



WHO:

ALL youth (6th-12th grades) in the Presbytery of Scioto Valley!
Plus, adult leaders/chaperones too.

WHEN:

Friday, November 15th (7PM) – Sunday, November 17th (12:30PM), 2024
You can stay one or two nights – check-in on Friday (7-7:30PM) OR Saturday (9-9:30AM)

WHERE:

CAMP AKITA
29746 Logan Horns Mill Rd, Logan, OH 43138

COST:

\$80 per participant (for one night – Saturday only)
\$100 per participant (for two nights – Friday AND Saturday - *recommended*)

WHAT TO EXPECT:

We will be exploring this year's theme, *In Joy* (written by Shannon Guse & edited by Vickie Caro Dieth), and sharing in times of worship during several large group sessions. These times will be full of fun, music, and thought-provoking messages. We will break into small groups, led by our fabulous adult leaders, where we will dig deeper into what it means to seek joy in God even when it's hard and why cultivating joy matters to our lives, faith, and world. There will also be organized games, free time, great food, trivia (a favorite every year), and time to form new friendships with youth from all over the presbytery! You won't want to miss this AMAZING weekend!

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. – Romans 12:12

FAQ:

HOW DO I REGISTER? *Registration will open in mid-August and be open through October 31st (or until spots are full)!* Go to <https://psvonline.org/youth-events/> and click on the “Individual Registration” link for the registration form. We also need each church to fill out one “Group Hold” form (found on the same page). Both youth AND adult chaperones will need to register! (Please make sure you know whether you will be staying one or two nights BEFORE you register – there will be a question/option for this on the registration form.)

HOW DO I PAY THE REGISTRATION FEE? Check with your congregation. Some churches prefer that individuals make payments to their congregation, who will then make one payment to the Presbytery. Your congregation might also decide to collect individual payments and mail them all in at once. If your congregation prefers for individuals to make payments directly to the presbytery, please make checks out to THE PRESBYTERY OF SCIOTO VALLEY with YOUTH RETREAT 2024 in the memo line. Mail checks to The Presbytery of Scioto Valley, 4131 North High Street, Suite B, Columbus, OH 43214-3001. *New in 2024: We are planning to have an online payment option on the PSV website this year!*

WHEN DO WE ARRIVE? Please plan on arriving with your group between 7-7:30PM on Friday OR 9-9:30AM on Saturday.

WHEN WILL WE DEPART? We depart on Sunday at 12:30PM after a closing worship service.

WHAT MEALS ARE PROVIDED? Evening snacks (and/or pizza) are provided on Friday. Breakfast, lunch, a mid-day snack, dinner, and evening snacks are provided on Saturday. Breakfast and grab-n-go snacks are provided on Sunday.

CAN I BRING FOOD & DRINKS? Due to food allergies, we ask that you do not bring food, snacks, or drinks. If you have food restrictions, please let your leaders know so we can make arrangements with our meal providers. Akita’s kitchen staff can provide suitable meals for most diets. We DO encourage everyone to bring a reusable water bottle.

WHAT IS THE ADULT TO YOUTH RATIO? Each church is required to maintain a ratio of 1 adult to every 6 youth of the same gender. (Let us know if this is a problem for your group.) Please, do not bring more adults than necessary, as space is limited. *Note: All adults MUST have a recent background check on file with their church AND read and follow the [Child Safety Policy](#) of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley. We will ask all adult chaperones/leaders to sign a Covenant of Conduct form upon arrival.*

WHAT ARE THE SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS? Most participants will be in rooms that have twin-size bunkbeds. You will be sharing a room with 1-5 other youth of your gender. Youth and adults do not sleep in the same rooms. Make sure to bring bedding and a pillow. Some groups may be housed in cabins.

WHAT SHOULD I PACK? Bible; Reusable Water Bottle; Jacket/Coat; Clothes (*for indoor and outdoor activities*); Shoes (*2 pairs recommended*); Sleeping Bag/Bedding/Pillow/Blanket; Towel; Toiletries/Deodorant; Medicines & Prescriptions (*if needed - brought in original packaging w/dosage and freq. of administration*); Flashlight; Cellphone (*please only use during free times*); Board Game/Cards (*optional*); Copy of Registration Form.

DO NOT PACK: Snacks/Drinks, Personal Electronic Devices (other than cellphone), Drugs, Alcohol, Fireworks, Firearms/Weapons, etc.

OTHER QUESTIONS?

Contact Rev. Lanie Sipes

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