

# FAQ Young Judaea Midwest Convention

## When and Where is Midwest Spring Convention?

March 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at Camp Nageela Midwest, Ingleside, IL

## Who is eligible to come to Midwest Spring Convention?

All Jewish teens, grades 8-12, who are interested in becoming more involved in Young Judaea, learning about Israel and being together for Shabbat. Like all Young Judaea programming, the weekend will be planned by our regional Mazkirut (youth board) along with their advisors and the madrichim (counselors). The program will include fun and engaging activities relating to Israel, Jewish Identity and Tikkun Olam (changing the world).

## How much does Midwest Spring Convention cost?

The convention fee is \$370 + travel. If the participant needs transportation to the convention **and is not flying** there will be a \$50 bus fee for both ways and \$30 for one way. If you are a Pittsburgh teen If you are a Pittsburgh teen you are eligible for additional funding through the generosity of the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh. Please contact Rabbi Amy Bardack at [abardack@jfedpgh.org](mailto:abardack@jfedpgh.org) for more information. FLIGHTS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE.

## How do I register?

Registration is entirely online: <https://midwestconvention.paperform.co>

## Are subsidies available?

Yes, though our subsidy funds are limited, we want to have every teen that is interested attend. Please complete this [SUBSIDY REQUEST FORM](#)

## Where do I submit payment?

Please submit payment via Paypal at [THIS LINK](#). Note: you do not need a paypal account to process payment, we accept credit card.

## What are the COVID-19 policies?

We are taking all possible precautions to ensure the health and safety of our participants. All participants must be vaccinated. Booster doses are mandated UNLESS second dose was administered less than 6 months before March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Participants must also submit proof of a negative rapid test administered within 24 hours of the program.

If a participant develops COVID-19 symptoms during the retreat we will administer a rapid test. *If a*

*participant tests positive during the retreat we will isolate them at the retreat center until the participant and parent/guardian have made immediate arrangements at their own expense.*

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

Participants may choose to fly, take our bus, or drive directly to convention. Bus transportation will be automatically provided for those arriving by plane, free of charge from O'hare airport to Camp Nageela Midwest.

If you are being dropped off at the airport and taking the bus to/from convention but NOT FLYING, the fee for bus transportation will be \$30 for one direction, \$50 for both.

\* Participants planning to fly into O'Hare should arrive between **3:30pm and 6:00pm** on Thursday, March 3rd and flights should depart between **12:00pm and 2:30pm** on Sunday, March 6th. Please note that we will not have staff at the airport before this time so your teen will need to wait. Local teens should be dropped off **no later than 6:00pm** on Thursday or risk missing the bus.

\* Participants that live locally are welcome to take the bus from O'Hare or Northbrook Court for a fee of \$50 both ways (\$30 one way). If you are taking the Northbrook Bus please arrive to **Northbrook Court: 1515 Lake Cook Rd at approximately 6:45pm** or risk missing the bus (scheduled to depart at 7:00pm). Exact pickup location will be at the corner between the AMC theater and Arhaus entrance, a map will be sent to all participants that choose this option. For more information on the bus from the O'hare or Northbrook Court please contact [yjconvention@youngjudaea.org](mailto:yjconvention@youngjudaea.org).

\* Participants being driven to Camp Nageela Midwest, drop off time on Thursday is **7:30pm to 8:00pm** and pick up on Sunday is **9:00am**.

All transportation questions can be sent to – [yjconvention@youngjudaea.org](mailto:yjconvention@youngjudaea.org)

### **I can only find flights that arrive after or depart before/after the times you listed. Can I still take them?**

Unfortunately we cannot offer that much leeway on this, the Midwest Convention schedule is precise and our time is extremely limited. If your flight arrives earlier than our staff can be at the airport or departs later, you are permitted to wait alone at the airport if your parent/guardian gives permission.

### **What should I do if I am flying as an unaccompanied minor to Convention? Will there be someone to pick me up?**

Please make sure to check with your airline provider what their specific rules and regulations are for flying as an unaccompanied minor. Each airline has a different procedure and some charge fees for this service. Once you check these rules with your airline, please contact us at [yjconvention@youngjudaea.org](mailto:yjconvention@youngjudaea.org) so we can provide you with the information needed for the airline of our staff member who will be escorting you from the gate to baggage claim. If there is a fee from the

airline, that fee must be covered by the parents or guardians of the participants. To be considered an unaccompanied minor, your airline must have on record our staff member's information.

### **What are the travel guidelines if I am driving to and from Convention?**

Participants under 18 are encouraged NOT to drive themselves to convention. This is contrary to Young Judaea policy and anyone driving to convention must be dropped off and picked up by a parent or guardian. However, seasoned drivers are permitted to drive themselves and other teens with permission from parents. Please contact [yjconvention@youngjudaea.org](mailto:yjconvention@youngjudaea.org) for a permission slip.

If you live locally, we are providing a bus from **O'Hare and Northbrook Court** to and from convention, which can help alleviate some of the travel time for individual parent/guardians. **The charge for taking the bus is \$30 for one direction or \$50 for both.** This fee does not apply to those taking flights. For more information on the bus from the airports please contact [yjconvention@youngjudaea.org](mailto:yjconvention@youngjudaea.org) or see above section "What are the travel guidelines?"

### **What are the travel guidelines if I would like my parents/guardians to drop me off and pick me up at Camp Nageela Midwest?**

Participants may be dropped off and picked up at Nageela Midwest by their parents/guardians. If you are being driven to Convention, please plan to arrive between **7:30pm** and **8:00pm** on Thursday, March 3rd. If you are being picked up at Convention on Sunday, March 6th, please plan to depart at **9am**.

### **What should I pack?**

3 shirts

3 pairs of pants

3 pairs of socks

3 pairs of underwear

1 pair of nice clothing appropriate for Shabbat dinner

a kippah (optional)

toiletries (shampoo, soap ,toothpaste etc.)

a towel

a sleeping bag

a pillow

a warm jacket

### **What is the cancellation policy for Convention?**

If you cancel your participation before February 13th, 2022, you will be eligible for a 100% program refund. If you cancel your registration after February 13<sup>th</sup> you will not be eligible for a refund.

Young Judaea reserves the right to cancel Midwest Convention, or change any of the itinerary due to low enrollment, security, health concerns, or other reason as determined by Young Judaea's sole and absolute discretion.

Program prices are subject to change in Young Judaea's sole and absolute discretion. Young Judaea shall not be held responsible for fees or damages associated with such cancellation that participants may incur.

For any questions about travel, registration or other logistics, contact [yiconvention@youngjudaea.org](mailto:yiconvention@youngjudaea.org)

Regardless of when you cancel, if cancellation occurs after you have purchased an airline ticket, you will be responsible for the full price of the airline ticket. In the event Young Judaea cancels Midwest Convention, Young Judaea shall not be responsible for any fees or damages associated with such cancellation that participant may incur (including flights). No refunds will be given for participants who are dismissed and/or otherwise removed from or leave Midwest Spring Convention for any reason (voluntary or involuntary) once the program has commenced.

Note: All flight expenses are the responsibility of the participant.