FOOTHILLS PRESBYTERY EVENTS POLICIES

- In order to provide t-shirts for events, the meeting deadlines with registrations are mandatory.
- The deadline for the Middle School Retreat @ Bonclarken is Thursday, October 1, 2015, NO EXCEPTIONS. Money, registration and release forms are due in the Presbytery office.
- Any registrations received after this date will go on a waiting list.
- It is expected that each church will provide male and female adults to supervise their youth! There needs to be one adult for each eight youth of each sex. You will need to sleep near the youth and make sure they are present at all scheduled events. We ask that all adults please participate in the activities of the Retreat.
- A SPECIAL THANK YOU to all the adults serving as a leader for their Middle School Youth!

BONCLARKEN

An Associate Reform Presbyterian Conference Center located in historic Flat Rock in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Western North Carolina. It is nestled among acres of tall pines, hemlocks, spruce and rhododendron. At an elevation of 2,221 feet and located off of Highway 25. Bonclarken is only 45 minutes north of Spartanburg and Greenville, SC and just 4 miles south of Hendersonville, NC.

Directions from the Greenville area:
- Take Highway SC-25 North (Poinsett Highway) past Furman University towards North Carolina.
- Stay on SC-25 into North Carolina and take the Flat Rock/Hendersonville exit to the right.
- Turn left onto SC-25 at the end of the off-ramp at the stop sign. Follow the signs to Flat Rock Playhouse. Stay on SC-25 for about 3 miles.
- Flat Rock Playhouse will be on the left. The entrance to Bonclarken will be on the right just past the Playhouse.
- Follow the signs to the Bonclarken Conference Center. Look for the Foothills Presbytery Retreat Registration Signs.

$65 & completed forms due to Whitney by Sept. 27

FOOTMILLS PRESBYTERY

Middle School Retreat
Bonclarken Assembly
Flat Rock, N.C.
OCTOBER 24-25, 2015

Baptism - the sign and seal that we belong to God who loves us unconditionally! At this retreat, we will be digging deep into our understanding of Baptism and how it claims us as children of God. This is so important to remember for Middle School youth as they start to navigate all the choices, freedoms, uncertainties, fears and joys of middle school life. Come and join us for keynotes, small groups and fun!
**Keynote:**

**Rev. Josie Holler**

Josie is a child of God who grew up in the booming metropolis of Easley, South Carolina. She attended Easley Presbyterian Church where she was nurtured and loved unconditionally and experienced the love of God through many, many people. She studied Art at the College of Charleston and went to seminary at Candler School of Theology at Emory University. She has been an ordained minister in the PC(USA) for 19 years.

Josie loves theatre, art, cooking, running (that is prayer time for her) and spending time with her husband, David, daughters Stewart (17) and Owings (13) and her son Grey (15). When she is not preaching or keeping busy with the children, she has a small business in which she designs and makes stoles, banners and paraments that are used in churches around the United States. Josie is a former Foothills PYC member – YEHAW!

**Music Leader**

**Ali Riehm**

Ali Riehm is a 24 year-old Physician Assistant Studies student at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. She is currently living in the upstate for her clinical year of school and is pursuing music as her free time allows. During her first year of graduate school, she helped lead worship at the The Net, the meeting place for contemporary services at Mt Pleasant Presbyterian Church.

Ali began singing with the children’s choir at Easley Presbyterian Church in elementary school and hasn’t stopped since! She learned to play the guitar in late high school and has performed in weddings, coffee houses, festivals, fundraisers, battle of the bands, etc. Ali first spent time at Bonclarken two years ago when she helped Sam Burchfield with the music during the retreat, and she is thrilled to be back!

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**$65.00 payable to FPCG or pay online by Sept. 27**

**ABOUT THE RETREAT**

The retreat begins with registration from 9:00 am – 10:00 am on Saturday and ends after lunch on Sunday. Someone from the PYC will meet you and help you get settled in your housing!

$85 per person (non-refundable)

(includes lodging, meals, programs, and a T-shirt)

Please use the registration form provided. Also, be sure to complete the Release Form for the adventure activities.

(Required by Bonclarken)

Registration, release forms, and money should be given to your church leader. Each church should send all registrations & release forms (including forms for chaperones and PYC members) and ONE check to:

FOOTHILLS PRESEYTERY
Middle School Retreat
2242 Woodruff Rd
Simpsonville, SC 29681

*Please make all checks out to Foothills Presbytery*

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**REMEMBER TO PACK...**

Your Bible, sleeping bag or linens for single bed, pillow, towel & washcloth, toiletries, camp clothes, clothes for outdoor recreation, flashlight, rain jacket, open heart, and open mind!
REGISTRATION FORM
FOOTHILLS PRESBYTERY MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT
OCTOBER 24-25, 2015

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN IT TO YOUR CHURCH LEADER. THE COST IS $85.00 PAYABLE TO YOUR CHURCH. DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2015. (NO EXCEPTIONS). CHURCHES: PLEASE SEND ALL REGISTRATIONS WITH ONE CHECK (PAYABLE TO FOOTHILLS PRESBYTERY), TO: MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT, FOOTHILLS PRESBYTERY, 2242 WOODRUFF RD., SIMPSONVILLE, SC 29681.

NAME: ____________________________ GRADE ________
ADDRESS: ___________________________________________

TELEPHONE: __________________________________________

[ ] MALE  [ ] FEMALE

EMAIL: ________________________________________________

CHURCH: ____________________________________________

T-SHIRT SIZE: (Circle one)  S  M  L  XL  XXL
(NOTE: All T-shirt Sizes are ADULT)

THE PYC COVENANT FOR ALL RETREAT PARTICIPANTS
I understand that the purpose of this retreat is to grow in faith and to fellowship with others. I covenant to respect myself, others, and retreat guidelines. I covenant to attend scheduled events. I understand that a violation of this covenant judged to be serious by the PYC would bring consequences, which may involve consulting with my parents and/or home church.

I agree to abide by the covenant for the Foothills Presbytery Middle School Retreat:

** Participant’s signature ______________________________________________________

**I release Foothills Presbytery and any persons representing it from all liability in the event of an accident. In the case of an emergency, I authorize medical treatment by trained personnel for the youth whose name appears above (if applicable).

**Parent/Guardian/Adult Participant Signature ___________________________ Today’s Date ______________

**Insurance Company Name, Group & Policy Numbers: ____________________________________________
CHILD/YOUTH RELEASE FORM
(Ages 0-17 years)
FOR BONCLARKEN ACTIVITIES

In consideration of Bonclarken Conference Center, a North Carolina nonprofit corporation, its agents, officers, directors, assigns, contractors and/or employees, providing access to and equipment and services related to a variety of outdoor and water recreational activities, to enable my child to participate in recreational activities, I agree as follows:

1, ____________________________________________

(PRINT YOUR FULL LEGAL NAME)

the undersigned, being an adult (age 18 or older), hereby agree that I am the legal guardian of

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(PRINT CHILD’S FULL LEGAL NAME)

and hereby give my consent to Bonclarken Conference Center to allow my child to participate in any of the following recreational activities (the “Activities”):

- ropes course/incoor challenge elements,
- zipline,
- giant swing,
- Leap of Faith (Pamper Pole),
- caving,
- teambuilding activities,
- paintball,

- playground activities,
- swimming,
- boating,
- archery and other sports,
- use of recreational equipment related to any recreational activities, and
- transportation to and from certain activity areas as necessary

I understand and acknowledge that there are inherent risks, dangers and hazards in my child’s participation in any of the Activities; (b) my child’s participation in any of the Activities may result in injury, illness or loss including, without limitation, disease, bodily injury, strains, fractures, partial or total paralysis, disability or death; and (c) these risks may be caused by the negligence of the participants, the negligence of others, accidents, breaches of contract, the forces of nature or unforeseeable risks. I hereby assume all risks and all responsibility for any losses and/or damages in any way relating to my child’s participation in the Activities.

I hereby waive, release, and discharge Bonclarken Conference Center from each and every claim whatsoever relating to my child’s participation in any of the Activities, except for any claims that are the direct result of the active negligence of Bonclarken Conference Center.

I understand and agree that (a) the sole proper venue for any dispute in which Bonclarken Conference Center is a party and that may arise out of this Agreement, or otherwise relate to my child’s participation in any of the Activities, shall be Henderson County, North Carolina;

(b) the dispute shall be decided, at the sole option of Bonclarken Conference Center, by litigation or arbitration. In the event that Bonclarken Conference Center elects litigation, the venue for any action shall be the Superior Court of Henderson County, North Carolina; (c) this Agreement shall be interpreted pursuant to the laws of the State of North Carolina, which shall be controlling in all respects and at all times.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT. BY SIGNING IT I AGREE TO RELEASE AND DISCHARGE BONCLARKEN CONFERENCE CENTER FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY FOR CLAIMS FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE, PERSONAL INJURY, SPECIAL DAMAGES, INCLUDING INDIRECT DAMAGES, AND WRONGFUL DEATH RELATING TO MY CHILD’S PARTICIPATION IN ANY OF THE ACTIVITIES, EXCEPT FOR ANY CLAIMS THAT ARE THE DIRECT RESULT OF THE ACTIVE NEGLIGENCE OF BONCLARKEN CONFERENCE CENTER.

Participant Name (print) ___________________________ Name of Group ___________________________

Parent/Guardian Signature ___________________________ Today’s Date ___________________________

 Effective 1/12/2012; Rev. 3/5/2012