



ebenezer youth.

2024-25 Parent/ Caregiver guide

Who is my youth being led by for 2024-25?

Qualifications for one to be a direct weekly volunteer youth leader at Ebenezer Youth:

- Leader must be a follower of Jesus.
- Leader considers Ebenezer Baptist Church their church family.
- All leaders must be able to sign off on the BGC (our church denomination) 'Statement of Faith', 'Marriage Statement', and read, agree, and live up too the 'Ebenezer Youth Leader Lifestyle Agreement.'

Process of Application for a leader at Ebenezer Youth:

- A potential leader must read the 'Ebenezer Youth Comprehensive Guide to Youth Leadership.'
- A potential leader must fill out the Ebenezer Youth Leadership application.
- A potential leader must have an interview with the Jr/Sr Youth Pastor.
- A potential leader will give two references (one within the church, and one outside of the church).
- A potential leader will then sign off in agreeance to the ' BGC Statement of Faith', 'BGC Marriage Statement', the 'Ebenezer Youth Leader Lifestyle Agreement.'
- A potential leader must do a Criminal Record Check and a Vulnerable Sector Check every 5 years.
- A potential leader must complete the 'Ebenezer Child Protection Policy.'

Ongoing discipleship and leadership development for a leader at Ebenezer Youth:

- Youth life group leaders will get intentional coaching from a youth life group coach.
- Youth ministry coordinators will get intentional coaching from the youth coordinator director.



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- All direct weekly leaders are required to attend an annual leadership training retreat before the fall kicks off at Ebenezer Youth to grow in their own discipleship with Jesus, disciple making to our youth, and in their youth leadership.
- YWC annual winter conference, our core team at Ebenezer Youth will be going to the YWC conference.
- All direct weekly leaders are required to attend Sunday lunch meetings every two months for ongoing discipleship and leadership training.
- All direct weekly leaders are required to attend a debrief day after our regular programming season is over.
- All direct weekly leaders are highly encouraged to attend an Ebenezer Equipping Seminar in the year to further their walk with Jesus and sharpen their leadership toolbox to disciple our youth.

Other strategic leadership development:

- All direct weekly leaders are invited for a monthly leader hangout to foster connection as a team.
- All direct weekly leaders are invited for a Ebenezer Youth Leaders Christmas party.



Ebenezer Youth 2024-25

Weekly ministry initiatives

Tuesdays– 6:00pm–7:00pm, Grade 6–8, Jr youth drop in (Homework with leaders available with tutor, video games, board games, games in gym)

Tuesdays– 6:00pm–6:45pm, Jr L.I.T program (Leaders in training)

Tuesdays– 6:45pm–9:00pm, Sr L.I.T program (Leaders in training)

Tuesdays– 7:00–9:00pm, Grade 6–8 Jr youth night

(A night consists of an activity, a sermon, life group discussion, and a snack)

* Every third week on youth nights will be a life group night at the church

Wednesdays– 6:00pm–7:00pm, Grade 9–12, Sr youth drop in (Homework with leaders available with tutor, video games, board games, games in gym)

Wednesdays– 7:00pm–9:15pm, Grade 9–12 Sr youth night

(A night consists of an activity, worship music, a sermon, life group discussion, and a snack)

* Every third week on youth nights will be a life group night at the church

Key dates/ Special events

2024

August 30–September 1–
Ebenezer Youth Leadership Training Retreat

September 3/4–
Beginning of regular youth programming (Fall Kickoff)

September 17–
Jr/Sr youth parent and caregiver meeting (fall welcome/ who are the leaders)



September 27-29-
Jr and Sr Youth Retreat

October 18-
306 Network Rally

November 10-
Youth leadership ongoing training meeting

November 22-
Ebenezer & RLBC Latenighter

December 13-
Youth leaders Christmas party

December 17/18-
Youth Christmas party

December 24/25-
No youth

2025

December 31/January 1-
No youth

January 7/8-
Winter kickoff

January 21-
Jr/Sr youth parent and caregiver meeting (equipping seminar)



January 24-25-
YWC conference (youth leadership conference)

January 31-
306 Network Rally

February 14-21-
SOAR SASK

February 18/19-
No youth due to Feb break

March 14-15-
Inspire Conference

April 13-
Youth leadership ongoing training meeting

April 18-
Good Friday pancake breakfast

April 22/23-
No youth due to Easter break

April 25-27-
Sr Youthquake (SR LIT's only)

May 6-
Parent/ Caregiver meeting (what is going on for 2025-26?)

May 30-
306 Network Rally



June 10/11-

Last day of regular youth programming

June 15-

Youth Leaders debrief day

June 25/26-

Weekly summer programming begins (kickoff bash)

August 27/28-

Weekly summer programming ends (summer end bash)



Cost of Ebenezer Youth 2024–25

Ebenezer Youth is the youth ministry of Ebenezer Baptist Church and we graciously are able to run a majority of our program / events at no cost for our church family and community by the generosity of those in the Ebenezer Church family who fuel the mission of God

However, there are retreats/ missions trips that cost a substantial amount of money that we need to ask for payment on. For 2024–25 here is what we expect events to cost for Ebenezer Youth:

1. 2024 Ebenezer Youth Fall Retreat

- Our 2024 Fall Youth Retreat is available for youth in grades 6–12 and will cost \$189 this year
- This fall retreat will be taking place September 27–29 2024 at Ranger Lake Bible Camp

2. SOAR SASK 2025

- SOAR SASK is available for youth in grades 7–12 and this year as a team we will be fundraising together as a team to avoid incurring individual payments from parents/ caregivers (although personal fundraising or payment will need to happen if funds are not fully raised).
- SOAR SASK will cost \$350 this year
- This missions trip will be taking place February 14–21 2025 in Saskatoon SK

As our youth ministry continues to increase in size we have more need for those who need financial assistance for these types of events. This year we are going to set up a sponsorship program for youth who hope to go to the retreat but are not able to afford the cost of it. This will come up on the google form that will be sent out for you to fill out.



2024-25 Speaking at Ebenezer Youth

At Ebenezer Youth, it is necessary that we are teaching Jesus-centred, gospel-focused, biblical, relevant, and reverent content that is able to move towards deep discipleship in the lives of our youth. Below is the speaking plans we have for next year:

Here is the series plans:

Series 1: (Jr and Sr) Vision series 2023 (2-part series in September)

Series 2: (Jr and Sr) The 3 Big Questions (Identity, Purpose, and Belonging) (3-part retreat series in September)

Series 3: (Jr and Sr) The Story of God (6-part series in September–November)

Series 4: (Jr and Sr) Rule of Life (3-part series in November–December)

Series 5: (Jr and Sr) Hot topic January (1. Crisis on discipleship and a call to be discipled, 2. Mental health, 3. Hot topic seminars (3-part series in January)

Series 6: (Jr) Gospel of Matthew (7-part series in February–April) (Sr) The Gospel in Revelation (4-part series in February–March)

Series 7: (Sr) Future Church (3-part series in March–April)

Series 8: (Jr) The songs of Jesus, The Psalms (4-part series in April–June), (Sr) The surprising wisdom of Leviticus (4-part series in April–June)

*Stand alone messages will be:

- The meaning of Christmas (Christmas party) (December 17/18)

