

WESTERN DIVISION OF FREWILL BAPTIST INC.

June 17-21, 2019

YOUTH DEPT.

**General Bishop Dr. Raymond Captville
Host Bishop Paul Jones**

Theme: Deliverance 1 Samuel 17 KJV

Western Division Freewill Baptist, Inc. General Conference presents...

Youth Department Information Packet

Theme: “Deliverance”

I Samuel 17:40

All scripture for bible activities and test will be taken from I Samuel 17, KJV, but not limited to that one chapter. In the past we have built the Bible activities around a particular chapter, however this year the entire Bible will be used with a heavy concentration on the theme, “Deliverance” and the scripture text I Samuel 17. Subject matters will be given throughout the packet and are not limited to only those subject matters.

- **The youth department is an entity of the General Conference. Please be aware that we are a functioning, yet flexible department and all activities may be subject to change. You will be notified accordingly.**
- **Youth and adult delegates are encouraged to participate in the General Conference Choir, Mission Day, and select committees.**

*Essays, poetry, playwrights or any other written form of creative writing does not have to pertain to the conference theme. However, it must bible-based and I Samuel 17 must be sited at least once.

*Remember **ALL** quotes must be sited.

*Registration forms are needed for each child to participate in all Bible activities and competitions. Please follow the instructions on the registration forms.

*You may email your activity registration forms to [**freewillbaptistyouth@gmail.com**](mailto:freewillbaptistyouth@gmail.com) (subject line must have the name of the participant and name of form).

*Please feel free to contact the youth department with updates, forms, suggestions, prayer, praise reports, etc. via email [**freewillbaptistyouth@gmail.com**](mailto:freewillbaptistyouth@gmail.com).

Guidelines

Bible Competitions

For hotel information please visit the Western Division Freewill Baptist website

westerndivisionfreewillbaptist.org

INTRODUCTION

The overall goal of all of activities is to train young people in Christian service.

Much has changed over the years. The Youth Department has grown to be far more than just competition. But the purpose has not changed. The goal has always been and will continue to be *ministry training*. The programs and activities of the Youth Department's worship services, training seminars and even the competition are all geared to help young people discover their talents, develop their skills, and dedicate their hearts for faithful service to God.

The *Competition Guidelines* emphasizes the "ministry development" aspect of the competition. Effort has been made to make the competitive activities more inclusive for new members in the youth group and to focus on real-life ministry in the local church. We pray the competitive activities will be a useful tool to help young people gain experience, confidence, excellence, and faithfulness in their service to God.

The Christian Education and Youth Department Staff

PURPOSE: Growing in the Lord and using one's talents for the Lord are just two of the many reasons the Student & Children's Ministries promotes the competitive program for the Youth Department. The main purpose is to give students an opportunity to become involved in active ministry and service for Jesus Christ. Through the categories and divisions of the competitive program, opportunity is provided to develop one's talents in Bible study, music, communication, arts creative arts, creative writing, and media.

PLEDGE (Preamble):

The competitive activities are designed to help achieve specific goals: to develop a ministry focus among young people; to provide a vehicle that will assist in developing the talents of young people in a wide variety of artistic skills; to teach young people to win in competition with humility and modesty, and to lose with grace and dignity; to help young people realize that in order to be effective servants of God, all their talents must be submitted to the lordship of Jesus Christ.

Pledge

Desiring to participate in the competitive activities of the Youth Department, I do hereby pledge:

- To accept the goals of the above PREAMBLE.
- To commit myself to work hard, doing my best to develop my talents and skills, and be at my best for the glory of my Lord Jesus Christ. To commit myself to be a Christian competitor. When I win, I will win with humility and modesty. If I lose, I will lose with grace and dignity. My life and attitudes will bring honor to the name of my Lord.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- The *competitive activities* are open to all young people in the local Free Will Baptist church (Sunday School, Youth ministry, Choir ministry, Mission ministry, Church member). Formal

church membership is required, but contestants may only represent one Annual in a particular year of competition.

- *Grade Levels / Ages*
- To participate in the competitive activities, the contestant must be in a grade between (or including) Kinder, 1st through 12th or College through 4th year during the year preceding the General Conference. (For example, if you are in the third grade for the school year 2018-2019, you would participate in the third grade competitions.)
- The above rules concerning ages for competition apply to local, district, annual, and general levels.
- *Fees* – In addition to the Competition Event Entry fee, every person who attends the Youth Conference activities must be in good standing through their Annual.
- Delegate registration and names badges are required to compete in the competitions

Levels of Competition

It is to be understood that all participants will be competing in divisions of their respective grade levels unless otherwise noted. The grade levels are:

- Grades 1, 2, and 3
- Grades 4, 5, and 6
- Grades 7, 8, and 9
- Grades 10, 11 and 12
- College thru 4th year of enrollment

Local competition: The local church is encouraged to plan a program of ministry development to encourage students to prepare; provide opportunity for them to demonstrate what they are learning; and gain experience in performance. Churches send representatives to the General Conference level.

All event entry registration on all levels shall be done on the official Competition Event form (in this document).

Conduct & Dress Code

Every aspect of the General Conference, including the competitive activities, seeks to achieve a level of professionalism and excellence that is consistent with our goal of developing Christian leadership and service. For this reason we strive to maintain a high standard of conduct, appearance, and Christian testimony. This event is the highest level of activity for Free Will

Baptist students in the nation. All participating students and adults are expected to display the utmost respect for and strict adherence to the following standards.

- Code of Conduct

The conduct of participants is expected to meet the standards for believers in 1 Timothy 4:12, “be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.” Behavior that does not exemplify a Christian will be grounds for disqualification from competition and/or expulsion from the conference.

- Competition Dress Code

While we do not equate a particular style of dress with holiness, and we do not make judgments of character based on outward appearance, we do recognize the impact that appearance has on behavior, testimony, and influence. The Word of God provides principles to guide us.

- Dress and appearance should be modest and promote purity (1 Timothy 2:9-10; 2 Timothy 2:22).

- Dress and appearance should not reflect conformity with unholy fashions and patterns of the world (Romans 12:1-2).

- Dress and appearance should complement masculinity in men and femininity in women (Genesis 1:27, Deuteronomy 22:5).

- Dress and appearance should be appropriate to the occasion, avoid offense, and demonstrate a respect for excellence (1 Corinthians 10:23; 1 Timothy 4:12; Philippians 1:9-10).

- Dress and appearance should avoid identification with cultural groups that reject Christian teaching. (2Corinthians 6:14-17)

It is understood that Christians may interpret these principles by varying degrees. Our intent is not to define the only standard of Christian dress and appearance, but to uphold a standard that is consistent with the high expectations of performance, conduct, and professionalism that is appropriate for an event of this significance. Specific applications drawn from the principles above include the following policies:

- All clothing should fit properly: no tight pants on men or boys, girls or ladies; pants should be worn at the natural waist line and with a belt (no underwear exposed or shirt tails hanging out); no tight dresses, skirts, blouses, short shorts or sweaters on ladies or girls/boys or men.

- Tank Tops and risky logo T-shirts are unacceptable. (up to youth staff if able to participate)

- If girls and ladies are to wear dresses, they shall extend to the knee or longer. Dresses must not be low cut or revealing in style or material. Tops should not expose the waist or midriff. Dress slacks are permitted.

- Boys and men/ girls and ladies should groom their hair.
- Facial piercings and body art should not be displayed.

Costumes are permitted in specific drama categories. Some flexibility is permitted in the dress code to enable the presentation of a particular character. Use discretion to ensure that modesty is maintained. Be creative without compromising this principle. Costumes, including denim jeans that do not meet regular Dress Code guidelines may be worn only for competition and reasonable time before and after the event. Judges will evaluate the appropriateness of costumes and may award points based on how well a costume fits the character and to the degree that a particular costume is required to portray the character.

- Worship Dress Code

Participants are expected to wear modest attire to worship services.

- Awards Ceremony Dress Code

Participants and contestants are expected to follow the dress code to be on stage for the Awards Ceremony (with the exception that ties are not required and polo style shirts may be worn).

- Penalties

Judges will deduct points for incidental dress code infractions. Flagrant violation of the above rules, as determined by a unanimous decision of the judges, will result in the group or individual not being allowed to compete until compliance with the dress code is achieved.

****In years past each Annual was identified by a specific color. If your Annual desires to be represented by a specific color, it is to the discretion of its Annual leaders.****

Bible Competition Guidelines and Categories

Sword Drill	(Grades 4 – 6)
Sword Drill	(Grades 7-12)
Bible Spelling Bee:	(Grades 1-5)
Bible Jeopardy	Grades 7-12
Essays, playwrights, poems, other written form of creative writing	(All grade levels)
Digital Media Competition	(All grade levels)

*Kindergarten and 1st grade participants are allowed to turn in a picture, color page or drawing. It does not have to pertain to the conference theme. However, it must bible-based and I Samuel 17 must be cited at least once.

Send all essays, Activity Entry forms and other electronic entries to the following email address:

freewillbaptistyouth@gmail.com

“The Vernon McCarroll” Bible Sword Drill

King James Version – Scripture Searching Drill

Purpose of the Drill

The purpose of the Bible Sword Drill is to teach young people to handle the Word of God effectively. It is called Bible Sword Drill because the Bible is spoken as the Christian’s sword in Ephesians 6:17. Bible Sword Drill is a competitive activity for grades four through six. The contest begins in the local church.

Drill Commands

- Attention** – heels together, shoulders up straight, hands at side, face the leader.
- Salute** – Regular military salute in two counts: a) right hand brought quickly to forehead over right eye; b) hand brought quickly to side.
- Assignment** – The leader announces the drill. The assignment is given twice, slowly and distinctly. (Example: Matthew chapter 4 verse 12).
- Charge** – At this command, every member of the group draws their sword to begin to search for the scripture and time begins. When the passage is located, the contestant takes one step forward. The Bible is held parallel to the floor and the correct passage marked with the index finger. (The person stepping forward should avoid unnecessary stomping that could distract other contestants still searching for the scripture.)
- Time** – The timekeeper allows 12 seconds before calling time. This is the signal for all to stop searching, and the leader will ask the first person stepping forward to read the correct scripture.

Bible Spelling Bee: (Grades 1-5)

- This game will crown the Jr. Mr. and Jr. Ms. Free Will.**
 - This game will have a limit of 2 representatives per annual (One male/One female if available.)
 - Every participant will be given a word from the Bible. These words may include Books of the Bible, names of people in the Bible, places in the Bible, or any word that is used in the Bible.
 - Each participant has 5 seconds to begin spelling the word.
 - If the participant gets the word wrong they will be asked to sit down.

- Each round will get progressively harder.
- The last male and female child remaining will be crowned the Jr. Mr. and Jr. Miss Free Will.

Bible Jeopardy: (Grades 7-12)

*** This game will crown the Mr. or Ms. Free Will.**

- The grades eligible to play this game are grades 7-12 (unless someone younger wishes to compete.)
- There is only allowed one representative per annual.
- Every participant will be given a buzzer.
- One individual will be randomly chosen to go first.
 - They will select their topic from the subjects on the board
 - The phrase will appear.
 - They are required to answer the phrase in the form of a question.
 - They have 3 seconds to answer after they have buzzed before someone else has an opportunity to answer.
 - If no one buzzes after 3 seconds, whoever has control of the board can choose the next question.
 - All points will be totaled that each participant answers correctly.
 - There is a final jeopardy where they have a chance to bid their points and win the whole game.
- Bible Jeopardy will be heavily focused on I Samuel 17, but not limed to the one chapter.

Subject matters for the games include I Samuel, I Samuel 17, Biblew Geography, Bible Vocabulary, Women in the Bible, the life of Jesus, Book of the Bible, Great men in the Bible, Beatitudes, Ten Commandments, Prophecy and Pairs in the Bible

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Spelling Bee Word List
(Not limited to the words on the list)

Acts

Alpha	Holy	Satan
Alter	Hosea	Scarlet
Amen	Husband	Seventh
Asher	Job	Simon
Boaz	Judas	Slay
Burden	Jude	Spindle
Death	Judges	Spoil
Den	Keys	Stone
Destroy	Law	Throne
Devils	Linen	Titus
Emerald	Loins	Tongue
Encamp	Malachi	Tribe
Exodus	Moab	Trumpet
Eye	Nahum	Vain
Ezra	Nehemiah	Vex
Fiery	Obadiah	Wrath
Flock	Oil	Yoke
Foes	Omega	
Forsake	Perceive	
Goliath	Perish	
Haggai	Potter	
Harvest	Praised	
Heart	Prophecy	
Heathen	Reins	
Hebrews	Repent	
Herd	Rulers	

JEOPARDY CATEGORIES

1. 1 Samuel 17
2. Bible Stories
3. Bible Vocabulary
4. Bible Geography
5. Women in the Bible
6. Men in the Bible
7. Bible Sections

Subject matters for the games include I Samuel 17, Women in the Bible, the life of Jesus, Book of the Bible, Great men in the Bible, Beatitudes, Ten Commandments, Prophecy and Pairs in the Bible

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Competition Events
Competition Event Entry Form

General Conference Level

Bible competitions and Creative Writing

Please note the formal Essay (non- creative writing) has a separate entry form.

Year: **2019** Grade Level _____ Competition name _____

Name of Entry _____ Number of Participants _____

Name of Church _____ City _____ State _____

Annual Name _____ Church Phone _____

Director/Coach _____ Phone Number _____

E-mail _____

You may send attached files to: freewillbaptistyouth@gmail.com

Formal Essay Competition Guide: (for non-creative essays)

•Incorporating the conference theme is not required; however, incorporating the conference scriptures is preferred (at least twice). Each entry must have an obvious spiritual theme.

•Entries that exceed the maximum word count or fall below the minimum word count will be penalized for every five words above or below the required word count.

- Grades 1-3 (100Words)
- Grades 4-6 (200 Words)
- Grades 7-9 (400 Words)
- Grades 10-12 (800 Words)
- College thru 4th year (1000 Words)

•Words such as: (and, or, but, nor, a, e.g.) will not count in the word tabulation.

•Direct quotations may only be used from Public Domain sources.

•Full credit should be given for quotations and references of published sources.

•Entries must use the following format:

- 12-point Times Roman or Arial font

- One inch margins on top, bottom, and sides, ¼” paragraph indent

- Left justified, double-spaced, without hard returns (except at the end of a paragraph), single space after punctuation

- Contestant’s name, event category, vent name, and title should be included in the header of the first page (in the order as listed here)

- Title, event category, number of words, contestant’s name, age, grade/college classification (Freshman, Sophomore), address, and phone number should be included in the footer of each page (in order as listed).

- All written entries must include a one paragraph author’s bio.

•Entries are to be submitted in MS Word format with a digital copy of the Event Entry form located in this document.

- Failure to comply with any of the guidelines will result in a deduction of points.

Send all essays, event entry forms and other electronic entries to the following email address:

freewillbaptistyouth@gmail.com

Formal Essay Entry Form

(Non-Creative writing)

Please see the guidelines above and follow the directions according to your Grade Level. Each delegate must complete a separate essay form and e-mail your essay to freewillbaptistyouth@gmail.com. You may copy and paste or retype this form into your email and attach the Microsoft Word document to the email.

Your Name: _____

Grade Level: _____

Pastor's Name: _____

Church Name _____

Youth Director Name: _____

Annual Bishop's Name: _____

Annual Name _____

Each delegate must complete a separate essay form and e-mail your essay to freewillbaptistyouth@gmail.com

***For formal/non-creative writings, the essays must be sent via email in order to be considered for the competition.** No essay will be accepted after June 10, 2019 to ensure the youth department essay judges have enough time to carefully read each essay, thoroughly.

***The deadline for the formal Essay (/non- creative writings) is**

Monday, June 10, 2019

Creative Writing Guidelines

Creative writing is a non-formal form of writing with feelings, thoughts or emotions. Short stories, poetry, playwrights or any other written for of creative writing does not have to pertain to the conference theme. However, it must be bible-based and I Samuel 17 must be cited at least once. Registration forms are needed for each child to participate in all Bible competitions. Please follow the instructions on the registration forms. You may email you activity registration forms to freewillbaptistyouth@gmail.com (subject line should have the name of the participant and the name of the form). If the creative writing cannot be emailed (abstracts, books, drawings with words, etc.) You may bring a hard copy of the creative writing with you on the conference along with an event entry form. The deadline for ALL creatives are due

Tuesday, June 18, 2019 by 1:00p.m.

Digital Media

Digital Media Rules

- All entries must have been developed since the previous Conference.
- Entries may include the work of more than one person. But each person must meet the entry requirements listed in this document.
- All aspects of the finished product must be the work of eligible contestants for the appropriate grade level. All participants must be listed on the entry form. (Actors or subjects in the presentation may be non-contestants.) Adult assistance is limited to advice and instruction only.
- Graphic text is required for each work and shall include at least the following: the title of the work; the name of the participants and their respective responsibilities; name of all performers and characters; and credit given to the creator(s) of any material used (when applicable).
- All media must include: Name, Age Group, Grade level, Category, Church, Annual and phone number on the video, CD or DVD.
- The entry must have an obvious spiritual application and be consistent with the teaching of the Free Will Baptist Discipline. When applicable, denominational programs and ministries may be used as the theme.
- Model release forms must be included for all models or actors recognizable in any photograph or video recording. The form may be available online. In order for any digital/media presentation to be considered a digital release form(s) must be presented with media work
- File names for digital media should be submitted according to the following pattern, which includes the Category Name, Last Name, First Name, and year; for example, Digital Media.smith.robert.conf2017
- Entries must be submitted to Youth Department support no later than Tuesday, June 18, 2019. You can also send via email freewillbaptistyouth@gmail.com
- Winning a portion of the digital competition does not ensure usage of the digital entry for official General Conference marketing or publicity. The competition is used for showcase purposes only.

Digital Media Competition RELEASE FORM

I hereby give permission for images, submitted for the Digital Media Competition, for the Western Division of Freewill Baptist Youth Department Competition through video, photo and digital camera, to be used solely for the purposes of marketing promotional material and publications, and waive any rights of compensation or ownership thereto.

Name of Participant (please print): _____ Age: _____

_____ Name of Parent/Guardian (please print):

_____ Parent/Guardian's

Signature: _____

Date: _____

I HAVE READ THIS DOCUMENT AND I UNDERSTAND THAT I GIVE UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS ON BEHALF OF THE MINOR AND MYSELF (INCLUDING RIGHTS RELATING TO PUBLICITY AND PRIVACY WITH RESPECT TO THE COMMERCIAL USE OF ANY STATEMENTS, PHOTOGRAPHS, AND/OR AUDIO OR VIDEO RECORDINGS) AND I SIGN THIS RELEASE FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY.

Western Division of Freewill Baptist General Conference, Inc.

Youth Department Itinerary.

Please see the General Conference packet for specific times and locations. The youth department is an entity of the General Conference. Packet information is subject to change to fit the schedule of the General Conference.

Monday, June 17, 2019

*Check in/General Conference Registration, Opening Service/Bishops Address,

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Bible Activities and Competition Day

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Mission Day with General Conference Session

Thursday, June 20, 2019

Youth Department Activity (TBA)

Friday, June 21, 2019

Youth Department Day

Annual Night Showcase and Youth Night Services

Dismissal

Western Division of the Freewill Baptist General Conference

Youth department includes:

Bishop Raymond Captville, General Bishop

Heather Simpson, Youth department Director

Youth Support Staff and Ambassadors

Minister Shanna McCarroll, Bible Activities Director

CheVonaree Frank, Creative Writing and Essay Director

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