills JCC is approximately 3:30pm
 - **Sunday, May 15:** Council Convention concludes.
 - Pickup at the Owings Mills JCC is approximately 1:30pm

- **How much does Council Convention cost?**
 - Council Convention costs \$280 and includes the following:
 - Roundtrip bus transportation between the Owings Mills JCC 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 (COVID-related barriers, teen paying for convention, family expenses, etc.) that may paint a bigger picture than your AGI.
 - Scholarship applications are due by Monday, April 18 at 11:59pm. Applying for a scholarship confirms your registration. Scholarship awards will be announced by Wednesday, April 20.
 - We strongly hope that finances will not be a barrier to any teen attending the convention. Please [reach out to Ilana Kornblatt](#) 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, Sunday, April 24.
 - 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 85 - 100 teens at Council Convention!

- **What are the precautions BBOY is taking to protect participants from COVID-19?**
 - Our top priority is to keep everyone healthy and safe. Based on current CDC and BBOY guidelines, and our own experience and ability, we are moving forward with convention by doing the following:
 - *****Prior to getting on the bus, all convention attendees must present a negative COVID-19 test result (can be at home, rapid antigen, or PCR test) taken within 24 hours of arrival to bus*****
 - All convention participants, staff, volunteers and speakers are required to be fully vaccinated against Covid-19.
 - Hand washing and sanitizer will be abundantly available (and encouraged frequently).
 - We are recommending teens mask indoors but it will be optional. Anyone who chooses to wear a mask is certainly encouraged to do so.

- **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 [fill out this form](#) by Friday, May 6.



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CONVENTION BACKGROUND & DETAILS

- **Who is Council Convention for?**
 - Council Convention is for **ALL teens in Baltimore BBYO!** Whether you have just joined or you are a graduating senior, we would love to have you there! No leadership role or 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](#).
 - Teens who join Baltimore BBYO between January 1 and April 1, 2022 are eligible for \$50 off the cost of Council Convention. Email bmore@bbyo.org for more details!

- **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.

- **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 and BBG Separates and Inductions
 - Senior Lives
 - **Saturday**
 - Saturday Morning Services
 - Teen-Led Program Electives
 - Meet the Candidates
 - Chofesh (free time)
 - The State of Baltimore Council #59
 - Havdalah
 - Social
 - Senior Lives



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- **Sunday**
 - Elections of the 74th 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.

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](#)
 - [Click here for BBYO's 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 Ilana Kornblatt
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