

# Peaks Presbytery Youth Council

## *WE NEED LEADERS*

### **WHAT IS A LEADER?**

1. Leaders serve the followers.
2. Leaders are followers. They follow the will of the group.
3. Leaders are visionaries. They are dreamers.
4. Leaders motivate. They inspire the rest of the group.
5. Leaders encourage the rest of the group. They know how to build morale.
6. Leaders appreciate and affirm followers. They are aware of individuals. They treat each one with respect. Leaders believe in you.
7. Leaders lead by example. They are role models.
8. Leaders can delegate.
9. Leaders have planning and organizational skills.
10. Leaders encourage participation and involvement.
11. Leaders teach.
12. Leaders are learners.
13. Leaders are good listeners.
14. Leaders are good communicators.
15. Leaders care. They are empathetic. They see themselves and everyone in the group as equals. They are “we-oriented.”
16. Leaders must be trustworthy.
17. Leaders hold up under pressure.
18. Leaders create change.
19. Leaders are creative.
20. Leaders are committed.
21. Leaders are enthusiastic!
22. Leaders seek to follow the servant leadership modeled by Jesus Christ.



# Presbytery of the Peaks YOUTH COUNCIL

## **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**



*The Presbytery of the Peaks Youth Council is a member of the Presbyterian Youth Connection of the Presbyterian Church (USA)*

### ***Please mail to:***

Presbytery of the Peaks  
*Attention: Ann Graham*  
1022 Floyd Street, #A  
Lynchburg, VA 24501

### **For information contact:**

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***We are receiving applications for rising 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders  
and Adults***

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 1, 2010**



## ATTENDANCE POLICY

Peaks Presbytery Youth Council is a unique way for 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders to gain valuable leadership skills, learn more about the Presbyterian Church (USA), get to know other youth from the Presbytery and serve the church in an important and challenging way.

Peaks Presbytery Youth Council meets six (6) times a year. Extra meetings are called as the need arises. Transportation to the meetings is the responsibility of the members.

The Council is made up of 18 youth and 9 adults. It is preferred to have only two PYC members from a particular church. However, a maximum of four will be considered if space is available.

### **Youth who serve on the Presbytery Youth Council must:**

- Be an active member in their local church and youth activities
- Be a rising 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grader and able to serve a 2-year term or until graduation
- Be an exemplary role model to other youth
- Be willing to make Youth Council a priority in their schedules and be very regular in attendance to meetings and events.

### **The Peaks Presbytery Youth Council is responsible for:**

- Planning and implementing weekend retreats and events for Senior Highs and Middle School youth
- Planning the Presbytery-wide youth events so they are balanced in worship, recreation, fellowship and study
- Promoting Presbytery and General Assembly opportunities for youth participation from our churches
- Serving as liaisons between local churches and the Presbytery for promotion of events and communication in general.



The input of every member of the Youth Council is important. Thus, every effort should be made to attend all meetings.

Two unexcused absences within a school year will be grounds for dismissal from the Council. Absence from a retreat counts as two absences.

Efforts will be made by the Chair of the Youth Council to keep members informed of their attendance responsibilities so that it may not be necessary to dismiss any members.

### **AS A COUNCIL MEMBER YOUR INPUT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:**

Planning meetings –January, April/May, August, September  
*Actual dates to be determined by the group.*

### **PoPYoCo Leadership Training/Planning Lock-In:**

**August 2010**  
**Middle School Retreat**  
**Sept/Oct 2010**  
**Senior High Retreat:**  
**Feb/March 2011**

Your attendance on these dates is very important. We know how busy most Senior High's are these days and it's our hope that God is calling you to share your gifts with us on this Council. Please pray about this and see if you feel called to make this service on our Youth Council a high priority. It's a great "call to ministry." We do have a lot of fun and learn as we seek to share the love of God with others.

Reference Questionnaire *(continued)*

4. How well does this individual express his/her own faith?  
 Associates personal faith with creeds of the church  
 Able to put beliefs into his/her own words  
 Confidently shares in discussion of faith issues and concepts
5. How well does this individual apply energy and persistence in following a job through?  
 Needs much prodding to complete work  
 Rather indifferent: does not finish job  
 Completes assigned tasks of own accord  
 Unusual perseverance, does more than expected
6. How well does this individual control emotion?  
 Easily depressed, irritated or elated  
 Tends to be over-emotional  
 Tends to be irresponsible  
 Usually well balanced  
 Well balanced
7. Have you or others in your church identified this youth for a potential call to ministry or service in the church? Please explain:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
8. Other comments you would like to make about this individual:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail your reference questionnaire to:

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 Lynchburg, VA 24501

Thank You!



**APPLICATION – Youth & Adult**  
 Presbytery of the Peaks  
 YOUTH COUNCIL



Please print or type:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  
 Male  Female Grade 2010-2011: \_\_\_\_\_ or  Adult  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a current PYC member?  YES  NO  
 Are you an active church member?  YES  NO

Name of Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you attend Sunday school?  YES  NO  
 If yes, how often? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you attend youth groups?  YES  NO  
 If yes, how often? \_\_\_\_\_

On a separate sheet of paper, please write your responses to the following questions. *Please write or type at least one paragraph for each.*

- In what areas are you involved in the life of your church and community, and what positions have you held?
- State two reasons why you want to serve on the Youth Council?
- Briefly write your statement of faith (what you believe about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Bible and the church).
- Briefly write a biographical statement.
- Indicate personality characteristics that you think will contribute to your being effective as a part of the Youth Council.
- What does your Christian faith mean to you and how do you express it in your day-to-day life?

Please list three references from your congregation. Be sure to ask them ahead of time to be a reference for you. Give them each a copy of the enclosed reference form and ask them to complete and mail to the Presbytery by **April 1, 2010.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## PARENT/GUARDIAN SUPPORT FORM

Peaks Presbytery Youth Council offers its members a unique way to serve the church and their peers. Though demanding, the experience is rewarding and educational. An important part of an effective Youth Council is parents who are supportive of their youth's responsibilities and are willing to encourage their active participation on the Council. If your child is selected to serve on Youth Council, we need to know that it meets with your approval and that you would provide encouragement, support, and transportation for your child to events and meetings if necessary.

I am aware that my child, \_\_\_\_\_, is applying for the Peaks Presbytery Youth Council and I have read the job description. I will support his/her participation on Youth Council if s/he is selected.

_____	_____
<i>Signature of Parent/Guardian</i>	<i>Date</i>
_____	_____
<i>Signature of Applicant</i>	<i>Date</i>
_____	_____
<i>Signature of Pastor or Educator</i>	<i>Date</i>
_____	_____
<i>Signature of Current Session Member</i>	<i>Date</i>

***Only Complete Applications will be considered***



## REFERENCE QUESTIONNAIRE

Reference Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known applicant? \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_ has listed you as a reference to his/her potential as a member of the Peaks Presbytery Youth Council. Please give careful consideration to the ratings below. Under each heading, check the phrase that describes the applicant's behavior with regard to that specific trait. (Please remember it will be the truly exceptional person who ranks high in all categories.)

1. How well is this individual able to direct and influence others along definite lines of action?
  - Poor leader, incapable of directing others
  - Normally successful in directing and controlling others
  - Very successful in leading others
  
2. How well does individual work with peers and others for the good of the group?
  - Gives limited cooperation: neglects common good for own interests
  - Cooperates with others toward accomplishment of common cause
  - Cooperates willingly and actively regardless of self-benefit
  
3. How does this individual react to suggestions or criticisms by others?
  - Resents suggestions
  - Listens to suggestions but may act without considering them
  - Follows suggestions willingly

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