

Preparing For & Going To Convention

A CHECKLIST FOR YOUTH LEADERS



FOLLOW
JESUS 25
THE MC USA CONVENTION

July 8-12, 2025
Greensboro, NC

BEFORE CONVENTION



☐ **Pray for the group**

Commit to prayer before, during and after Convention. Consider getting others in the church to pray as well.

☐ **Meet with parents**

Meet more often than you think you need to! Use your meeting time to:

- Go over the schedule
- Talk about letting their young person “be there”. Sure, check in to make sure they got there...but then let them tell you stories once they get home

☐ **Be clear about your expectations & Set the bar high**

There is a high level of trust at Convention (leaders are not always with young people). They need to know what you expect of them.

- **Phones** – What are your expectations? For example, having phones on them at all times, but not looking at them while they are with other people
 - Make sure all the leaders have all the young people’s numbers and all of their parents/guardians numbers
- **Rooms** – Who gets to be in whose room and when
- **Attitudes** – Remind youth that what you put in is what you get out of Convention. Remind leaders they can make a bad situation better by how they approach it.
- **Schedule** – What do you expect them to attend and where do you expect them to be? What are you doing as a group?
- **Worship Experience** – Talk about that worship may be different to what you have experienced before – notice and be curious
- **Safety** – Know your Safe Church or Child Safe policy and how you are going to follow it at Convention



GETTING TO CONVENTION

☐ Check your room reservation

Call the hotel 3 days beforehand and ask if you can have your group all on the same floor.

☐ Assign travel groups

Split youth up into groups – a few young people assigned to each leader.

☐ Snacks & Money

Carry snacks and have each young person carry a little money on them. Have \$5/\$10 to leave as tips for the hotel staff each day.

☐ Bring entertainment and comfort items

Carry small games (cards, Dutch Blitz) for downtime, and bring earplugs and sweaters for comfort during worship.



AT CONVENTION

☐ Morning check-in

Set your expectations for the day:

- How many things do you expect them to go to?
- When & where are you meeting as a group?
- Can they go off-site? Who do they need to tell before they do?
- Any other reminders for the day?

☐ Evening check-in

Check in at night with each room (split this up between leaders). Are your young people settled after curfew?

☐ Meet new people

Challenge your young people to meet other groups—people from 4 different states, 1 person from each grade, 2 people from different cultural backgrounds to you, etc.

☐ Do something fun as a group

☐ Give your leaders a break

Give permission to rest or get away for part of a day.