

# The Great Escape

The most amazing week of your life.



**what:** The Great Escape - a youth conference of friendship and worship  
**when:** June 17-22.  
**cost:** \$515 covers everything: food, housing, travel, and a great time. Feel free to bring some extra \$\$ for any random souvenirs or munchies.  
**who:** The first 30 middle school students to register!

The Great Escape is a full-fledge youth conference for middle school students at Lee University in Tennessee, where students can play crazy games, worship with their friends amongst a whole heap of worshipping middle school students, listen to challenging speakers share the Gospel (and get the opportunity to get to know them throughout the week), spend time with their friends and youth leaders, and hopefully commit, or recommit, their lives to Christ.



Can I bring my friends?

**Yes!!!!** This trip is a great opportunity for students who are new to the youth group or to church in general. In fact, many kids have their lives changed through this trip. We would love for you to bring a friend, or person who may or may not know about the amazing love of God!

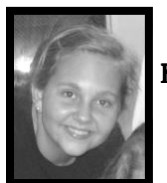
## Comments from folks who have been...



**Anne:** "The Great Escape was an amazing experience. It propelled me into thinking about my own spiritual journey, helped me grow closer to friends, and was overall just tons of fun. I would love to go again!"



**Will:** "Awesome retreat, good games, can't wait til next year!"



**Emi:** "The Great Escape... you have to go there to understand how GREAT it really is!"

**Matthew:** "The best camp I have ever been to."



**Sarah:** "The Great Escape... amazing, amazing, amazing!"



**John:** "Um, Great Escape was really fun, and it was full of worship. A lot of things aren't like that."





# Fundraising Opportunities

You will be able to raise up to \$360 of TGE expenses. Everyone is required to pay a \$150 non-refundable deposit that may not be paid through fundraising. Please be sure to read through all of the information you are given for important dates and sign-up details. **Please do NOT rely on reminders.** Outlined below are some important aspects of youth ministry fundraising:

- 1) We feel strongly that fundraising should be approached as ONE BODY.
- 2) We purposely have chosen to focus our energies on one organized fundraisers – Geranium sales – in addition to the grocery card sales (Lowe’s Foods).
- 3) God calls us to tithe from

our fundraising because it’s biblical and reminds us that this is not about us, but about God working through us.

### 1. Lowe’s Food Cards

Students earn 6% of the total dollar value of the cards bought. For example: \$500.00 of coupons can be purchased in any combination of dollar amounts (\$50, \$100) and \$30 would be credited to that student’s “account” for the Mission Trip. The cards are just like cash and good at any store. This is a quick and very easy way to raise funds. You can purchase cards the first Sunday of each month in Building C at the Information Desk (10:40-11am & 12-12:20pm) OR at the front desk of the church during regular office hours (8:30 - 5, M-F).

### 2. Geranium Sales

10% of all profits will be tithed

to Prodigals Community. Packets will be available the Back Door starting Feb. 27. This will direct you in selling geraniums to family, friends, neighbors, church members, and anyone else who may want to support you. Geraniums will be \$9.00 and students will earn \$3.35 for each one sold after 10% profit is tithes to Prodigals Community. Orders can be taken and payment collected up until March 18 when all orders need to be turned in. Pickup day for delivery is April 21.

### 3. Babysitting & Odd Jobs

For those students who have the opportunity to raise funds from their own personal “jobs”. The church will deposit their money and credit their “accounts” for the correct amount. Cash or checks (made out to First Presbyterian Church) can be given to Sharon Sturkie, and she will give the proper credit and deposit the money.

### 4. Support Letter

Talk with Sam for guidelines on writing support letters for prayer and financial support from your community.

## Registration and \$150(+) Deposit:

\*Students also need to turn in the 2011-2012 1st Pres Medical Form if they have not already\*

Student’s Name \_\_\_\_\_

Male / Female      Age \_\_\_\_\_      Grade \_\_\_\_      T-Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Best Contact Email \_\_\_\_\_ One person you would room with if possible \_\_\_\_\_

Father’s Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mother’s Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone \_\_\_\_\_

### DATES TO KNOW

At registration—entire trip refundable except \$150 deposit

April 1—all students owe a total of \$360 if you cancel after this date

May 20—entire cost of trip is due, all students owe \$515 if you cancel after this date

Sunday, May 20—Summer Trip Prep Meeting and Final Payment Deadline

You will receive more detailed information and a Release Form in the future.

I am including my nonrefundable deposit of \$150 (+\$ \_\_\_\_\_ to go towards the total trip fee) by Mar. 7 and will pay my entire balance by May 20.