



**FLORIDA CONFERENCE
YOUTH MINISTRIES**

OUR MISSION IS TO TRAIN,
EQUIP & DEPLOY AN ARMY
OF YOUNG PEOPLE

JANUARY 28, 2015

REACHING OUR COMMUNITIES

COMMUNITY SURVEY TRAINING | 40 DAYS SEASON OF SERVICE

February 12 & 13 | TAMPA FIRST

OUR TRAINERS:



SUNG KWON
NAD
ACS DIRECTOR



ROGER HERNANDEZ
SUC
EVANGELISM
DIRECTOR

How Are You Serving Your City?

My City S.O.S. is a 40 day service initiative that seeks to demonstrate God's love in practical ways to the city. It can be described in three words:

Intentional | Impactful | Involved



In preparation for Impact Tampa Bay, we want churches/young people to create community ministries or services that are needed in the community. So the first thing that we need to know are the actual needs of our community. Pastor Sung Kwon (NAD Community Services Director) will spend the weekend training churches so that they can accurately assess their community's needs.

These are the churches that we are inviting to this free event: **Carrollwood | Tampa Korean | Tampa First | Tampa Spanish | Brandon | Brandon Spanish | All Nations | St. Petersburg | Clearwater | Bethanie French | Emmanuel French | North Tampa Spanish | Palmetto | Salem | Tampa Bay Filipino-American | Wesley Chapel | Palm Harbor | Riverview | New Port Richey | Plant City | Plant City Spanish | Beth-El Shalom | Beth-El Shalom of St. Petersburg | East Pasco** Training starts on Friday March 4 and continues until Sunday noon. For a more detailed schedule, please contact Pastor Claudette Aleman claudette.aleman@floridaconference.com

Between February and May we will support churches as they develop their community focused ministry projects. Please speak to Robert Hines to access this support.

REACHING OUR COMMUNITIES

RAISING UP GODLY LEADERS
TO REACH OUR COMMUNITIES



Tampa 1st SDA 822 W. Linebaugh Ave. Tampa 33612 813.933.7505

SUNG KWON & ROGER HERNANDEZ FROM THE NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION & SOUTHERN UNION WILL FACILITATE A TRAINING SEMINAR

Friday, February 12

7:00 pm- Theological & Biblical Concepts of Holistic Ministry- Pr. Sung Kwon

7:45 pm- Introduction to Season of Service- Pr. Roger Hernandez

Sabbath, February 13

9:30 am Community Assessment- General Session in the Sanctuary- Pr. Sung Kwon

10:45 am Worship Service (Sermon- Why Do We Exist?)- Pr. Sung Kwon- **TAMPA FIRST CHURCH***

10:30 am Worship Service- Pr. Roger Hernandez- **EAST PASCO CHURCH***

LUNCH**

2:00 pm Season of Service- Pr. Roger Hernandez

3:00 pm Performance Measurement of Effective Ministry- Pr. Sung Kwon

4:00 pm Conducting Community Assessments- Pr. Sung Kwon

5:30 pm Supper & Reports

6:15 pm Servant Leadership & Team Development- Pr. Sung Kwon

7:00 pm Closing Prayer

*all the meetings will be at the Tampa First Church. On Sabbath morning, Pr. Roger Hernandez will preach at East Pasco & Pr. Sung Kwon at Tampa First.

**please RSVP to claudette.aleman@floridaconference.com if you are planning on staying for lunch and supper.



LAUNCH

COLLEGIATE SUMMIT 2016



02/12/16 - 02/13/16

Location:
Florida Conference
Altamonte Springs, FL

Adventist Campus Ministry's Collegiate Summit 2016 will serve to gather Adventist students attending non-SDA institutions throughout Florida for the purpose of inspiring, equipping and Launching them onto campus to follow Jesus and be faithful to the mission of the church during their college career.

Students will hear inspiring sermons, testimonies and participate in workshops and social activities that will build strong commitments to their local ACM chapter and church.

We encourage All College students and High School Seniors attending non-SDA schools to attend.



**South Area Youth
Retreat & Seminars**

Retiro & Seminarios de
Jovenes del Sur de la Florida

Theme: **Be a Disciple,
Make a Disciple!**
Se un Discipulo,
Haz un Discipulo!

Date: **Feb 26-28, 2016**

Venue: **Lake Placid Conference Center**
2665 Placid View Dr, Lake Placid, FL 33852

Speaker: **Andres Peralta**

Youth Director Greater New York Conference.
Director de Jovenes de la Greater
New York Conference

Price: **\$105 for 2 nights & 6 meals**
Spanish: precio incluye 2 noches y 6 comidas.

Conference will pay **\$35**, Local Church pays **\$35**
and the Youth Leader: **\$35**

www.floridaconference.com/youth/events



**DARE TO BE ONE
GO & MAKE ONE
DISCIPLE**





Sex, Love & Relationships

YOUTH EDITION

with **Novia Reid & Robert Hines**



There is so much misinformation about sex, that it's scary. What's right? What does God want from our youth? How can we help them have the best life possible?

Join us for our second **Sex, Love & Relationship Retreat**. This is a fun-filled, educational weekend that teaches youth (13 to 17 years) all about healthy Christian relationships with the opposite gender. Our guest speaker is Novia Reid, an author and public speaker, with a passion for life and young people. Over the weekend young people will be taught the dynamics of creating, assessing and maintaining healthy relationships that will lead to permanent, God-honoring marriages. March 4-6. Pine Lake Retreat \$45.



Sex, Love & Relationships

Exclusively Young Adult

with Dr. Annie Perez

The vast majority of young adults would like to get married at some stage. This is probably NOT the retreat to meet your future spouse. But it is the retreat to help you:

1. Prepare yourself to be the person someone else would like to spend the rest of their life with.
2. Learn how to ascertain who is worth dating and who should be avoided. How to stop the destructive cycle of always choosing the wrong person.
3. Date and prepare yourself for marriage in a way that honors God and respects yourself and the person you have chosen to be with.

The training will be conducted by Dr. Annie Perez, a clinical psychologist and counselor, who has vast amounts of valuable information in this area. She is a dynamic and powerful presenter who is very engaging and interactive. The content of the material to be discussed is strictly for adults only.

March 4-6. Pine Lake Retreat. \$45





Global Youth Day (GYD) is a worldwide youth service event organized the General Conference YMD.

In Florida GYD will involve young people spend the Sabbath in the community doing community service or outreach projects. So instead of attend church services and listening to a sermon, we are encouraging our young people to spend the day being the sermon.


In the South Area we are encouraging churches to partner together and plan projects that are suitable for their young people.

In the North and Central Area, projects are going to be organized by cluster coordinators for the cluster. Please plan to be a part of GYD. Clear your calendar. For more information please contact youth director or his secretary.

Here's what you should do:

1. Speak to your Adventurer/Pathfinder or Youth Cluster Coordinator, (If you are unsure who this is please call your area secretary on (407) 644-5000.) Your cluster coordinators should have chosen a venue and started working on projects.
2. Obtain church board approval to take your young people to the event.
3. Organize transportation.
4. Obtain parental consent for all minors.
5. Plan your meals.
6. Bring your camera or cellphone and take lots of pictures and video of your young people in action.
7. Speak to your young people and find out what they liked and what they did not. From our experience, we know that young people like to get involved.
8. Plan to get your young involved again, since being involved helps them to live a life that's on fire.

As a follow up to GYD, Florida Conference Youth Ministries is promoting **Live With Hope Sabbaths**. This is very similar to GYS except that it is done on a Sabbath afternoon rather than the whole Sabbath. We're here to help you with these Live With Hope Sabbaths, so please contact us.



refresh

JESUS, THE ESSENCE OF OUR FAITH

YOUTH WEEK *of* PRAYER

MARCH 19-26, 2016

www.floridaconference.com/youth

PLANNING FOR THE WEEK OF PRAYER

1. Start Your Planning Now. We know that leadership sometimes changes at the end of the year, but please, if you will no longer be the AY leader next year, do not let that stop you from planning for this special week. Start your planning, develop your target, get your team together, and make sure your pastor is a part of that team.
2. Global Youth Day Information. Get information on the Global Youth Day project. This day will be the launch of the Youth Week of Prayer. Please visit our website, www.gcyouthministries.org, or contact your local youth director to find out how you can participate.
3. Commit Your Prayer Warriors. Get a team of adults together who will commit to praying for you and your ministry on a regular basis. Make sure this is a group with whom you can confidentially share both your personal and ministry prayer needs.
4. Choose a Theme Song. Involve your youth choir. If your church does not have a youth choir, this is the perfect time to

get one started. Pick out songs that you all like and which fit the topic of each evening, or choose a song for the entire week.

5. Start a Prayer Journal. Nothing is greater for your personal spiritual growth than time spent in prayer. Your youth group will grow as you grow. Prayer journaling will help you encounter God in new and exciting ways. You will be able to “track” your walk with God as you go back and review answered prayers and see how He has lead you step by step each day. New, fresh ideas will come to mind as you spend time in His presence journaling your prayers. You can find many ideas online on starting and keeping a prayer journal. Just go to www.google.com and type in the words “starting a prayer journal.”
6. Form a Week of Prayer Development/Review Team. Depending on the size of your church, this group can be four to eight persons who will go through all eight readings

with you. Include on your team only interested and committed young adults and youth ministry leaders (Pathfinder, Sabbath School, etc., your pastor/s); this is important because it gives ownership to the entire group, rather than just you and your assistant. Ask the group to commit to meeting for at least three weeks—at least one week for four lessons, and an extra week to wrap things up. Be sure to identify the goal and direction you want to go, preferably at the first meeting, and choose a young person to speak for each day.

7. Integrate Global Youth Day (GYD) into Your Week of Prayer Plans. Ideally, GYD should be a time to teach youth how to sacrificially give of themselves by providing opportunities in the church and the community. If you are a small youth group and do not have the resources to arrange a community-based GYD event, you can use this opportunity to break down denominational barriers in the area by partnering with and pooling resources and ideas with other youth groups from other churches in your area.

The Youth Department is providing funding for youth groups who conduct a Week of Prayer around this time, with young people doing the speaking. More details to follow in the *FCYM Update*.

The readings can be downloaded from the GC Website



We are also suggesting/encouraging young people to participate in a Media Fast. So for the duration of the Week of Prayer we won't be using social media, or listening to secular music, or watching TV, or reading secular literature. (The only exception is when these directly relate to school or work). Creating this space, gives room for God to do incredible things—even speak to us. So join us as we switch off the media world, and tune in to God.

For tips visit the DropBox

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/5071l19fkwnjvcg/AABLw3ukEuOOFwwTf_xOIsXRa?dl=0





YOUTH MINISTRY
COMMITTEE

overseeing all of youth ministries



**CAMP KULAQUA
MAY 27-29**

Drum Competition

Beginning Time: Saturday night 8:50pm for Junior Drum Corps. Advanced drum corps can also participate on Saturday night but please be advised that the Jr. drum corps will be allowed to perform first and advanced drum corps will perform near the end of Saturday night continuing into Sunday morning.

The competition will continue into Sunday morning beginning at 8:00am down at the baseball field next to the A-Frame building where registration is held.

Directors please be advised that the uniform inspectors will be waiting patiently for your drummers to arrive so to be inspected for the competition, so If I may ask you to please have them there in a timely manner so we can keep the activities running smoothly that would be greatly appreciated.



YOUTH IMPACT **TAMPA BAY**

MISSION TRIP FOR YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

Up to 100 young people will spend 7-10 days together transforming the lives of the residents of the Tampa Bay area with a radical message of hope and love. You're invited to attend this thrilling mission trip, which will give you life-long friends, and a faith enhancing experience through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the presence of Jesus Christ. This mission trip will help you develop yourself and new spiritual gifts.

- ◆ New ministry training including **Photography Ministry / Street Drama Ministry / Drive-by Prayer Ministry / Sewing Ministry / Hospital Chaplaincy Ministry / Community Garden / Community Choir & Band / Keep-Fit Ministry / Prison Ministry**
- ◆ Special Young Adult track and training.
- ◆ Unique track and training for returning Impact attendees/missionaries.
- ◆ Long-term church focused service projects.

OPTION 1 JUNE 19-26, 2016

OPTION 2 JUNE 19-29, 2016

RESIDENTIAL

SLEEP ON CAMPUS

OPTION 1 \$280

OPTION 2 \$390

DAY CAMPER

SLEEP OFF CAMPUS

OPTION 1 \$265

OPTION 2 \$370

The minimum age for attendees is **14 years** (by June 29, 2016).

Young adults are aged **18-35 years** (by June 29, 2016).

There is **no maximum age** for attendees. Adults are encouraged to attend.

Day campers must arrive onsite by **8 a.m.** They must remain on site until **9 p.m.** This allows them to benefit from all the programs and activities.

To avoid possible late fees, register by May 19, 2016.

Registration fees include: accommodation, meals, t-shirts, activities and training.



The Pathfinder Bible Experience is the Official North American Division Pathfinder Bible study program. Some affectionately call the program Bible Bowl.

Each year, teams of six club members study a book of the Bible (alternating Old Testament and New Testament), memorizing large portions of God's word.

There are four levels of competition - Area, Conference, Union, and Division.

In April, finalist teams from across the Division participate in the final level of testing. The finals take place in various union locations. In 2012 and 2014 the finals were near the Division offices in Maryland; in 2013 the finals were at Union College in Lincoln NE; and in 2015, the finals were at Southwestern Adventist University in Keene, TX. In 2016 the Pacific Union will be hosting the finals event.

The Pathfinders are tested over the assigned study books as well as the SDA Bible Commentary Introduction to each study book.

At each level, the teams scoring 90% or higher of the highest score at their testing site make 1st place and are invited to go on to the next level. The winning teams are extreme students of the Bible and in most cases memorize chapters and in some cases the entire book(s). Winning teams incorporate the Total Church Involvement approach. This means they have study coaches but also involve the church elders and other members of the local church to assist in making up sample tests, friendly competition against the elders to see who is the better student of the Bible, become involved in worships made up of talks from subject matter from the assigned study book(s). The students may also perform dramas depicting some of the Biblical stories from their assigned study book.

The book being studied for the 2015-2016 Pathfinder year is Exodus, along with the Introduction to the Bible Commentary.

South - Sabbath, January 30, 2016 - 3pm at the Hialeah Spanish SDA Church, 1425 East 1st Avenue, Hialeah, FL

Clubs are to be there NO LATER THAN 2p.m.

North - Sunday, January 31, 2016 - **1PM** at the Silver Springs SDA Church. Clubs are to be there NO LATER THAN 12 NOON

Central - Sabbath, February 6, 2016 - 3p.m. at the Springs Meadows SDA Church. Clubs are to be there NO LATER THAN 2PM

GENERAL REQUEST/INFORMATION

Each club is to send to me **IMMEDIATELY** the name of one **coach per team** with their contact information. (These will be scorers, please wear Pathfinder uniform if you have one)

Each club is asked to bring at least one Adventurer in uniform per team to the event

REMEMBER - THIS IS A UNIFORM EVENT, ALL TEAM MEMBERS ARE TO BE IN FULL 'A' CLASS UNIFORM. A uniform inspection will be conducted.

ALL TEAMS ARE TO BE ON TIME. WE WILL NOT WAIT FOR ANYONE.

Thanks for your usual kind cooperation
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[engage]GOD

a spiritual experience retreat

Attention Youth Leaders, Directors, and Pastors!

We would like to invite all your high school students from public, non-Adventist, or home schools! You're invited to a weekend getaway at **Southern Adventist University on February 12-14, 2016**. Come recharge your soul and spiritual life while creating new friendships.

You won't need to pay anything for registration, meals, or lodging Friday and Saturday night because [engage]GOD is completely **FREE!**

Register for [engage]GOD at sauengagegod.eventbrite.com.

The deadline to register is February 5.

Attendees under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or sponsor. **For more information, call 423.236.2807**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/engagegod-tickets-20443795944>

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The upcoming eTracker Extreme Events are as follows:

1. February 21, 2016 - Central Area at Forever Florida - \$30.00 per person (Covers T-shirts, Safari Adventure, Horsemanship)
2. March 13, 2016 - South Area at Lion Country Safari - \$25.00 per person (Covers T-shirt, Safari, Water Splash, All park amenities)
3. April 24, 2016 - North Area Event with EAA Pilots (Ocala Chapter) - \$20.00 per person (Covers T-shirt and activities)

More details will follow as the events come closer. As you see, the event in the Central Area is coming up fast. All will need to be at the location by 9am and registration will begin at 9:30am.

Florida Forever is located at: 4755 N Kenansville Rd, St Cloud, FL 34773.

The address for the Lion Country Safari is: 2003 Lion Country Safari Rd, Loxahatchee, FL 33470.

The North e³ will be held at the Ocala Airport, 750 SW 60 Avenue, Ocala, FL 34474.

Deidre Taylor
State eTracker Director

Island Navigator

REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 1

July 15-17 & July 22-24

\$35

Call Aida (407) 644-5000 x2423



South Rangers' Reveille Feb 19-21



South Voyagers' Reveille Mar 11-13



**Central Directors/Staff Campout
Mar 11-13.**



North Drill Training March 12-13



Varsity/TLT Caving Trip Mar 25-27

Register for all these
events and many more
on our events website
www.floridaconference.com/youth/events



SHIELD
The Vulnerable

Shield the Vulnerable is the means by which the Conference does background checks and training related to protecting our children and vulnerable adults. Everyone who works with or associated with young people (0-18 years) has undergone this training and complete a background check. There are no exceptions.

This has to be completed every three years.

All our Official Appointed Volunteers have to complete this training and background check in order to serve as a part of our team.

For more information visit the website

<http://www.shieldthevulnerable.org/>

FCYM



CAMP KULAQUA'S SUMMER CAMP



CAMPKULAQUA.COM
(386) 454-1351

Are you ready for camp??

Winter is just beginning but summer camp plans are in full swing at Camp Kulaqua! We are so excited to welcome another season of summer camp and want to share all of the exciting changes and activities we have in store for you and your camper!

January 11, 2016: Registration opens to public

- Camp filled last year. Save a spot early with a \$50 deposit!
- Register early and enroll in our flexible payment plan
- Discounts continue with Bring a New Friend - Save \$50 for each New Friend you bring to camp.

We've added new activities to camp - [check them out here](#)

How to Register

- Between January 1-8, go to www.CampKulaqua.com
- Choose the week and click "register"
- Registration will be secured with a unique password for returning campers only - please keep this password private and secure.

Your password to register during January 1-8 is: **signupsummer16**

Summer Dates & Prices

Overnight camp for ages 7-17 with each camper in their own unique camp: Cubs (ages 7-9), Juniors (ages 10-12), Teens (ages 13-17).

June 5-12, 2016

June 12-19, 2016

June 19-26, 2016

For more information, such as pricing and discounts, go online to our website: www.CampKulaqua.com

Speak with a Summer Camp Professional

Call: (386) 454-1351

Email: SummerCamp@CampKulaqua.com



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YOUNG ADULT CAMP MEETING

INSTIGATE

Definition: to urge, provoke, or incite to some action

Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.

Hebrews 10:24 NLT

with Pastor
Michael Kelly





WHAT ARE YOU AFRAID OF?

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FEBRUARY 26-28

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North Planning Retreat

All North area officials appointed volunteers are requested to join the annual planning retreat at Pine Lake, July 6-8. The cost is \$10, which is reimbursable through your travel expense.

Social Media Squad

We are putting assembling an elite team of social media enthusiasts to develop and manage Social Media for the youth department. This is a volunteer position. The minimum age is 14. For more information please contact your youth director.

Young Adult Committee

This new committee will plan, implement and manage the growth and development of Young Adult Ministry/Acts 29. The committee will be chaired by Pedro Perez. We are seeking persons with a passion for Young Adults to be a part of this committee. To join this committee please contact Pedro Perez.

Young Adult Retreat

The North YA Committee is planning two YA Retreats. May 6-8 and October 7-10. Please note that there has been a date change. More details will be made available soon. In the meantime, please reserve these dates. The venue will be Pine Lake Retreat and the anticipated price is \$25

Newsletter Changes

As you can see, the FYI Newsletter (Florida Youth Information) has become the FCYM Newsletter (Florida Conference Youth Ministries). Also, the Weekly Update has become the FCYM Update. The FCYM Newsletter will be published on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. The FCYM Update will be published on the 1st, 3rd

and 5th Thursday of the month.

Mailing List

The two newsletters are currently sent out through two different mailing lists. We are now in the position to merge these lists. We are encouraging recipients of this newsletter to sign-up for the FCYM Update if you do not already receive it. Simply email Cheryl Roda-Wu with your request. During January the FCYM Newsletter will be sent only from this mailing list. During February, it will be sent from both mailing lists. From March it will only be sent from the FCYM Update list. So please make the transition now.

Advertising

If you are interested in promoting your event or program to a wider audience, then please feel free to send us your advertisement. To advertise with us is free—as long as your event is not for personal profit. Send your artwork and/or details to Robert Hines.

Fundraising at Camp Meeting

Florida Conference is making space available for clubs who wish to sell food items at Camp Meeting. For more information about rates, times and accommodation please contact Camp Kulaqua on (386) 454-1451.

PAC Vacancies

The Pathfinder and Adventurer Council seeks to fill two positions, that of By-Laws Committee Chairperson. If you have any questions or interest in this position, please contact Pedro Perez.

Shield the Vulnerable

It's been over two years since we've been using Shield the Vulnerable to vet our volunteer staff team, and all who work with

minors and vulnerable adults. These checks have to be completed once every three years. Starting in the spring of 2016, we'll be at the point of rechecking our volunteers. Local administrators please inform your volunteers about this. Shield the Vulnerable is now in Spanish. No one should be working with young people or vulnerable adults if they have not been cleared by Shield the Vulnerable.

The latest **Youth Ministries Calendar** is available in the DropBox. There have been significant changes made. Please take the time to adjust your calendars accordingly.



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