

MSSA Youth Information

Welcome to the 134th season of the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly. We have an excellent Youth Staff and program ready to provide you and your children with a fun and enriching time on the mountain. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with our 2016 Youth program and procedures. Post it in your cottage as a reference during your visit.

The Short Version for Busy Parents/Grandparents

- Purchase a **gate ticket** for your child. Gate tickets may be purchased on line in advance, at the Gate upon arrival, or in the office.
- Complete a **release form** for each child before arriving for at the auditorium for sign-up
- Bring release, your child's gate ticket, **your cottage number** and your child to the front of the auditorium on the first morning of your arrival between 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.
- Turn in forms and your child will receive a **Fun Band** identification bracelet.
- Take your Hummingbird to the Hummingbirds Room at 10:00 a.m.
- Eaglets, Eagles, Buzzards and Falcons will all meet at 10:00 a.m. in front of the Auditorium. Please wear swimsuit on days designated for pool games.

Attached Release Forms

All children in the Youth Program must have a completed release form on file before participating in games, excursions, or any other planned youth activity. Please fill out the enclosed form (one for each child) and bring it along with your child's gate ticket to the youth sign-up on the first morning of your arrival. A new form is required each year.

Fun Bands

All youth, ages 3 – 18, will be issued a Fun Band at morning sign-up (see above). Please make sure your child wears one at all times.

Age Groups for Youth Activities

Hummingbirds	ages 3 - 5
Eaglets	ages 6 - 8 (rising 1 st – 3 rd grade)
Eagles	ages 9 - 11 (rising 4 th – 6 th grade)
Buzzards	ages 12 – 14 (rising 7 th – 9 th grade)
Falcons	ages 15 – 18 (rising 10 th – 12 th grade)

Hummingbirds

Hummingbirds are supervised by the Hummingbirds Director and Assistants during game time. They must be signed in each morning at 10:00 a.m. at the Hummingbirds room and picked up by a parent or designated individual at Noon. Children **must** be three years of age **and** potty-trained to participate. We ask that you not send your Hummingbird to games, afternoon Crafts and Sack Suppers designed for older children.

Eaglets, Eagles, Buzzards and Falcons

Eaglets, Eagles, Buzzards and Falcons can join the Youth Staff for games and activities each weekday morning from 10:00 a.m. till Noon. All groups meet outside the auditorium unless otherwise listed in the program or on the Youth Bulletin Board. While we encourage all youth to participate for the whole two-hour period, please note that the Staff **cannot** be responsible if your child leaves the scheduled activity or chooses not to participate. Please discuss your expectations with your children and make arrangements accordingly.

Youth Activities

Please check the poster at the front of the Auditorium for **daily** updates, changes or additions to our schedule of Youth activities in the printed program.

Weekly Parents Meeting

Please join us for a brief update each Tuesday mornings at 10:15 on the Harton Hall terrace. The Youth Staff will go over any changes in the weekly schedule, sign up for Progressive Dinners and answer any questions or concerns.

Hummingbird parents are encouraged to meet the Hummingbird staff at 9:30 on Tuesday mornings in the Hummingbird room to learn about the activities especially for our youngest participants.

Question and Answers

Am I an eagle yet?

It's important that children and parents understand that youth activities, excursions and discussion groups are planned according to the ages and grades as previously stated. Everyone wants to grow up, but problems arise if a child "moves up" too soon. Please be sure your child participates in the appropriate group.

My two-year old is very mature and wants to be a "Hummer" like his/her big sister/brother.

Unfortunately, we have to ask everyone to abide by our policy for Hummingbirds: they must be at least three years of age and potty-trained.

Why can't the staff supervise the children at the movies or the pool?

We have a full program of youth activities planned and the Youth Staff is responsible for those activities. They are not to be considered as babysitters during movies, lectures, or concerts. Please do not leave your children unaccompanied at the swimming pool until they are competent swimmers.

Help! I can't hear the movie or concert when the children are running up and down the aisles!

We know. We can't either. While Monteagle is known as a "children's paradise", there is no excuse for unruly or rude behavior which disrupts a gathering. Parents are responsible for their child's behavior at all Assembly functions.

Arts and Crafts

We have some exciting new projects planned for Arts and Crafts this year at Shady Dell. Eaglets will meet at 2:30PM on Monday and Wednesdays and Eagles at 2:30PM on Tuesdays and Thursday.

Swimming and Tennis Lessons

Private Swimming and Tennis lessons are available from the lifeguards and the Youth Tennis Instructor at a very reasonable fee. Sign up at the pool for swimming lessons and check the bulletin board at the Auditorium for private tennis lessons.

The Snack Shop

The Snack Shop is always a popular place. There are goodies available, as well as MSSA shirts and other gear.

Ringers & Singers

Ringers & singers is the Youth Choir for ages 6 – 11 (rising 1st – 6th grades). They meet at Warren Chapel every Tuesday and Wednesday morning at 9:30 – 10:00 for practice and participate in worship at Twilight Prayers on Thursday evening. There are age appropriate activities and experiences for the youngest to the oldest with preference given to the oldest in playing certain instruments and other participation that requires more maturity.

Quiet Hour

Quiet Hour is a wonderful Montagle tradition that is daily from 1:00 – 2:30PM. This is the time for board games on the porch or hanging out in the hammock with a summer reading book. There are no planned activities for youth during this time. **Please encourage** your children to observe this tradition and take a break from bike riding or noisy play.

Automobiles

Automobiles must adhere to the posted **slow** speed limits. We are concerned for the safety of everyone on the grounds: children, older members, pets and wildlife. Please slow down. We all need to drive mindfully. Mall traffic is restricted to pedestrians, golf carts, and those who need to park close to Warren Chapel and Harton Hall.

Lost and Found is in the Snack Shop. Please check it regularly.

Babysitters are available. Check with the Hummingbird Staff and look for names on the Auditorium bulletin board.

Excursions – Space is limited, so sign up early. Sign-up sheets are posted at the Auditorium.

Eaglet Excursions

Eaglet excursions take place on Assembly grounds and will be supervised by the Youth Staff. We will ask for parent volunteers to accompany the group. Of course, we always encourage and welcome parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles to accompany the children.

Eagle Excursions

Eagle excursions that are off the Assembly grounds **require that a parent or designated adult accompany the child.** An adult or **parent may not supervise more than two children in addition to their own** and must have a signed note from the parent stating that they may take the child off the grounds. The Tuesday Parents Meeting is a good place to find a parent willing to accompany your child on an excursion. Eagles **may not** ride in a car driven by any member of the Youth Staff. While the Youth Staff is responsible for escorting us on the excursion, the behavior of the children must be governed by the responsible parent/adult.

Buzzard and Falcon Excursions

Buzzards and Falcons may participate in overnight and off-ground excursions. With parental permission, they will be allowed to ride in cars driven by a member of the Youth Staff. Their safety is our utmost concern, so please use discretion in choosing appropriate excursions for your child. Detailed information about an excursion is available at the Parent Meeting and from our Youth Coordinator.

Family Excursions

Family excursions are a Monteagle tradition. The Youth Staff will serve as escorts and guides and will bring along supplies, such as the First Aid kits and life preservers. Parents, or an adult family member, must accompany their children. While family excursions are open to all ages, some activities may not be suitable for younger children. Please consult with the Youth Staff for information and use your discretion.

Sunday School meets from 10:00 – 10:45AM.

5 – 7 years olds meet at the Art Pavilion

8 – 11 year olds meet at Shady Dell

12 years and older meet on the porch of the Nashville Home

For parents attending the 11:00 service, there is a nursery provided in the Hummingbirds room for children ages 2 – 4. Please understand our facilities are limited and we can only accommodate those children who are potty-trained.

Winfield House Library has many wonderful children’s books, puzzles and movies available for “checking out.”

Nashville Home is the home for our Youth Staff and we want to respect their time off and privacy. Well behaved children are welcome to visit the staff on the Porch but are not allowed inside the Nashville Home.

Monteagle Sunday School Assembly
RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT
AND AUTHORIZATION AND MEDICAL TREATMENT

The undersigned, being the parent(s) or guardian(s) of _____,
A minor ("Minor"), do hereby on behalf of themselves, Minor, the heirs, executors, and assigns of each, do hereby release Monteagle Sunday School Assembly ("MSSA"), its officers, directors, employees, agents, and members from any and all manner of action, claim or demands, suits, debts, sums of money, reckonings, contributions, indemnities of whatever nature, at law or in equity, which against MSSA any of the foregoing might now or hereafter have on account of Minor's participation in any activity, program or excursion of MSSA and covenant(s) not to institutes any claim or other legal action against MSSA on account of Minor's participation in any such activities.

In addition, in the event of a medical emergency involving Minor while located on the MSSA grounds or participating in a MSSA activity, the undersigned hereby grant(s) to MSSA, its agents, employees, and representatives, permission to obtain the services of the physician, to hospitalize, to secure proper treatment for, and to order injection, anesthesia or surgery for Minor in the event any such representative of MSSA shall deem such action to be in Minor's best interest.

The MSSA General Manager and Youth Coordinator may remove any child who is disruptive to the program or poses a danger to his/her self or others.

This Release and Authorization shall remain in effect during the minority of Minor and may only be revoked in writing signed by the undersigned, and addressed to:

General Manager
Monteagle Sunday School Assembly
P. O. Box 307
Monteagle, TN 37356

Date _____
Parent or Guardian Signature

Date _____
Parent or Guardian Signature

Please Print Minor's Full Name _____
Minor's Birth Date

Please Print Parent or Guardian(s) Full Name(s) Please check age group:
____ Hummingbird (3-5)

Cottage & Phone Where Guardian(s) May Be Reached at MSSA ____ Eagle (6-8)
____ Eagle (9-11)
____ Buzzard (12-14)
____ Falcon (15-18)

Email: _____

Health Insurance Company & Policy Number

Special Medical Information of Minor (allergies, medications, conditions, etc.)

VALID DATES _____

Bicycle Helmet and Walking Bikes across Bridge Policy

In accordance with Tennessee state law, all youth under the age of 16 must wear a helmet while riding a bike. All riders of any age must get off their bikes and walk them across the MSSA bridges. These Regulations are found in the MSSA code of Regulations B-1 and B-2.

The MSSA board of directors approved the following policy for violations of the above regulations:

- 1) On the Assembly Grounds, the first time that a person violates one of the regulations, the Person will be warned. Any person on the Assembly Grounds can stop any child not wearing a helmet and report him/her to the General Manager. The parent will then be notified. Any person on the Assembly Grounds can stop any other person riding a bicycle across a bridge and report him/her to the General Manager.
- 2) The second time that a person violates one of the regulations and is reported to the General Manager, the adult or the child and the parent will meet with the General Manager or designee.
- 3) The third time that the same person violates one of the regulations, the will bike will be confiscated for one week.
- 4) The fourth time that person violates one of the regulations, the individual will be brought in Front of the Executive Disciplinary Committee.

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I have read the above regulations of the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly and I understand the consequences if I or my child violates the rules.

Parent

Date

Child

Date