



## National Convention 2019 FAQ

### GENERAL FACTS

When: February 15th-18th, 2019

Where: Camp Twin Lakes – Will-a-Way, Winder, GA

Cost: Early Bird: \$350

\*\$400 after November 23rd (flights are NOT included)

Questions: If you have any additional questions please contact the National Convention Team at [yjconvention@youngjudaea.org](mailto:yjconvention@youngjudaea.org) or call 917-595-2100 x209.

\*Limited subsidies available by emailing [yjconvention@youngjudaea.org](mailto:yjconvention@youngjudaea.org)

### MORE FACTS

#### Who is eligible to come to Midwinter Convention?

All 9-12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to attend National Midwinter Convention 2019 regardless of their past Young Judaea experience

#### What happens at National Midwinter Convention?

National Midwinter Convention is an annual gathering of Young Judaea's participants, members, leaders and friends to observe Shabbat together and learn about issues relevant to Judaism, Israel, Pluralism and Zionism. High quality programming will be offered to all Jewish teens, regardless of their current or previous levels of involvement

in Young Judaea. Elections of the 2019-2020 National Mazkirut will also be taking place. On the Monday, we all travel to Atlanta for community service together.

### **How do I register?**

To register for National Midwinter Convention –Click [HERE](#) and choose National Midwinter Convention 2019 (If you already have an account on regpacks for Year Round Programs –i.e. AWB, local program or a convention, please try and remember your account – call us on 347-497-7794 for assistance). Fill out the registration if you have not yet, choose the product and it should take you to a form. There is a space for travel - fill in what you can.

### **When is the registration deadline and what must be submitted?**

Our registration deadline is January 15th, 2019. In addition to the application, the billing information, the consent and release forms will be e-mailed to registered participants and must be sent back by February 5th, 2019.

### **Are subsidies available?**

Yes, there are LIMITED subsidies available. Please go [THIS](#) link to request a subsidy. Please note that most subsidies will not be more than \$50 - \$100.

### **What are the travel guidelines?**

#### **ARRIVAL GUIDELINES FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

There are THREE options for arrival to National Midwinter Convention:

#### **1. FLYING**

All flights for convention should arrive at the Atlanta International Airport (ATL) on Friday, February 15th between 9:30am and 12pm EDT.

#### **2. DROP OFF AT TWIN LAKES**

Participants should be dropped off at 210 S. Broad St., Unit 5, Winder, GA 30680 by 3:00pm

#### **3. BUS TO TWIN LAKES FOR LOCAL ATLANTA TEENS**

The fee for the bus is \$30 for both ways. Participants should be dropped off at Atlanta Airport by 12:30pm at the latest (exact location TBD). This option has a bus fee of \$30, the product can be found in the registration – [www.regpacks.com/yjreg](http://www.regpacks.com/yjreg) (please do not open a new account for the addition of the bus, you can either add the bus to your cart or we can do it for you.)

## **DEPARTURE GUIDELINES FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH, 2019.**

We will be doing volunteer service in Atlanta or closer to camp prior to departing. Volunteering will end at approximately 2:00-2:30pm where buses will leave by 2:30PM at the latest and teens may be picked up in Atlanta (site to be determined).

There are three options for departure from National Midwinter Convention:

### **1. FLYING**

Flights should depart from Atlanta Airport between 5:30pm – 9:00pm EDT.

### **2. PICK UP IN Atlanta**

Participants should be picked up in Atlanta at the volunteer site at approximately 3:00pm

### **3. PICK UP AT ATLANTA AIRPORT**

Participants can be picked up at Atlanta airport at approximately 3:30PM

**I can't find flights that arrive within the times listed. Can I book something else?**

- NO! The schedule is precise and our time is limited. All flights should fly in as listed in the above guidelines
- We must have enough time to arrive at camp by the time Shabbat comes in. Additionally, if a participant tries to book a flight that departs before 5:30pm Monday, February 18th, they will run the risk of not making his/her flight.

### **Can I drive myself to convention?**

To ensure the safety of our participants, while parents are welcomed to drive participants to/from convention, participants are strongly discouraged from driving to/from convention themselves. If this is necessary, please contact the office at [yjconvention@youngjudaea.org](mailto:yjconvention@youngjudaea.org) to request special permission

### **If I am being driven, what is the drop off time?**

Participants who are being driven to the convention by a parent/guardian should arrive to Twin Lakes by 3pm on Friday the 15th.

### **Additional Questions**

**What is the educational theme of Midwinter?**

## Cultivating Community! More information to Follow

We have programming throughout the weekend that directly relates to your involvement with Young Judaea:

- *For new teens:* Get to know Young Judaea, its values and its leaders
- *For local leadership;* Hone your leadership skills
- *For Returning TY:* Our hope is that some of the programs from this weekend will be the foundation for some of the programming at Tel Yehudah this summer.
- *For CJ, CYJ MW, CYJ Texas and Sprout Lake Campers* – This is a great opportunity for you to see your camp friends and think about your future as leaders at your camps, in your YJ community and at home.
- *For Hadracha Campers:* We will be debating and discussing some of the issues that Hadracha chanichim will engage with this summer.
- *For Machon:* We're excited to have a meeting of potential Machon teens at convention. If you're interested in participating in or helping to lead Machon, coming to National Convention is a great chance to get started!
- *For HS Seniors:* Young Judaea camp staff will have time to interact with teens planning to work at camps this summer. We will also be dedicating time for our incoming Young Judaea Year Course participants to begin exploring what issues they want to organize and affect change around on Year Course. A special guest at convention will be a current Year Course participant.

### **More Information**

We will send an information guide to all participants and their parents via e-mail the week leading up to convention. It will contain the following:

- A complete packing list
- Precise airport arrival and departure instructions, including a map of Atlanta Airport
- Instructions for Parent drop off at the Atlanta Airport, bus pick up locations and pick up/drop off procedures at Camp Twin Lakes Will-a-Way
- An itinerary for the convention and related background and educational materials and readings