

Dear families,

It's hard to believe that NYC2026 is coming so quickly!

Thank you so much for getting your payments in on time over the last few months! We have one more payment due to the district, so if you have a balance still, please make that payment **by March 31st**. If you are unsure of your balance, please contact Libby.

While we don't have a lot of information for you just yet, we do have some that we want to communicate with you. Please note, some of this is subject to change. So, keep this copy close but also know that we most likely will be giving you updated information in the next few months!

If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Joe (joehurst@limacc.com) or Libby Oswald (libbyoswald@limacc.com).

Sincerely,

Pastor Joe Hurst & Libby Oswald

**AXIS Volunteers who will be
attending NYC2026 with your student**

Pastor Joe Hurst	Brendan Moorehead	Brandon Good
Jacob Brunk	Katie Kahle	Erika Lowry
Sara Heitmeyer		

Reminder to Pray

Please continue to pray for every student and leader participating in this trip. It is an incredible opportunity for transformation, community development, service to the community of Salt Lake City, a chance to model the Image of Christ and participate in the growth of God's Kingdom here and now. Pray for safety, transformation, and that God will use our students and leaders to make a great impact on the city of Salt Lake.

Part 1: What to expect

Hosted by the Church of the Nazarene, the Nazarene Youth Conference is a powerful youth event that has been held in different locations over the past six decades. NYC takes place every few years and provides an opportunity for high school students from the USA and Canada to be united in a time of worship, teaching, and community service.

Students participate in sessions featuring powerful worship, engaging speakers, creative arts, and also attend nightly live concerts featuring top Christian artists. They will serve together with the Ministry with Others service projects throughout Salt Lake City. Students will also experience interactive discipleship environments and a Recreation Hall filled with individual and group activities, games, and exhibits.

Part 2: Expectations of the Student

Please note: there is a second copy attached to this packet of information. Please return this copy ASAP.

As we prepare for NYC Salt Lake 2026, we want to make sure students attending have a fun, safe, and transformative experience. In preparation for this trip, we are asking that all students and parent(s)/guardian(s) read over the list of expectations and behavior guidelines. It is important that all students are reminded that their behavior is not only a reflection of themselves, but also reflects the body of Christ and impacts those around them. We are called to model Christ-likeness in all that we do and say. This is not an exhaustive list of rules and expectations but serves as a reminder of what we expect from everyone attending this trip.

What is the purpose of this behavior expectation and guideline?

- To ensure a safe and enjoyable atmosphere for every student attending.
- To give clear and explicit expectations for behaviors in social situations out of respect for others and for the environment around us.
- To remind students that our purpose is to seek a deeper relationship with the Lord and a transformed way of living, as well as to grow and develop a strong sense of community with others.
- To give leaders and staff guidelines for addressing and handling specific behaviors appropriately.

Behavior Expectations:

- 1.** All cellphones and electronics must be turned off and put away during worship sessions (unless instructed by the speaker or host). This includes AirPods/ earbuds.
- 2.** Have a positive attitude. Remember that we are created in the image of God and are called to reflect that image to those around us.
- 3.** Participate in planned activities to the best of your ability.
- 4.** Be respectful. This would include students around you and adult leaders (not just those from our church). We will not partake in making fun of others, or making others feel excluded intentionally. Also, we must be respectful of the spaces we are in (hotels, parks, convention center, etc.).
 - A.** Be respectful and listen while others are speaking.
 - B.** Quietly pay attention during sessions/message times and during small group times
 - C.** Do not cause distraction for others who are trying to pay attention
 - D.** Use restrooms before and after sessions, not in the middle.
 - E.** Do not damage furniture and do not leave trash/litter lying around. Let's leave a good impression to the staff and bystanders in the spaces we will be in. Be respectful of the staff of these spaces as well.

5. Refrain from obscene and inappropriate language at all times.
6. No drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or vape use.
7. No weapons.
8. Refrain from public display of affection (PDA). Our purpose is to focus on our relationship with God, to serve others and build a strong Christ-centered community.
9. Follow the rule of three. Students and leaders should always be in an open area with at least two other people. Do not disappear into vacant rooms or hallways. The only exception to this would be when using the restroom. Make sure someone in your group has a charged cellphone at all times.

Consequences for not sticking to these expectations:

- **1st time** - the student receives a verbal warning
- **2nd time** - the student will have a conversation with a leader to discuss behavior
- **3rd time** - the student will have a conversation with a leader and with Pastor Joe
- **4th time** - the student will be pulled aside by Pastor Joe and will be asked to call his/her parents, explaining why they are calling (i.e. what actions got them into trouble), and have parents make arrangements for their trip back home as quickly as possible.

While there is absolutely grace to be offered, we recognize that out of concern for safety and the ability to responsibly monitor their own behavior as required on this trip, students may forfeit their right to participate in NYC Salt Lake 2026 if they repeatedly ignore the expectations listed before them.

Part 3: Schedule (not an itinerary)

A full itinerary will come out closer to our trip. You can find more details at <https://nazareneyouthconference.com>

- NYC conference dates are Wednesday, July 1st through Sunday, July 5th
- Disneyland/California Sunday, July 5th through Tuesday, July 7th

Part 4: Flight Information

Please arrive at the AXIS at Lima Community Church at 12:15am on Wednesday, July 1st. We will update families via text message on our arrival time on Wednesday, July 8th (~3 or 4am)

Wednesday, July 1st

Depart Detroit, MI @ 6:00am (SWA1778) to Denver 7:05am

Depart Denver, CO @ 9:25am (SWA4027) arrive at SLC 10:55am

Tuesday, July 7th

Depart LAX @ 1:15pm (SWA2392) to Denver 4:40pm

Depart Denver @ 7:15pm (SWA2193) arrive at DTW 12:05am (July 8th)

**Keep in mind that Salt Lake City is 2 hours behind Ohio time and California would be 3 hours behind Ohio time **

Part 5: Packing List (Subject to Change)

- Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, etc.)
- Personal hygiene products
- Modest clothing for 7 days of hot weather
- Sweatshirts for convention center & travel (airports and buses can get cold)
- Tennis Shoes
- Underwear
- Clothes to sleep in
- Modest swimwear
- Flip Flops/sandals for the pool
- Bible, Pen, Journal
- Medications (must be marked and leaders made aware of when students should be taking meds)
- Souvenir money (if you wish)
- Money for snacks/food purchased at airports on July 1st & 7th
- Sunscreen
- Bug Spray
- Hat (optional)
- Sunglasses
- Refillable water bottle
- Charging Devices/earphones for plane & bus ride
- Anything else you may want for travel (neck pillow, book, etc.)

Carry-on bag (backpack size) --what not to pack:

- Sharp objects
- Liquid (no more than 3.4 fluid ounces)
 - Pack any soaps, spray deodorant, sunscreen, etc. in your checked bag
- Flammable objects
- No pocket knives or multi-tools.

Part 6: Identification for Airport

Students under the age of 16 will not need identification

Students and adults over the age of 16 MUST have their state issued Driver's License with Real ID (*if you do not have your Drivers License, acceptable forms of ID are a passport, school ID, library card, or a state-issued non- driver photo ID*)



If you have any questions about this material or anything else in general, please let us know! We will continue to communicate with you what we know as we receive it!