

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

I hope this letter finds you enjoying the freshness of fall. With fall here, we know the “THIRST” Youth Convention is fast approaching us. Great news: **Your student has the opportunity to be a part of this life-changing event.**



The “THIRST” Youth Convention is an event we take part in every year here at Oakland Church of God. It is a great time of fellowship with hundreds of other youth throughout PA. It is a time of growing closer to Christ through awesome worship and excellent teaching! This year, *The Band 814* will be leading worship and Adam Rentas is speaking. What a great lineup of leadership!

This event will take place on **November 22-24** at the Bayfront Erie Convention Center in Erie, Pennsylvania. You can find much more details for this event at the “THIRST” website. (thirstevent.com)

If your student chooses to go along with the *Lighthouse Youth Ministries/Oakland Church of God*...here are a few details that you will need to know at this time:

- The total cost for this trip will be **\$195**. This covers their cost for registration for the convention (\$96), the cost for their share of the hotel room (\$35.00 for each night equals out to \$70.00 total), Dinner Friday (\$15), and Trampoline Park (\$15).
 - In addition to this \$195 trip cost, the students will need enough spending money for **1** meal. \$15-\$20 should be enough to cover this cost. The remaining meals and transportation costs will be covered by either the convention or the youth ministry budget. We provide on-the-go breakfast items to help!
 - We make a fundraiser available for your student once a month. Encourage your students to work hard & raise money to help cover their trip expenses!
- Each student that is a part of *Lighthouse Youth Ministries* has or will have their own separate account with their funds in it. This is money made from fundraisers, donations, etc. If you choose, and if your student has money in their account, they may use this money to cover the cost of this trip.
 - If interested, contact Suzette Gunter to see if your student has funds in their account from previous years. (1-724-541-4405)
- There will be at least 1 adult counselor in each of the hotel rooms with up to 4 students. So, the ratio is 4 to 1.
- If permitted, we plan to dismiss the students attending the convention from school around 2:00 pm on Friday, November 22nd. EACH student will need to fill out an early dismissal form and turn in to the office at least one week in advance. These forms will be handed out to the students at youth in the near future. We plan to return around 4:00pm on Sunday, November 24th.
 - If your child is involved in a sport at the time of this event & desires to go with our group, it is best for them to mention their absence to the coach ahead of time. This event will be worth missing a practice or two!
- At this time, we need to get the students registered. **Your student needs to sign up BY Sunday, November 3rd if they plan to go to “THIRST”. However, price increases on September 30th. Please turn in your \$100 for registration, as well as the two registration forms, to Anthony Rosario-Adams by September 30th to secure your spot before the price increase.** This will guarantee us the early bird registration cost for “THIRST.”

If you have any further questions at this time, please do not hesitate to call the church office or to contact me personally at 814-221-4583.

I hope it will be possible for your student to take part in this awesome event. Previous years have always shown great outcomes: Youth coming to know Christ personally for the first time and others growing deeper in their faith! Hope to see your student there!! Scan code to sign up.



In His Name,
Anthony Rosario-Adams (*Youth/Associate Pastor @ Oakland CHOG*)