

# Building Youth Group Event



*Keep your youth group strong and growing by laying a foundation for its future members! Bring your youth to camp for a fun, community-building experience. We'll have team building, reflection time on God's Word, recreation and fellowship.*



**Our Theme:**  
"Pray!"

**Saturday,  
October 21, 2017  
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Youth leaders, pastors, and parents should come along, too. Camp Mount Luther invites you to bring one adult free for every seven kids you bring to camp. Additional adults come for half of the participant's fee.

Fee for the program is \$22.00 per child to cover program costs. **Each person should also bring a bag lunch.** To register, call the Camp Mount Luther office at 570-922-1587 or e-mail [cml@campmountluther.org](mailto:cml@campmountluther.org). The events will be held at Camp Mount Luther, 355 Mt. Luther Ln., Mifflinburg, PA 17844.

## Building Youth Groups (BYG) Program

Camp Mount Luther is offering an exciting, new program to help build your youth group in your congregation. This summer, we offered a BYG week and now we are offering a mini-day experience. We plan to offer other BYG retreats in the future. Why is Building Youth Groups important?

- Our youth are the church- we need them to use all the tools we have to support and nurture them in their faith journey.
- Our youth face more choices today than ever before. We believe the church needs to make a stronger statement and show compelling reasons why our faith needs to be exciting, vital, and life giving to kids.
- We want to help congregations build strong youth groups before youth are bombarded with these choices.
- We need to build a strong network of support and fun within the youth groups at church so that when the choices hit, the church is an appealing, supporting, and fun choice.
- Recent faith formation studies have also pointed to the value of Outdoor Ministry camp and recent experiences in the life of faithful people.
- We live in an uncertain, fast-paced, and sometimes frightening world. Children need to know that they are valuable, they are part of a larger community, and there is a safe place to discover more about relationships with God, others, and self. Camp addresses all these major needs.
- Children at a young age are awed by the role-modeling and Christian witness of well-trained summer staff, who take the time to build a relationship of trust and love with them.

Does this really work? We believe it does. Ask those who have tried it. This program has been done at other outdoor ministry sites around the country. We believe this program can truly help to build a stronger youth group, a more cohesive confirmation class, and a more dynamic congregation.



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