

National Convention 2020 FAQ

GENERAL FACTS

When: February 14th-17th, 2020

Where: Camp Young Judaea Texas, Wimberley, TX

Cost: Early Bird: \$350

*\$400 after December 16th (flights are NOT included)

Questions: If you have any additional questions please contact yjconvention@youngjudaea.org or call 917-595-2100 x219.

MORE FACTS

Who is eligible to come to National Convention?

All 9-12th graders are invited to attend National Convention 2020 regardless of their past Young Judaea experience.

What happens at National Convention?

National 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 2020-2021 National Mazkirut will also be taking place. On the Monday, we all travel to Austin to participate in a community service project before heading home.

How do I register?

To register for National Convention: Click [HERE](#) and choose National Convention 2020 (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 917-595-2100 x219 for assistance). Create an account/login and add product “National Convention 2020” to your cart. Please fill out all prompted forms.

When is the deadline and what must be submitted?

Our registration deadline is January 27th, 2020. The consent and release forms will be e-mailed to registered participants and must be sent back by February 5th, 2020. All other forms are on regpacks.

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 14th, 2020

There are THREE options for arrival to National Convention:

1. FLYING

All flights for convention should arrive at the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (AUS) on Friday, February 14th between **9:30am and 12:30pm CST**.

2. DROP OFF AT CYJ TEXAS

Participants should be dropped off at 1 Doolittle Dr. Wimberley, TX. 78676 by **3:00pm**.

3. BUS TO CYJ TEXAS FOR LOCAL AUSTIN TEENS

The fee for the bus is \$30 for both ways. Participants should be dropped off at Austin 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 (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 17TH, 2020.

We will be doing volunteer service in Austin 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 Austin or the Austin airport (site to be determined).

There are three options for departure from National Convention:

1. FLYING

Flights should depart from Austin Airport between **5:30pm – 9:00pm CST**.

2. PICK UP IN AUSTIN

Participants should be picked up in Austin at the volunteer site (TBD) at approximately **3:00pm**.

3. PICK UP AT AUSTIN AIRPORT

Participants can be picked up at Austin 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 17th, 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 to request special permission

Additional Questions

What is the educational theme of Convention?

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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.

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 Austin Airport
- Instructions for Parent drop off at Austin Airport, bus pick up locations and pick up/drop off procedures at CYJ Texas