

Southwest Region Youth Conference

of the

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT Auxiliary to the Woman's Department National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

Officers

Dr. Julius R. Scruggs
Convention President

Dr. Marian Hockenhull
Young People's Department Director

Dr. Hugh Dell Gatewood
Woman's President

Karen S. McKinney Holley, *Director*

INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FEE: \$50.00 (Due by July 22nd, 2013)

- **Everyone must register**. The conference is supported by registration fees.
- Registration fee includes admission and participation in Conference activities, program and kit.
- Only individuals registered and badged may attend Conference events. Badges must be worn at all times.
- Payment must accompany registration form and must be in the form of a cashier's check or money order. No personal checks will be accepted.
- A registration form must be completed and returned along with the registration fee.
- A Liability Release Form must be completed by each delegate. You must submit a signed Conference Liability Release Form for each delegate in order to receive a kit (including badge and program).
- ALL REGISTRATION FEES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JULY 22nd, 2013. THERE IS NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION. If you must register after the deadline, you must obtain permission from the National Director, Dr. Marian Hockenhull, 810-742-2462 (phone); 810-744-1733 (fax)
- **Rose Pageant/Scholarship Banquet and Prayer Brunch tickets** – Purchase by July 22nd
- **Rose Pageant Entries** must be submitted with the registration form and all fees submitted by July 22nd.

CONFERENCE HOUSING:

229-241-9221

Best Western Plus Valdosta Hotel and Suites
4025 Northlake Drive, Valdosta, GA 31602
229-241-9221

\$89.00 per night

When making reservations Mention Group Code "NBCSERYC"

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE:

- Pick up of conference materials will open Thursday, July 25th, at 12:00 p.m.
- The Conference will close on Saturday, July 27th, at 12:00 Noon.

CHAPERONS:

- It is requested that you have one adult per every four children/youth.
- Please see that your young people are in assemblies and sessions at the programmed times.
- There should be no walking during assemblies. Please have your young people take care of their needs prior to coming into the session.

DRESS CODE:

- Morning Classes, Workshop and Forums: You are encouraged to dress comfortably and decently.
- Thursday Evening: Church attire.
- Friday Evening (Rose Pageant/Honor's Banquet): After-Five or Church Attire

- **No! Nos!** Girls: No halter tops; shorts; mini skirts/dresses; stretch pants; skirts/dresses with splits above the knee; baby tees, blouses with secular messages (such as sexy, hot girl, etc.) and rap t-shirts.
Boys: No baggy pants; pants hanging off the buttock; muscle shirt; bandanas or scarf tied around the head; gangster rap t-shirts or such paraphernalia. .

CONFERENCE IDENTIFICATION:

- Conference identification must be **worn** at all times.

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- **NO WALKING WHILE IN ASSEMBLIES.**
- Bring a souvenir from your State to swap with a person from a different State during the “Souvenir Swap” at the opening celebration service on Thursday morning.
- Bible, note pad, pen; travel documents; registration confirmation slip, medication, medical insurance documents; Liability Release form; personal identification; important telephone numbers and addresses.
- No secular CDs or music should be brought to the Conference.
- Dress and present yourself as children of God at all times.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Rose Pageant/Scholarship Banquet and Prayer Brunch tickets must be purchased in advance. Send payment with your registration form. Prices are subject to change after deadline.

2013 ACTIVITIES

ARTS AND CRAFT COMPETITION

The Arts and Craft Competition gives youth an opportunity to express their talent through drawings, sketches, paintings, woodwork, ceramics, needlepoint, and any creative artistic ideas. The exhibit will also allow youth to demonstrate their knowledge of God, The Bible, and their spiritual make-up. Through this activity God will be glorified as our youth express the wonderful talents with which the Lord has blessed them.

Rules

1. Each State Convention can submit one exhibit for each age category
2. Exhibit must be completed, from start to finish, by the youth. Directors and counselors must verify that the exhibit was done by the youth.
3. Exhibit must be based on the theme **“Solidarity With the Savior Through His Works”** and theme scriptures: *Matthew 5:16, John 10:32, Titus 2:14, Hebrews 13:21*
4. A drawing, painting, sketch, etc. must be no smaller than 9X12 and no larger than 24X36. You must provide your own easel.
5. All exhibits must be set up by 2:00 p.m. on Friday. Judging will be done on Friday night. Names of participants will not be placed on exhibit until after judging. Awards will be presented to winners on Saturday morning. Exhibit must be taken down on Saturday morning by 10:00 a.m.

Age Categories

Juniors: Ages 9-11 Intermediate: Ages 12-14 Senior: Ages 15-17 College: Ages 18-21

Judging Criteria

20	Theme Interpretation
20	Creativity (Original ideas)
20	Time Element (How much time was involved in completing project)
20	Craftsmanship (Skill involved)
20	Neatness (Very neat and not messy work)
100	Total Points

Awards

- ♦ 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place prizes will be presented in each age category.
- ♦ All participants will receive a Certificate of Participation.

BANQUET

The Rose Pageant/Honor's Banquet will be held on Friday evening. The cost is \$15.00, which must be included with your registration.

BIBLE DRILL

Session I – Book Drill – Ages 5-9

In this session, the books of the Bible will be called. The participant must locate the book, place his or her index finger on the book's name, and step forward within 10-seconds. Once called upon, the participant must be able to state the book he or she located.

Administering of Points

- 5 pts – to all participants who locate the book and step forward within the 10-second allotment
- 5 pts – to the first participant who locates the book and steps forward within the 10-second allotment (additional pts)
- 5 pts – for the correct response
 - 1) Locating the book
 - 2) Index finger on the book's name
 - 3) Stating of book

Session II – Scripture Drill – Ages 10-12

In this session, Scriptures of the Bible will be called. The participant must locate the exact Scripture (book, chapter, verse). He or she has to place an index finger on the Scripture and step forward within 10 seconds. Once called upon, the participant must be able to read the verse and state the Scripture reference.

Administering of Points

- 5 pts – to all participants who locate the scripture and step forward within the 10-second allotment
- 5 pts – to the first participant who locates the scripture and steps forward within the 10-second allotment (additional points)
- 5 pts – for the correct response
 - 1) Locating the scripture
 - 2) Index finger on the **exact** scripture
 - 3) Reading of Bible verse
 - 4) Stating the scripture reference

Participant must follow the Drill Command:

- Attention – stand straight, eyes on caller and Bible at side.
- Present Bible – Bible at waistline with Genesis downward.
- The Call – the call is stated twice.
- Start – begin searching and step forward when call is located.

BIBLE OLYMPICS – Ages 13-17

In this session, questions related to the theme will be asked and points awarded for the first person who gives the correct answer.

Bible Olympics Rules:

1. Two 15-minute time periods will be given for questions and answer: Qualifying round and championship round.
2. All questions will be placed in a drawing box and drawn at random.

3. Qualifying round:
 - a. Each correct answer is worth 10 points
 - b. A deduction of 5 points if question is answered incorrectly.
 - c. Players will have 30-seconds to respond to questions.
4. Each player will be asked a different question.
5. At the end of the 15-minute qualifying round the judges will tally the scores.
6. The three top scorers will enter the Championship Round before the entire Conference.

📖BIBLE TEXT BOWL – Ages 12 and above

Must have a cell phone with texting capabilities

In this session, questions related to the theme will be asked and points awarded for the first person who texts the correct answer.

Bible Text Bowl Rules:

1. Two 15-question Qualifying Rounds will be held. The two top scorers of the Qualifying Rounds will enter the Championship Round.
2. All questions will be selected at random.
3. Qualifying Round:
 - a. The first correct answer to be received by text will be awarded 10 points.
 - b. 5 points will be deducted if a question is answered incorrectly.
 - c. Entrants will have 30 seconds to respond to questions.
4. At the end of each 15-question qualifying round, the scores will be tallied.
5. The four top scorers will enter the Championship Round before the entire Conference.

📖BOOK CLUB

Young people who read, write and submit a summary and reaction to at least two books will receive a special acknowledgment during the Rose Pageant/Honor's Banquet.

📖CHRISTIAN ARTS

The Christian Arts Team will present thematic presentations each day. Young people will learn:

- Drama (presenting a combination of dramatic presentations involving stage and theatrical techniques);
- Music (with voice control);
- Dance (including proper attire and movements);
- Mime (involving mime presentation, body position and body freezes techniques); and,
- Sign language (including understanding deaf culture and basic signs)

📖CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

Christian Education classes will be held Thursday and Friday afternoons and Saturday morning. Students are to go directly to class. Class assignment sheet will be located in your packets and posted in the meeting area.

📖YPD CIRCLES/AUXILIARIES.

SunRays (1-4 male/female), Sunshine Band (5-8 male/female), Red Circle (9-17 female), Crusaders (9-17 male), Young Women's Auxiliary (unmarried 18-35), Young Matrons Auxiliary (married 18-35), and Young Men's Auxiliary (18-35).

📖CONFERENCE CHOIR REHEARSAL

The first rehearsal will be held Thursday afternoon, July 25th. Rehearsal schedules will be placed in your packets and posted in the meeting area. Ages up to 12 (Children's Choir). Ages 13 and above (Youth/Young Adult Choir).

📖DAILY FOCUS CHALLENGE

Daily theme emphasis to challenge and encourage young people on their Christian journey.

☞ STATE THEMATIC DRAMAS

Each State Convention should present a thematic drama selection depicting the 2011 theme, **“Solidarity With the Savior Through His Works”** and incorporating at least one of the theme scriptures: **Matthew 5:16, John 10:32, Titus 2:14, Hebrews 13:21**

You will have eight (8) minutes' performance time, and two (2) minutes set-up time. That is a total of ten (10) minutes for each State or State Convention. The Conference timekeeper's call will be final. This will permit all participants to have adequate time for their presentations. At the end of ten (10) minutes, the presentation will be stopped. Awards will be given in the following categories: Interpretation and Application of the Scriptures, Drama and Costumes. (Time will be strictly enforced. Please practice within the time frame. We do not want to ask anyone to leave the stage for going over-time. Thank you.)

☞ (LITURGICAL) DANCE/DRILL/MIME/STEP COMPETITION

Performance will be during worship service on the designated day for the state

Teams will be judged on the interpretation of the theme, steps/choreography, coordination, originality, timing, precision or gracefulness, and uniforms. **CHRISTIAN DRESS! WATCH YOUR STEPS!** Any sexually suggestive moves will be stopped at once. Five (5) minutes of performance time. (Time will be strictly enforced; please practice within the time frame, so the judges do not have to ask anyone to leave the stage for going over-time. Thank you.)

☞ I HAVE A TESTIMONY

Inspirational, motivating, encouraging and moving testimonies given by Young People throughout the Conference Worship Services and during the Prayer Brunch.

☞ FITNESS AND WELLNESS

Morning Gospel Fitness Walk and Prayer

☞ FORUMS: CHILDREN'S CORNER, GIRL TALK, BOY TALK, YOUNG MEN, YOUNG WOMEN, ADULT

A resource person will be available to facilitate an exchange on a timely topic.

☞ THE GREAT DEBATE

Topics:

“Keeping the Sabbath” includes/does not include watching/attending sporting events, working, going to the movies, etc.

or

Christians should/should not buy expensive name brands when there are less expensive products of comparable quality.

or

Christians should/should not watch television shows/movies and play games such as *Being Human, Dresden Files, The Vampire Diaries, True Blood, the Twilight movies*

The Great Debate is designed to teach youth how to disagree in an orderly fashion and sharpen their thinking and concentration skills. It also requires them to base their argument on research and to be able to present their beliefs in a persuasive manner. More importantly, youth will be able to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of the Word of God on issues of our day.

Rules

1. Each team must consist of two debaters, one affirmative (Yes) and one negative (No).
2. Elimination rounds will be conducted on Thursday afternoon, and the top three winning teams will participate in the Great Debate before the entire Conference.
3. Total time for each debater is two-minutes. One minute to present your position and one minute for rebuttal (argument).
4. Each debater will give their one-minute presentation first (alternately – one 'yes' debater and one 'no' debater). Each debater will then give a one-minute rebuttal, alternately.
5. There should be no name-calling or other inappropriate remarks.
6. Debaters should take notes during the presentations of their opponents so that they can present their rebuttals in an organized way. Each debater should rebut only the debater opposite him/her.

Age Categories

Junior – Ages 12-14

Senior – 15-17

College – 18-21

Judging Criteria

Persuasiveness	20 Points		
Biblical Support	20 Points		
Delivery	20 Points		
Presentation (Articulation/Volume)	20 Points		
Time	10 Points		
Rebuttal	10 Points	Total	100 Points

Individual Winners

Each debater is judged based on the above criteria. The 1st, 2nd, 3rd place individual winners will be the debaters with the highest tally of points.

ELECTIONS

One candidate per state may run. He/she must have the endorsement of the State YPD Director or designee and present his/her campaign speech before the entire body on Friday, July 25th, 2013. The State YPD Director or designee will select ten (10) voting delegates from his/her state; voting will take place on Friday afternoon.

Offices:

PRESIDENT

He/she must be at least 18 years of age,

1st VICE PRESIDENT

He/she must be between 15 and 17 years of age,

SECRETARY

He/she must be at least 15 years of age,

CHAPLAIN

MEDIA COORDINATOR

He/she must be at least 15 years of age,

EVANGELISM AND MISSION

Evangelism

Participants not actively serving at the mission site will receive evangelism training in age-appropriate workshops.

Mission-In-Action/Evangelism

All Conference delegates are encouraged to participate in the Outreach Program. Delegates will serve in the designated mission site. Those who are not actively serving at the mission site will be involved in evangelistic training.

Mission Donation – Dana Walker-Alexander Pennies from Heaven

We are asking all young people and leaders to cash their pennies into bills and send their donations in with

registration. A trophy will be given to the State Convention reporting the largest donation. Funds will be used for both Home and Foreign Mission Donations.

👉 **PARADE OF STATES**

State Directors or their designees will be in charge of preparing their State for the opening celebration "Parade of States." Each state's representatives will enter the sanctuary bearing the state flag. Others in the state should cheer their representatives on.

👉 **PHOTOGRAPHERS and NEWS REPORTERS**

Young people who enjoy writing and taking pictures and videos are encouraged to work on this committee. Please bring your pen, paper, camera and/or camcorder. Persons on this committee will be assigned to cover Conference events and produce the Conference newsletter.

👉 **POETRY READING**

We encourage young people to write. Writings should be based on the Conference theme and scripture. Young people will have an opportunity to read or perform their works during the Rose Pageant/Scholarship Banquet or Closing Prayer Brunch. Readings should not exceed two minutes.

👉 **rites of passage**

This is a very intense program in which young men and young women are oriented to their relationships, duties and responsibilities to God, their families, communities and others; their cooperative efforts to work, provide, achieve, excel, organize, produce and rise as a people. Their rich heritage, history, strength, ability, faith, power and potentiality under God are emphasized. **This is a two-year program.** Upon completion of two years of training, these young people will be presented to the Conference. The age of participation is 13-17.

👉 **ROSE PAGEANT**

Rosebuds (Ages 6-9)

Rose Petals (Ages 10-13)

Roses (Ages 14-18)

The **SERYC Rose Pageant** is based on John 15:1-17 (especially verses 4-5). The flower is the most beautiful and colorful part of the plant. It is the part that reproduces and bears fruit, but it cannot exist without a root and a stem (vine). The branches, leaves and flowers come from the root and stem (vine). Jesus tells us that He is The Vine. As branches, we have life and produce spiritual fruit only when we are rooted in Him. The Rose Pageant is different from the debutante's pageant in its emphasis that God makes, nourishes and develops flowers and young people. All Roses and their escorts are to pre-register and submit their fees on their registration form. Roses must keep in mind that this is a Christian activity and to govern themselves accordingly. Preparation for this group will begin on Thursday afternoon. The young ladies will present a talent, Christian fashion presentation, a brief testimony, and answer a question relevant to their service and experience. (Escorts are welcome to model fashion with their Rose during the Christian fashion presentation.) The Roses will choose the following from among themselves: The Roses of Love, Joy, Peace, Patience (Longsuffering), Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Humility, Self-control (Temperance), Grace and Friendship. Each State Convention contestant must enter with \$50 for Rosebuds, \$75 for Rose Petals, and \$100 for Roses. Each State Convention may enter a maximum of three young ladies in each age category.

Attire: Roses - Long **WHITE** gowns with gloves are required. Escorts -Dark suit (Tuxedo preferred but not required).

👉 **SCHOLARSHIP BOOK AWARDS**

Scholarship Book Awards are presented to one young person from each State Convention. Names are to be submitted by the State Director or designee upon arrival on Thursday, July 25th.

👉 **SPORTS OLYMPICS**

Basketball

Intermediate (11-14) ~ Senior (15-18) ~ Young Adult (19-25) all-male, all-female, or coed teams are welcome to participate. Each State Convention may enter the tournament.

Volleyball

Intermediate (11-14) ~ Senior (15-18) ~ Young Adult (19-25) all-male, all-female, or coed teams are welcome to participate. Each State Convention may enter the tournament.

STATE CHOIR PRAISE EXPLOSION

Performance will be during the worship service on Friday afternoon, July 26th.

Choirs will display their gifts with singing along with other methods of praise. Two selections per State Convention Choir or representative.

STATE SOUVENIR SWAP

Conference participants are asked to bring a souvenir from their State to swap during the opening ceremony (such as pins, T-shirts, buttons, pens, pencils, stickers, etc.)

USHERS

Ushers will serve during each worship service and at the Rose Pageant/Scholarship Banquet and the Closing Prayer Brunch. Training will take place during the Thursday afternoon breakout sessions.

WORKSHOPS

Youth-Related Workshops, Rites of Passage, Evangelism Training, Officers' Training, Rose Pageant Preparation, and a Director's Workshop will be offered.

MOTTO:

G.E.M. - Glorify God, Exalt Christ, Magnify the Holy Spirit

