

District Blitz Conference

April 23 – 25, 2010
Mayo Civic Center
Rochester, Minnesota



To: Youth Leaders

Re: Confirmation Packet and General Information Update

Date: April 13, 2010

The 2010 Conference Committee is looking forward to seeing you in Rochester. This letter confirms that we have received your registration packet. Please review the attached listing to verify the total number of participants attending the conference.

If you feel there is an error please contact:

EFC Churches: Dave Bostrom at 651-442-4760 or dbostrom@firstefc.org as soon as possible.

MBC Churches: James or Christy at 218-543-4565 or cgilmer@tds.net as soon as possible.

Enclosed you will find the following items:

- Updated Conference Schedule (no significant changes from original)
- Seminar Options, Speaker Flow & Breakout Questions
- Information you **MUST** know
- Saturday Afternoon Recreation Activities & Ministry Opportunities

When you check into your hotel please be courteous to the management by only **sending in your head youth-leader**. After the head youth leader gets the room keys, head back to your vehicle(s) and distribute the keys there. This will eliminate the clumping of youth groups in the lobbies.

On-site check in will be in the registration area at the Mayo Civic Center, in Riverview Suite A (6-8:30 PM). At on-site check-in your head youth leader will receive a check-in packet containing wristbands, markers, scissors, handbooks, group seating assignments and breakout room assignments for the weekend and other conference information. The cell phone number of the head youth leader should be written on the wristbands and then securely placed on each participant to ensure entrance into rallies and seminars.

Please check with the hotel you're staying at before arriving in Rochester regarding parking fees and locations for the type of vehicle you will be utilizing for the weekend. Most of the hotels are within walking distance of the Mayo Civic Center. Vans with trailers and buses will have a designated parking, check with your hotel for details. The cost for oversized vehicles will be \$24, however the hotel you are staying at has agreed to pay for \$12 of it. Some parking on the street is free, but be sure to look closely at the street signs and meters as each block may have different requirements.

We are expecting over 2400 participants, so there will be assigned seating in **Taylor Arena** at the MCC. The postmark on your registration determines where your group is assigned to sit. Due to space limitations, larger groups will be assigned breakout spaces that will be listed in your packet. Smaller groups will need to find a location on their own. Once you have a place, that is your place for the entire weekend. ***If you need handicap accessible seating, be sure to contact Dave Bostrom by Thursday, April 16 via email at dbostrom@firstefc.org.***

Please join us in prayer as the conference nears. We hope to see the hand of God move in a big way in the hearts and minds of our students.

If you have any last minute questions, please call:

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In Him,
2010 Conference Committee



Information You Must Know!

Trust us, this will really help you look prepared!
Read all of it and feel free to distribute it to your leaders.



There will not be a central conference number available for parents to reach you or your students during this conference. You will need to borrow or rent a cell phone for the weekend. If you are unable to do that, please let parents know the telephone number of the hotel and the head youth workers' room number in the event of an emergency. We will have a conference office in Riverview Suite A of the Mayo Civic Center, however this office will not be staffed at all times. For medical questions, contact the conference office.



Wristbands will be given out as the "ticket" into rallies and seminars. A marker will be provided in the on-site check-in packet to write the number of the contact cell phone on all bands. Please make sure the bands are securely placed on each individual in your group and the excess cut off with the scissors provided. All broken bands need to be brought to the conference office and replaced for \$2. There is a \$10 charge to replace lost or missing wristbands.



No laser pointers or squirt guns allowed at the conferences, if found, these items will be confiscated and donated to a charitable organization.



Remember to bring ***two copies of the medical form*** for each individual in your group. One set of copies will be turned in to the medical staff at on-site check-in, and the head-youth-leader will keep the other set. In the event of serious injuries, **call 911**.



Offering Project: All of the children that benefit from GlobalFingerprints have suffered in some way through war, poverty, HIV/Aids, or malnutrition and have lost one or both parents. The extended families that take in the children cannot afford to buy basic things like pencils, paper, toothbrush, or washcloth.

The Red Backpack Project helps solve this problem by providing children with the things they need. It is filled with basic hygiene and school supplies. It is a treasured possession that stores all their worldly possessions.

Each backpack along with basic school and hygiene supplies cost \$10/ each Our goal is to supply 900 backpacks. Stop by the GlobalFingerprints table for more information and to see one of the backpacks.



Check out of the Hotel on Sunday prior to arriving at the MCC. Loading the vans and cleaning out rooms takes time so plan ahead. Be sure to clean up rooms a bit before you check out, a tip of up to \$5 per room for the weekend would be appropriate.



Afternoon Options & "To Save A Life Movie": Saturday options are limited. However, outdoor space is plentiful, bring your own toys/equipment to play in the open fields near the downtown area. Parks are also available for activities, bring a ball or lawn games.

To Save A Life Movie (PG-13) Showing. . .many of you have seen the movie, but some of you were not in an area where the movie was showing. We will be showing the movie at 3 PM in Taylor Arena. We are suggested you warn your parents about the movie as it comes with a PG-13 meeting ***we will be presenting the church friendly version.*** The movie would be best suited for students 8th grade and up. A suggested donation of \$2 per person or \$50 per youth group.



A Note about Pre-Rally Activities: About 30 minutes prior to starting the rallies, the doors will be open. Each rally we will feature music videos, text polling questions, and other fun activities. Just a reminder that the official rally time is the time we start the actual conference content.



NCD Ministry Project Opportunities (EFC Churches Only)

We have a number of ministry and service projects in the Rochester area. If you would like to be a part of one, we will send you a list of available projects in an email following this one. Some projects may be available at the conference, but it would be best to sign up via email.

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Friday, April 23

6:00– 8:30 pm	On Site Check-in in the Riverview Suite A of the Mayo Civic Center
7:15-8:00	Pre-rally Prayer in the Riverview Suite B of the Mayo Civic Center
8:00	Doors Open
8:30-10:00	Evening Rally at the MCC with Mark Alan Band & Bob Lenz
8:40-9:10	Head Youthworker orientation meeting in Riverview Suite B with Bill A.
10:00-10:45	Breakout Sessions
11:00	In hotels
11:30	In hotel rooms and quiet for the night

Saturday, April 24

7:30am	Breakfast on your own
8:30	Doors open
8:15-8:45	Pre-rally Prayer in the Riverview Suite B of the Mayo Civic Center
9:00-10:30	Morning Rally at the Mayo Civic Center with Mark Alan Band & Bob Lenz
10:45-11:15	Breakout Sessions
11:30-12:30	Seminar Session #1
12:30 pm	Lunch on your own
1:00-5:00	Ministry options and free time
3:00-5:00	To Save A Life Movie in Taylor Arena
4:00-5:30	Dinner on your own
6:00-7:00	Seminar Session #2
7:10-7:40	Pre-rally Prayer in the Riverview Suite B of the Mayo Civic Center
7:30	Doors open
8:00 - 9:45	Evening Rally at the Mayo Civic Center with Mark Alan Band & Bob Lenz
9:45 - 10:30	Breakout Sessions
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Sunday, April 25

8:00 am	Breakfast on your own, pack up, load up and check-out before going to the rally
9:30-10:00	Pre-rally Prayer in the Riverview Suite B of the Mayo Civic Center
10:00	Doors open
10:30-11:30	Closing Rally at the Mayo Civic Center with Mark Alan Band & Bob Lenz
12:00 pm	Lunch on own & head home

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Seminars Begin @ 11:30 AM & 6:00 PM

Seminar Titles & Descriptions

Featured Seminar by Dave Horsager

Title: Don't Be Deceived

Presenter: Dave Horsager

Location: Taylor Arena

Description: You are tricked more every single day than you know and Dave will prove it! Do you want to keep from being deceived and live a more abundant life in Christ? This seminar is interactive, entertaining and challenging. In it Dave reveals a powerful message of truth which challenges the audience to avoid Satan's deceptive illusions and "fix your eyes on Christ" (Heb.12:2). Not only will you learn how to perform an illusion, you will learn the 5 I's for fixing your eyes on Christ every day!

Title: Do Good By Being Awesome

Presenter: Scott Erickson

Location: Grand Ballroom– East

Description: Even when we don't think we have anything to give to the world, we're wrong. We'll examine the work of artists and how we can learn what it means to be "awesome" in God's kingdom.

Title: Worship Team 101 (11:30 AM Only)

Presenter: Mark Alan Band

Location: Riverview Suite D

Description: Many people are very gifted musicians and singers, but does that mean they are called to a worship team? Come and find out what it takes to lead or be a part of an effective worship team. You may be surprised at what you hear is the most important. Come and hear what the Mark Alan Band members have learned over the years.

Title: Worship Team Clinic (6:00 PM Only)

Presenter: Mark Alan Band

Location: Riverview Suite D

Description: Come and learn a variety of techniques and skills to help you develop your guitar and vocal skills. You will also learn skills that will help you practice on your own as well as with your band.

Title: Qualities of an Effective Leader

Presenter: Tiger McLuen (President of Youth Leadership)

Location: McDonnell Suite– First Floor (11:30 AM Only)

Description: Grounded in Scripture, this session gets to the heart of what makes a leader into someone who can impact the life of a teenager, and will inspire you to be clear about your role in the busy world of adolescence. This seminar navigates the tension often felt between relational ministry and teaching the gospel. This will encourage, equip and inspire you in your important work with students, and will give you something practical to use as you equip and encourage your own ministry team.

Title: Discipleship Issues in a Changing Culture (Youth Leaders Only)

Presenter: Tiger McLuen

Location: McDonnell Suite– First Floor (6:00 PM Only)

Description: Do you feel like your job has become that of an activity director instead of a pastor? Rather than just keeping teens busy, learn to be intentional about discipleship. This seminar explores the practical applications for helping teens grow in their faith and dives into the complicated, messy world of today's adolescents. We will identify the key spiritual needs of teens so you can be intentional about helping teenagers grow spiritually.

Title: Why Did Jesus Have To Die?

Presenter: James Rock

Location: Legion Suite– First Floor

Description: Many of us believe that Jesus died on the cross for our sins, but do we really understand why he died? Many skeptics argue that there was no reason for him to die in the first place. Jesus' death was physically awful, but there must be something more there. In this seminar we will discuss why and how what happened on that cross two-thousand years ago relates to us today.

Title: Desirable Beauty. . .(Girls Only)

Presenter: Emily Dunham

Location: Riverview Suite B

Description: God the creator of all things...finds your beauty captivating! Do you know this? Do you believe this? Since this is true, what exactly does this mean? Ladies, we are not going to be talking light and fluffy...we are going deep into the Word...so bring your Bibles and get ready to explore some fascinating truths about how the mighty God loves and sees YOU!

Title: Becoming Men Of Honor (Guys Only)

Presenter: Tim Hunter

Location: Elliott Suite (Second Level)

Description: From Jersey Shore to Family Guy, the world around you tells you that men are sex-crazed egomaniacs, pushover buffoons, or else they don't matter. But God's word describes real men - men of strength, men of honor, men whose stand for right and against evil made their ordinary lives extraordinary. Come and learn some everyday chivalry, skills, and mindset that helps you become a real man of honor.

Title: Getaway Like Jesus (Limited Space) Presenter: Jennifer Kvamme Location: Riverview Suite E

Description: Ever feel tired, disconnected from God, and overwhelmed at all you have to do? You're not alone—we live in a culture that is worn out. Jesus certainly understands busyness and pressures, but when we study His life, we never see Him harried or hurried. How did He pull it off? I'd like to suggest one thing that made the difference for Jesus and can do the same for you: taking regular, frequent, and intentional getaways from His ordinary pattern of life to be with the Father. In this workshop, we'll look at why, when, and how Jesus planned these getaways and how we can implement a pattern of getaways into our own lives, Jesus-style.

Title: Lights! Camera? Action! Presenter: Christy Englehart Location: Mayo Suite (Second Level)

Description: In scripture, Christians are called "the light of the world," and we are challenged to shine for the whole world to see. But what does that really mean? And how do we do it? This seminar will challenge students to take ACTION and become that light so they can go out and change their world! (warning: audience participation may be required!!!)

Title: To Be Announced Presenter: Jared Carlson Location: Riverview Suite C

Description:

Title: To Be Announced Presenter: Pete Mendes Location: Grand Ballroom– West

Description:

Registration Information

**Please Check and be sure your registration numbers are correct, if they don't match, please contact
Dave Bostrom at 651-442-4760 or dbostrom@firstefc.org**

Church Name & City	Lead Youthworker In Roch	Reg #
Albion EFC, Cokato	Taumi & Nate Wilson	30
Anchor Point Church, Wabasha		14
Anchor Point Community Church, Duluth	Lindee Balgaard	10
Annandale EFC	Cory Shreve	35
Antioch Community Church	Jamie Buchanan	5
Bemidji EFC, Bemidji	Jerry Johnson	72
Blackduck, EFC	Michelle Wallin	9
Brooklyn Park EFC	Jena Pietari	67
Calvary EFC, Rochester	Darin Brown	80
Calvary EFC, Spring Grove	Tyler & Beth Wohlert	16
Calvary EFC, Walker	Jarrod Norvold	18
Centennial EFC, Forest Lake**	Jennifer Kvamme	29
Christ Community Church EFC, Waseca	Zach Marino	60
Coon Rapids EFC	Mark Johnson	40
Cornerstone EFC	Phil Bungum	7
Cornerstone EFC, Blaine	Jena Lavzon	13
Crosslake EFC	Scott Owens	57
Crosswinds Church	Doug Weincouff	17
Delano EFC	Bruce Droogsma	12
East Chain EFC, Granada	Tim Hunter	27
EFC of Embarrass	Carol Haasl	47
EFC of Mankato	Nate Holdeman	20
EFC Willmar	Kenny King	20
Faribault EFC	Dan Ford	18
First EFC, Maplewood	David Bostrom	60
Five Oaks Community , Woodbury	Tim Bubar	47
Grace EFC, Fridley	Kimberly Tallaksen	26
Grace EFC, Stewartville	Andrew Langseth	23
Grand Rapids EFC	Phill Hall	34
Hinckley EFC	Jeff Starnes	17
Hope EFC, Monticello	Jorge Osorio	24
Journey North Church	Julie Adams	29
Lakes EFC, Lindstrom	Julie Button	38
Living Hope EFC, St. Francis	Lon Bjornrud	28
Maple Grove EFC	Toni Sather	51
Marshall EFC***	Matt Yoder	45
Milaca EFC, Milaca	Spencer Sommerlot	64
New Hope Church	Jeremy Deck	30
New Life EFC, Hastings	Ben Miller	13
Pine City EFC	Aaron Goodenow	32
Prairie Hill EFC, Eden Prairie	Stieg Strand	13
Princeton EFC	Chad Englund	61
Sandstone EFC	Jack Allen	39
Skandia EFC, Balaton	Graham Harms	17
St. Louis Park EFC	Travis Lubbers	5
Trinity EFC, Lakeville	Andy Kaehr	55
Trinity EFC, Plainview	Ken Casey	14
Westwood Church, St Cloud	Jeff Phelps	75
Zimmerman EFC	Lorrie Weber	11