

TO: All Leadership Training for Christ Participants/Parents/Coaches

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***TAKE NOTE OF IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THIS YEARS'
PROGRAM NOTED IN RED.***

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- *January 11* *LTC Organization Meeting for all parents/coaches/students*
- *January Sun,15/Wed,18* *LTC practices begin*
- *January 22* *DEADLINE to sign-up for LTC*
- *February 1* *LTC Payment due*
- *April 4* *LTC SHARING NIGHT 7-8pm*
***Meeting following-Itinerary for travels to Houston*
- *April 6-7* *LTC Convention (Houston, TX)*
- *April 11* *LTC Award Night 7-8pm (gym)*

Northside Church of Christ

Important information about LTC!

Leadership Training for Christ (LTC) is an activity based program designed to teach and refine skills needed to grow servant leaders in the Church. LTC is open to young people from grades 3 - 12 as participants. The students register for various events through their home church. Practices for these events will be conducted at Northside starting in Jan/Feb, culminating at a convention held in Houston at the George R Brown Convention on the Friday and Saturday of Easter Weekend. Northside has participated in LTC for over a decade. The website for Central Texas LTC is www.cltlc.net.

In order to involve our young people, naturally we need adult / parent volunteers. This helps to strengthen the youth program, and provide examples, and mentors, for these youth. Getting our young people involved in teaching and worship skills early will help them to become better servants as they mature. How many times have you shied away from offering public prayer, reading scripture (in service or in class), or teaching a Bible class because you did not have the confidence, training, or were just too frightened to get up in front of a crowd? By getting our young people involved early they gain this confidence, overcome their fears, and have fun doing it. We want each person to reach inside, find the talents God has given them, and use them for His glory.

The different events at LTC work to strengthen the skills of an individual. Several events also build social skills and team spirit. These skills help the young people to participate in sharing the message of our Lord through Mission Trips, Vacation Bible School and in their daily lives. As individuals wait their turn to present their skills at convention, they observe and learn from the skills of others. They see what their peers have accomplished and strive to better hone their own skills.

We typically leave from the church around noon on Friday to go to Houston. We stay overnight at the Hilton Americas (connected to the convention center) and typically return to the church by 9pm Saturday.

The theme for **LTC 2012** is “**A Journey of Faith**” from the book of Genesis. Children from 3rd – 12th grade can participate. The convention will be held **April 6th-7th**.

LTC is a leadership program. Our hope and prayer is to help students become leaders as they put their talents into service for the Lord. We would like all children to be involved with this program; however, we want to remind both parents and students that there is a commitment to take part. In years past there have been students who register for LTC with the idea they will attend a few practices and get to take a fun trip to the convention. The trip to Houston is a privilege/celebration for working hard, and doing our best during practices, but the trip is not the goal. The goal is to grow stronger in service to the Lord.

Parents, it is very important that you talk with your child and discuss with them the commitment to attend practices and be on their best behavior. Our practice times are limited and we must use our time wisely to glorify God. **Each student participating in a group activity (including signing for the deaf) is required to attend at least 75% (or absent no more than 3 times) of the planned practices. If a student is registered for an individual event and not able to attend 75% of the practices the parent will be responsible to help the student complete the project or prep work before attending the convention. Any student not meeting the requirements listed above will be dropped from the event and void their attendance to the convention.** If your child is showing signs of non-focused behavior during practices or is not doing the requested homework, you will be contacted to assist your child, and the coach, with this matter. It is only fair to allow all of our children to have equal opportunities to do their best. We love your children and know there are different levels of interest and maturity. This is why we are asking that you prayerfully consider what events are best for your child/children at this time. Feel free to contact Tina Wharton if you have any questions. Practice for this convention will start January Sun, 15/Wed,18.

Elementary/Middle School Participants:

In order to travel to Houston for the convention every participant will be required to register and participate in a MINIMUM of two convention events.

Keep in mind while signing up that we have some flexibility with age break-downs.

LTC Age Break-down

3rd -6th grade
7th – 9th grade
10th -12th grade

Northside Age Break-down

3rd – 5th grade
6th – 8th grade
9th – 12th grade

As you can see, we have the flexibility to have 6th grade compete with elementary and 9th grade compete with middle school. We can adjust participants' categories as necessary.

Bible Bowl Requirements for all 3rd – 12th grade students:

The book of Genesis has a lot of information to learn. Please note the following chapters that have been EXCLUDED from the study material Chapters 5, 10, 11, 14, 18, 19, 20, 23, 25:1-18, 26, 31, 34, 35, 36, 38, 46:8-27, 49, 50. Please see below some very important information in regard to LTC Bible Bowl.

1. Included in this packet is a Bible Bowl quiz over the first two chapters of Genesis. If your child wishes to register for Bible Bowl please have them read chapter 1-2 and take the quiz (closed book) to help you both determine if he/she is up to the challenge.
2. TAKE NOTE: All LTC Bible Bowl students (3rd – 12th grade) will need to report to class on **Sunday, January 15th (9 am)** in the classrooms above the gym with the quiz completed.

High School Participants/Coaches:

We encourage High School aged kids to sign up for events as a participant. However, since LTC is indeed leadership training, we also suggest that high school student participants also help coach the younger participants as part of their leadership training. There is a separate coach/volunteer form that needs to be completed for this service. Northside teens are leaders and expected to volunteer at the convention, as well as, attend events to encourage one another. You can see Levi for clarification. **Don't forget to look over the LTC scholarship applications enclosed in this packet.**

Adult Mentors/Volunteers:

We are in search of adult coaches. If you have coached before or would like to learn how, please contact Tina Wharton 494-1907, ext 206 and we can discuss where you can help out. An Adult Volunteer form and a Background Check Form will need to be completed.

The times that each event will practice is noted on the signup form. Please take those times into consideration when you sign up. **Also, Please make sure you sign the Commitment Statement at the bottom of the form.**

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LTC 3rd grade – HS Participants/HS Teen Coach Registration Form 2012

Practices will begin on January 15th/18th

Cost per participant: \$75 for first child/teen in family participating

*any subsequent child/teen in family participating costs \$55

** If you are a High School student who is coaching an event but not participating, the cost will be \$45.

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Home Phone: _____ cell phone: _____

In order to communicate with you please provide an email address:

Circle what applies: Participant *Teen Coach Both

*If you are a HS Teen Coach please put a 'C' by the event you wish to coach.

Each HS Teen Coach will be automatically registered for the LTC Leadership Challenge event. This will make each HS Teen Coach eligible to apply for the CTLTC scholarships (see attached application/instructions....this is optional-you must apply if you are interested).

BIBLE BOWL 3rd – 12th grade

___ Bible Bowl (3rd-9th grade)

___ Bible Bowl (10th – 12th grade)

Please see Bible Bowl requirement/commitments in the LTC information letter

PRACTICE

Sunday 9:00am **BEGINS Jan 15**

Sunday afternoon **BEGINS Jan 15**

Elementary 3rd – 6th grade

___ Bible Reading or Bible Bowl (above)

___ Signing

___ Puppets (6th grade may sign up for MS Drama with approval)

___ Chorus

PRACTICE

Sunday 9:00am begins Jan 15

Wednesday 7pm begins Jan 15

Sunday 12:30-1:30 begins Jan 15

Sunday 1:30-2:30 begins Jan 15

Middle School 7th – 9th grade

___ Signing

___ Puppets --or-- Drama (circle which one)

___ Chorus

___ Speech

PRACTICE

Wednesday 7 pm begins Jan 18

Sunday 12:30-1:30 begins Jan 15

Sunday 1:30-2:30 begins Jan 15

TBD

High School 10th – 12th grade Remember, you don't have to do an event...you can just coach

___ Drama

___ Chorus

___ Speech

___ Signing

___ Just coaching...75% practice attendance required or void attendance to convention

PRACTICE

on your own

on your own

on your own

Wednesday 7 pm begins Jan 18

Pre-convention events 3rd-12th grade

___ Art

___ Photography

___ Service Challenge

PRACTICE

TBD

TBD

on your own

Student/HS Coach PRACTICE Commitment Statement

I (Elem-MS students) understand I must chose two convention events in order to travel to the convention in Houston, TX.

I (All students/HS coaches) understand if I am participating in a group activity (including signing for the deaf) I am required to attend at least 75% of the planned practices/absent no more than 3 practices. If I am a student registered for an individual event and not able to attend 75% of the practices my parent and I will be responsible to complete the project or prep work before attending the convention. If I do not meet the requirements listed above I am expected to pay the LTC registration fee and understand I will be dropped from the event and void my attendance to the convention. If I am unable to attend practices I will communicate with my LTC coaches or coordinators of my absence. I will be on my best behavior showing I am a leader and my commitment to the program. My parents will be notified if I am not giving my best and ask to assist with my class if necessary.

Students Name (printed) & Signature: _____

Parents Name (printed) & Signature: _____

LTC Convention (April 6-7, 2012) Release Form

I, _____, understand that I will follow the rules and/or suggestions that are set to ensure my safety and the safety of others. Failure to comply with the LTC instructions may result in my parents being notified and my being sent home. I understand that any unauthorized items I bring with me may be confiscated and may not be returned. I also understand that I will wear my seat belt at all times when traveling with Northside Church of Christ. I understand that I will be assigned to a hotel room where I will be sharing a bed with another student. I will respect hotel property and my room-mates space and belongings. Room-mate preference will be considered but not guaranteed. All High School coaches understand that they will be expected to help at the convention in anyway needed.

Signature of Student

_____/_____/_____
Date

HOTEL ROOM MATE PREFERENCE? #1 _____
#2 _____ #3 _____

(Although we will try our best to make sure at least one (1) of the request is fulfilled; we can not guarantee)

Yes or No (circle one)

WILL YOUR CHILD BE TRAVELING TO HOUSTON ON THE CHARTERED BUS (Elem/MS students) or VAN (HS students)?

If yes to the above questions...I, as a parent/legal guardian of the student listed above, give my permission for him/her to travel to the convention in Houston, TX during the weekend of April 6-7, 2012 with the Northside Children/Youth Ministries.

Yes or No (circle one)

I give LTC/Northside permission to take photos of the student listed above during the LTC program. I understand the photos may be used in a website or video presentation.

Yes or No (Circle one)

I hereby give permission for any Northside Staff or chaperone to take my student listed above to the hospital or to see a doctor in case of accident or sickness and to receive medical treatment as prescribed by an attending physician. I understand that Northside will not be held responsible for this student and I will never bring any legal action against Northside

I, give consent for my child, to take the following medication _____

_____ during the LTC convention weekend.

I understand that one of the adult sponsors will be administering the medication.

Signature of Parent (or legal guardian)

Date

Phone number I can be reached at while my child is at the convention

Alternate Emergency Contact (if unable to reach parents):

Name/Relationship to participant: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Have you enclosed your payment for LTC? YES OR NO

Northside Church of Christ Children's/Youth Ministry 16318 San Pedro San Antonio, TX 78232 210-494-1907 or fax 210-494-1022

Office use only: owes/paid paypal___ cash___ ck#___ copy___ initials___

LTC T-Shirt Order Form for participants/HS teen coaches

***Each Participant & HS teen coach receives a free t-shirt
with paid registration**

Participant Name _____

Phone number _____

CHILDREN'S SIZES: XS(2-4)____S(6-8)____M(10-12)____L(14-16)_____

ADULT SIZES: S____M____L____XL____XXL_____

**RETURN ALL FORMS AND PAYMENTS TO
THE NORTHSIDE MAIN OFFICE DROP-BOX**

LTC Adult Volunteer Registration
Return forms to NS Main office Drop-box
Cost for Adult Coaches/Volunteers attending Convention: \$20
**Additional siblings: \$5 (to cover food cost)*
**Provided we have transportation and bedding availability.*

Name: _____ Home/Cell Phone: _____

In order to communicate with you please provide an Email address:

<u>Events that I would like to coach</u>	<u>(practice times)</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Bible Bowl	Sunday 9:00am
<input type="checkbox"/> Bible Reading	Sunday 9:00am
<input type="checkbox"/> Signing	Wednesday 7:00 pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Puppets	Sunday 12:30-1:30
<input type="checkbox"/> Drama	Sunday 12:30-1:30
<input type="checkbox"/> Chorus	Sunday 1:30-2:30
<input type="checkbox"/> Speech	TBD

Pre-convention events I would like to coach (practice times)

<input type="checkbox"/> Art	TBD
<input type="checkbox"/> Photography	TBD
<input type="checkbox"/> Service Challenge	Monitor children on their projects

For planning purposes, please let us know what your intentions are.

Adult Coaches: *Event coaches* are expected to travel to Houston for the convention. *Your room fee and food for Friday evening/Saturday morning is included in the \$20 fee (you are on your own for Saturday lunch). We may not be able to provide you a room without children. If you wish to have your own room will need to pay the additional discounted LTC hotel fee.* We ask that you be flexible to assist where needed while at the convention. If circumstances arise where you are unable to attend please notify the coordinator as soon as possible.

Pre-convention coaches are encouraged to travel to Houston with us but NOT required.

Adult Convention assistance only: If you are not volunteering to coach or mentor an event but would like to travel to Houston and help. We welcome your assistance (please see below the requirements). *Your room fee and food for Friday evening/Saturday morning is included in the \$20 fee (on your own for Saturday lunch).*

Requirements for all Adult coaches/convention assistance: **If attending the convention it is expected of me to help wherever it is needed. I need to be available to assist with the Northside family while in Houston. (sleeping in the room with children, chaperoning, assisting with food, judging, handing out t-shirts, etc.)**

Is there an area you prefer helping with while in Houston?

- Chaperone
- Bus Chaperone
- Food Service
- Event Judge
- Other

TURN OVER AND COMPLETE BACK

I will **ATTEND** / **NOT ATTEND** the convention. **(circle one)**

A few more questions:

If attending will you provide your own transportation? Yes or No (circle one)

Would you like a seat on the chartered bus (if there is room)? Yes or No (circle one)

Will you be bringing younger children with you? Yes or No (circle one)...

If so, Please list below the child/children's names, ages and gender... We will try our best to accommodate; however, I understand there may or may not be space for my younger child to stay with the group. It is \$5 per sibling to cover the cost of food.

Child's Name: _____ age _____ gender _____

Child's Name: _____ age _____ gender _____

OTHER OPTION:

Yes or No (circle one)

Would you like Northside to reserve your own room with the understanding you will pay the LTC reduced cost?

LTC T-Shirt Order (optional –cost below) for Volunteers & Additional Convention Fees

Name _____

Size	Quantity		amount
Youth Small	_____	x \$10	_____
Youth Medium	_____	x \$10	_____
Adult Small	_____	x \$12	_____
Adult Medium	_____	x \$12	_____
Adult Large	_____	x \$12	_____
Adult XL	_____	x \$12	_____
Adult XXL	_____	x \$12	_____
Adult XXXL	_____	x \$12	_____
T-shirt totals	_____	Due for t-shirts=	_____
Adult convention fee	_____	x \$20	_____
Sibling Convention fee	_____	x \$5	_____
Private Room reservation	_____	x \$100	_____
GRAND TOTAL OF AMOUNT DUE			_____

(Circle)

Paid? Y / N

Cash or Check# or Paypal _____