

**ACC Fall Youth Retreat**  
**September 8-10, 2023**  
**Refreshing Mountain Camp, Stevens PA**

## **Details for Fall Retreat 2023**

Hi Youth Leaders,

The Youth Committee is excited to invite you and your youth to the 2023 ACC Fall Youth Retreat at Refreshing Mountain. We hope you will come and bring your youth!

### **Resource & Spiritual Theme:**

We're excited to have Krista Rittenhouse as our resource person this year. She's the Director of Restorative Justice at Advoz a non-profit providing mediation and restorative practices in Lancaster County.

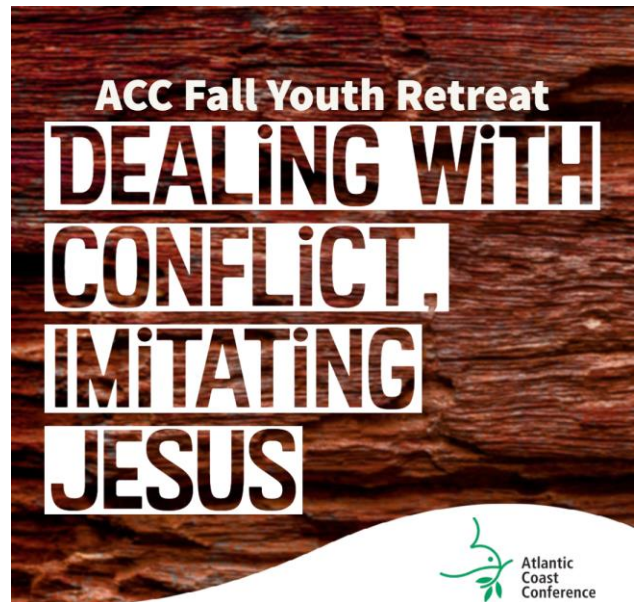
Our theme this year is *Dealing with Conflict, Imitating Jesus*. There are several phrases that come to mind regarding conflict resolution strategies you may have grown up with: Forgive and forget, don't go to bed angry, don't be a doormat, and stick up for yourself. Which of those resonates for you? What might you add to that list? And what's the right way to deal with conflict? The gospels provide clear messages about forgiveness, loving our neighbors, and practicing unity within the church. None of these come naturally...and some people are just plain hard to get along with! However there are strategies we can use to help us honor others and ourselves when we disagree or experience harm. This year's youth retreat will connect Biblical teachings with practical strategies for conflict resolution. Join us for this time of exploration and conversation, as we together strive to imitate Jesus.

### **Cost:**

\$125 per person - youth and leaders

### **Forms:**

1. **Registration Form:** submit to the ACC office **by August 25<sup>th</sup>**. A check may follow by mail.
2. **Activities Release & Waiver Form:** Camp requires this form to use the facilities. Should be handed in for each youth at registration on Friday night.
3. **Medical Release Form:** To be kept with youth leaders in the event that one of your youth would require medical assistance during the weekend. This is a template for you to use.
4. **Congregational Youth Event Verification form:** must be signed by youth leader/chaperones after the necessary clearances have been filed with the church. Should be handed in by registration on Friday night. Please fill this out completely!
5. **Youth Events Volunteer Covenant:** To be signed by a congregational representative after the necessary clearances for each youth leader attending the Fall Retreat have been filed with the church. Must be submitted to ACC Office prior to the retreat.



For facility information, a view of the camp and directions visit [www.refreshingmountain.com](http://www.refreshingmountain.com)

**Weekend Schedule:**

Please arrive between 7:00-8:45 pm Friday evening. Our first worship session will be held at 9 pm. The weekend will conclude Sunday at 11:30 am after our last worship session. The final meal is Sunday morning breakfast. A final schedule will be available at registration Friday night. A draft copy is available on the retreat webpage.

**Weekend Features:**

- Daily Worship & Resource times
- Ice Cream Happy Hour
- Friday evening meeting with youth leaders immediately following campfire
- Elevated obstacle course
- Late night ultimate frisbee
- Late night open gym times
- Sunday morning youth leader meeting following breakfast
- Saturday evening trivia and music combined with our snack time.

**What to Bring:**

--bedding (sleeping bag or sheets/blanket)  
--pillow  
--swimsuit (RM requires one-piece suits)  
--flashlight  
--washcloth, towel, toiletries  
--closed-toed shoes for high ropes activities

**--Medical Release Forms****--Activities Release & Waiver Forms****--Volunteer Covenant Form** *(leaders)*

--Each youth group should bring plenty of snacks & drinks to share for Saturday night Snack Potluck

**Registration deadline: August 25**

*Our ACC Youth Committee hopes that you will attend. We thank you for loving youth and giving so freely of your time to encourage them in life. Pray for this event; that those who attend will be encouraged, challenged, and inspired to commit to/continue the "journey of faith in Jesus."*



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***Please pray for our time together!***