



Summer Conference FAQs

» Does RYM require background checks on leaders & chaperones?

Yes. All leaders and chaperones (over 18 years old) are required to have BOTH of the following:

1. NATIONAL CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK

RYM suggests using Protect My Ministry

(www.ministryopportunities.org/ReformedYouth) for the national criminal background checks. A national criminal background check is in the \$12 range. Please email a copy of the completed background check to the RYM Conference Team, (cducker@rymonline.org).

2. MINISTRY SAFE CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AWARENESS TRAINING

RYM suggests using the company Darkness to Light (<https://www.d2l.org/get-trained/>) for their child sexual abuse awareness trainings. A one time training costs in the \$10 range. Please email a completion certificate to the RYM Conference Team, (cducker@rymonline.org).

**National criminal background checks and child sexual abuse awareness trainings are good for a 2 year period.*

» When can I start registering my group? How do I reserve space for RYM?

Registration for all RYM summer conferences begins in February. Churches can reserve spots for any RYM summer conference online at that time. Individuals need to be in communication with their church/group leader who will first reserve spots through RYM. A \$100/person deposit is required to reserve space. Deposit payments must be made to finalize your group reservation.

» Is the \$100 per person deposit refundable? Transferrable?

No. The deposit is non-refundable and non-transferrable. If your group drops numbers/spots, the deposit of those unused spots cannot be refunded or applied toward the remaining balances. This applies even if you have registered for multiple RYM conferences.

» Can I make changes to my registration list?

Yes, you may exchange students or chaperones on your registration list. However, within two weeks of the conference start date, you may only exchange a boy for a boy or a girl for a girl (because housing assignments will already be arranged).

» What about students who drop out? Do we still have to pay for their spot?

You only have to pay for the spot if they drop out within a week before the conference start date. If they drop out before this timeframe (and you let us know), you can get a refund for that spot less the \$100 non-refundable deposit.



» What age is considered high school?

For high school, rising 9th graders through graduating 12th graders can come to RYM. Rising 9th graders have the option to attend middle school or high school RYM, or both according to individual church needs.

» What kind of swimwear is allowed?

Modest swimwear is required - for both boys & girls. For girls, a one-piece bathing suit or tankini is acceptable, as long as it is modest. Boys shorts/swim-trunks must be modest in length and coverage; boys are expected to wear a shirt when not at the pool or waterfront.

» What is the suggested chaperone to student ratio?

While we leave the specifics up to the trip leader (you know your students best) we suggest a ratio of 1 chaperone to every 6 students.

» Can chaperones bring their children?

No. No exceptions (unless your children are at the proper age to fully participate in RYM).

» Do we need both male and female chaperones?

If you are bringing both male and female students, you will need both male and female chaperones.

» Can we request a certain room?

No. Sorry. Housing is a giant puzzle and we cannot accommodate specific room requests.

» Can we request to stay with another group?

Yes, however there can be no guarantees as housing is often tight.

» When can does registration open for elective seminar classes?

Elective class registration will begin online on May 15th.

» I can't remember the elective classes I registered for. How can I figure this out?

Check your email inbox for a confirmation receipt with the classes you selected. There will also be links online to view a report form of the elective class sign ups.

» I still have unanswered questions or concerns not addressed here or on the website? Who can I contact?

Please direct all your questions and concerns to the RYM Youth Conference Coordinator, Joel May (jmay@rym.org) or the RYM Conference Team, (cducker@rymonline.org).