

The Rock

2010 Theme for Midwest
Leadership Training for Christ from 2 Samuel

A Special Newsletter to ANYONE ATTENDING MWLTC 2010 Convention

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~ Midwest LTC Convention ~ May 7 - 9, 2010 ~

When You Arrive

- ❑ **Everyone:** Check-In at LTC Central (opens 4pm Friday) to get a bracelet that must be worn all weekend. **Students:** *You will need to bring your check-in form.*
- ❑ **Students:** After checking in at LTC Central, you can get your LTC T-shirt from your church coordinator (at a table in Liberty Hall until Friday 7 pm.)
- ❑ **Students:** Make every effort to **check-in your display projects by Friday, 5-7pm.** This applies to Alternative Art, Traditional Art, Bulletin Board, and Scrapbooks. This may mean you need to send your project with other people from your group. If you are *unable* to check-in your project Friday, please let us know at registration@mwltc.org.
- ❑ **Team Coaches:** After checking in at LTC Central, please visit the Team Check-In tables to verify the team roster for the event you coached (**Friday 5-7pm**). This applies to Bible Bowl, Group Singing, Live Modern Christian Drama, and Puppets.
- ❑ **Evaluators & Those Willing:** After checking in at LTC Central, visit the Evaluators Table.
- ❑ **Door Monitors & Those Willing:** After checking in at LTC Central, please visit the Door Monitors Table.

Questions & Answers

Help! I'm an observer and didn't pre-register online. If you came to the 2009 convention, you are probably already registered as an observer. Otherwise, you can self-register online until May 3. After May 3, fill out a paper observer registration form from your church coordinator or from LTC Central. Then check-in with the LTC Central staff.

Does everyone have to wear a bracelet? Yes. This helps us make LTC as secure as possible.

I lost my bracelet. Can I get another? Take \$2 to LTC Central for a replacement.

Is there a dress code? Yes. Modesty is Biblical (1 Timothy 2:9-10), and remember that this event is about leadership -- at convention, in the hotel, and even in the pool.

When and where will T-shirts be sold? They will be sold Friday & Saturday in the atrium.

What if I need medical attention? Contact LTC Central or look for a security volunteer. Call 911 in the event of a life-threatening emergency.

What time is it in Indianapolis right now? Indianapolis observes Eastern Daylight Time (the same as the east coast).

Can our congregation have a small party in the atrium to share food from outside the hotel? We have been asked to avoid this activity. This type of activity can be done in your hotel room.

We're leaving early. Can we just individually pick up awards? No, only church coordinators are to pick up awards after the Saturday night Celebration Assembly. Those not picked up will be mailed the following week.

Important Notes

Mothers Day Craft!

Dads & children from age 0 to Grade 2 are invited to

Liberty Hall at 10:30-11:00am

to work on a gift for Mom.

(Moms are welcome to come too, but it seems silly for them to help make a gift for themselves!)



Text Message Alerts

We're trying something new this year: offering text reminders & announcements to your wireless phone. You can sign up online:

General: <http://bit.ly/mwltc-general>

Evaluators: <http://bit.ly/mwltc-evals>

Projects On Display

If at all possible, please leave display event items in place until **Saturday 6pm** so the EVERYONE can enjoy viewing them.

Midwest LTC 101 ~ Salon 6 at Noon

If your church is new to LTC or if you want to try to use LTC more effectively next year, come to **MWLTC 101** to learn more. Feel free to bring your lunch to this session.

Fri Night Youth Devo ~ Liberty Hall until 11pm

After Puppets, there will be a Late Night Devo for 7-12th grades Friday night.

Curfew will be at 11:15pm sharp!

NEW! Fri Night Adult Devo ~ Salon 3 until 11pm

After Puppets, there will be a Late Night Devo / Meet-&-Greet for adults Friday night.

Honoring Our High School Seniors

Seniors: Please check in at LTC Central before the Saturday lunch break! We are looking for some specific information this year in order to honor our seniors.



Blood Drive ~ NEW! Sat 11:30am - 2:30pm

The Indiana Blood Center will have a Bloodmobile on-site. Donors must be at least 16, weigh at least 110 lbs, and be in good general health. You can sign-up in advance at <http://bit.ly/mwltc-blood>.

Sunday Worship Assembly

For those that are staying through Saturday night, we will worship together in **Liberty Hall at 8:00 am** on Sunday morning.

What To Expect & What Is Expected

A Message to Adults

LTC is about encouragement & your leadership is crucial

The old saying, *more is caught than taught* applies to LTC. We ask you to do your part to make sure that participants from all sizes of congregation have an enthusiastic audience during their event. Be aware that you may have opportunities to model the way Christ would behave and react.

We're All Volunteers

Midwest LTC is 100% operated by volunteers. That is important in at least 2 ways:

- * We can always use more volunteers (like evaluators & door monitors). Please consider how you might be able to serve. Visit the Evaluators & Door Monitor tables near LTC Central for more info.
- * Things aren't perfect: issues come up; schedules have to be adjusted; people must be cared for. When things don't go perfectly, we ask that you help the students see how Christ would respond by honoring our volunteer workers with a smile, patience, and understanding.

Observer Registration, Bracelets, & Security

The convention is held in a public facility, so we pay attention to security. For the registration purposes, all attendees are either **participants** or **observers**. *Participants* are those actually in the LTC events (3rd-12th Grade). All others (younger children, adults, coordinators, those just taking a look, etc.) are considered to be *observers*. For security purposes, each participant and each observer is asked to wear a bracelet to help us know who is registered with us – and helps us make sure who should be entering events with our children.

Evaluators

Evaluators are servants who evaluate students' work with a set of criteria for each event. They provide constructive and encouraging feedback to help students grow and nurture their God-given talent and gifts.

Door Monitors

The students work hard to prepare for their events. Door monitors help make sure that we honor these students by providing them time to share the fruit of their labor without interruptions or distractions. Please honor the students and honor the volunteer at the door who is following the directions he/she received.

Adults Helping Students

- * At the convention, an adult sponsor is necessary for every three to four youth participants. It is the sponsor's responsibility to supervise their participants at all times. The hotel agreement requires an adult in every room of participants. **PLEASE do not leave minors unsupervised at the convention at all.**
- * Please help your participants locate the room in which they will participate at least 30 minutes before the event begins.
- * Stay in the event room during the time when the students are participating -- this is about encouragement -- be mindful not to desert a student with a mass exodus.

A Message to Students

We're excited that you are participating in Leadership Training for Christ. We hope you grow and benefit from your preparation and your experience at convention. Our prayer is that God uses these experiences to shape your life into one of leadership and servanthood when you return to home, to school, to church, and to your community.

We have a few requests that we ask that you honor. Doing these things will help make this an encouraging and uplifting weekend for everyone at LTC.

For Everyone

Finding Answers to Your Questions

Before convention, your **church coordinator** and the **MWLTC web site** are probably the best sources of information. At convention, you can also find lots of information at **LTC Central**.

Behavior, Safety, & Security

Other people's impressions of Christ are directly affected by your behavior. Create a positive reflection of your congregation, your family, and Christ by maintaining a spirit of love, respect, and encouragement. Examples include:

- ✓ Walk, do not run, in the corridors and other public areas
- ✓ Observe the **11:00pm curfew** Friday & Saturday (11:15pm on Friday for 7th-12th graders that go to the devo).
- ✓ Respect & protect hotel property & LTC property.
- ✓ Behave safely everywhere, including the pool, balconies, and elevators.
- ✓ Maintain a reasonable noise level in hallways, foyer, and rooms.

At LTC Central, each registered person will receive a bracelet. Please **wear this bracelet the entire weekend**. It is your credentials for the convention. People that do not have a bracelet will be asked to register at LTC Central or leave. If you lose your bracelet, get a replacement (for \$2) at LTC Central.

- * Remember . . . *Leadership is an ACTION, not a position.*



- * Bring your check-in form to LTC Central to check-in. Make sure that it has your correct contact and event registration info. If anything is incorrect, please make corrections neatly and turn it in at LTC Central to check-in.
- * Be sure to get your bracelet when you check-in and wear it at all times during the convention.
- * Keep noise down to a respectful level everywhere (like in halls, foyers, and rooms).
- * Stay on the hotel & convention center property unless accompanied by a responsible adult whom your church coordinator has approved.
- * Stay and watch other students during the events. This is a part of supporting and encouraging one another.
- * **Observe the 11:00 pm curfew** on Friday and Saturday. Students that participate in the Friday Night Devo (grades 7-12 only) have an 11:15pm curfew on Friday.
- * There may be other guests in the hotel that are not affiliated with Leadership Training for Christ. Act in a way that brings glory to God and Christ.