

September 3, 2025

Greetings Pastors and Youth Workers!

RYE '25 will be here before we know it and we want you to prayerfully consider attending the Region Youth Event this November! There will be worship, small groups, activities, laughing, games of course and lots of fun! Considering all that is going on in our world, students are struggling and this weekend is an opportunity for them to connect and recharge. Our theme is Salt & Light, Bitter & Bright.

Our speaker this year will be Lauren Parliament and worship will be led by Mark Taylor. Lauren is originally from Sioux Falls, but currently lives in the Denver area and graduated with an MDIV degree from Denver Seminary. She is a Minister with the American Baptist Churches. Mark grew up south of Indianola and has been in ministry for 16 years, the bulk being in worship. He's written/recorded 2 CDs and is a published author of 2 books and has been a conference speaker. We are excited to have both Lauren and Mark share with us for RYE.

RYE 2025 will be held November 7-9, 2025, at the Church on Northland (First Baptist Church-Church of the Brethren), 5200 Northland Ave NE. The cost for attending is \$65/participant. There is early bird pricing for registrations received before October 15th. For those registering before October 15, the cost is only \$55/participant! This fee includes your T-shirt (indicate your shirt size on the registration form), programming, Friday night food, a meal on Saturday, and admittance to our off site activity.

Registrations and fees need to be received by October 15, 2025 in order to ensure a t-shirt.

Please send all registrations to the host church, The Church on Northland:

5200 Northland Ave NE Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

CHECKS NEED TO BE MADE OUT TO "MID-ABC REGION".

You may also email registrations to office@thechurchonnorthland.com

The fun kicks off at 6:00 PM on Friday night with pizza being served at 6:30 PM. Included in this packet is the tentative schedule. Throughout the weekend students will have the opportunity to worship, hear Lauren speak, dig deeper in small group sessions, attend a workshop in an area of their choosing, play games, and be silly.

We are intentionally planning opportunities for students to mix and mingle with kids from other communities, while also allowing for churches to have small group times together. We realize this may be uncomfortable for some students, but please encourage participation and interaction in all activities.

Students won't need to bring a lot of money for the weekend, but please know that there may be merchandise available for purchase and they may want some for free time.

If finances are a concern and you need assistance with lodging, please let us know. We don't want kids to miss out on this opportunity. Also, all students must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information and updates on the weekend activities:

Follow us on Instagram at Mid-ABC Region Youth.

Also check out www.mid-abc.org or www.thechurchonnorthland.com for more info.

We will be monitoring COVID recommendations and responding accordingly to ensure that this is a safe and healthy event for students and leaders.

Friday

Arrival and Fellowship
Welcome Session
Bowling

Saturday

Morning Session with Worship
Breakouts
Mission Moment
Large Group Session
Lunch/Free Time

Dinner at the church
evening session
evening activity

Sunday

Final Session with Worship

Hotel information: ALL OFFER CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Hampton Inn & Suites Cedar Rapids North
1130 Park Place NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402.
Phone 319-832-1130
Group Name is: Region Youth Event (RYE).
\$109/night
We have blocked 10 rooms here.

Homewood Suites
1140 Park Place NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402.
Phone 319-378-1140
Group Name is: Region Youth Event (RYE).
\$114 King Suite, \$119 Queen Suite
We have five of each blocked here.

We have reserved blocks of rooms at each of these hotels. Rooms at these hotels need to be booked by October 15, 2025. Please contact the hotel directly to reserve your rooms. You will reserve the rooms under your church's name and you will be responsible to pay for the rooms when you depart at the end of the weekend. You will also need to have one adult who will be the primary leader responsible for your group.

If lodging is an issue cost wise, please contact Dina at the Church on Northland to talk about staying at the church. We have limited space available if this is a need.

A few other hotels near the church. In addition to these there are others and some Air B&B's.

- Holiday Inn Express Collins Road, 1230 Collins Rd NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 | (319) 294-9407
- Comfort Inn & Suites, 2025 Werner Ave NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 | (319) 378-8888
- Staybridge Suites, 4444 Czech Ln NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 | (319) 294-8700
- Radisson, 1200 Collins Rd NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 | (319)393-6600

Lunch and Free Time Activities

It's up to each group on what they would like to do for free time.

Lunch Options:

There are LOTS of places to eat near the church/hotels or within a <10 min drive.

Lindale Mall: Shopping or window shopping, the mall is a popular destination for groups. Around Lindale Mall there are restaurants and several stores.

Activities (there would be additional cost for most of these):

AirFx indoor trampoline park, with laser frenzy and outdoor mini golf. <http://www.airfxcr.com/>
Noelridge Park, huge park with walking trail
Video Games/Pool/PingPong at the Church
SuperSkate Roller Skating
SpareTime
Super Marion Arcade

What to Bring

Clothes
Pajamas

Toiletries
Sweatshirt or jacket
Close Toe shoes/socks

Bible or Bible App on
phone/tablet
\$\$ for free time activities

If you have any questions please contact:

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We hope that you will prayerfully consider attending RYE '25.
In His service, The RYE planning team,
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