

VIRGINIA SYNOD ELCA - YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

LOST AND FOUND

Early
Registration
Discount
Ends Oct. 27

our weekend faith-sharing event for 7th and 8th graders

NOV. 21-23, 2025

EAGLE EYRIE RETREAT CENTER, LYNCHBURG, VA

ABOUT LOST AND FOUND:

Lost and Found is a gathering of 7th and 8th grade youth and their adult advisors for Large Group experiences with lots of singing and fun and Small Group experiences with lots of new friends, games, conversation, and faith sharing. There is also a big chunk of free time on Saturday when we have our "Open Mic / Talent Show" and time late in the evening to relax and talk with the other youth and adults from your congregation.

The Lost and Found schedule:

<u>FRIDAY</u> 6:30 - check-in opens 8:00 - Large Group and Small Group 1 10:20 - Good Night Gathering 10:30 - Cabin Conversations and lights out	<u>SATURDAY</u> 7:30 - Breakfast 9:00 - Large Group and Small Group 2 12:00 - Lunch 1:00 - Large Group and Small Group 3 3:00 - Free time / open talent mike show 6:00 - Dinner 7:00 - Large Group and Small Group 4 9:30 - Holy Communion 10:30 - Cabin Conversations and lights out	<u>SUNDAY</u> 7:30 - Breakfast 9:00 - Large Group and Small Group 5 11:30 - Closing Large Group and depart
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Find out more about Eagle Eyrie Conference Center at www.eagleeyrie.org!

If you have questions about Lost and Found or the registration process, contact the Virginia Synod Office and speak to Dave Delaney (delaney@vasynod.org). Dave's cell: 540-529-6893

For answers to frequently asked questions, see information at our website - www.vasynod.org

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- **WHO ATTENDS:** Lost and Found 2025 is open to all youth who are in 7th-8th grades and their adult advisors. Each youth must register as a member of a congregation, and for each five youth there must be one adult attending who will be responsible for those youth (1-5 youth - one adult; 6-10 youth - two adults; etc.). Your non-Lutheran friends are welcome to attend as your guests; they must also register as part of your congregation group.

- **REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT:**

For **online registration** (www.vasynod.org, click on “Youth Ministry” and scroll down to the “Lost and Found” link). If payment is not made at the time of registration, there is a place to indicate how payment is planned.

For **paper registration** (using this form) full payment should be included, or form of payment should be indicated under “Notes for Event Registrar.” MAIL CHECKS AND REGISTRATION FORMS TO: **Lost and Found Registrar, PO Box 70, Salem VA 24153. If you would prefer to pay online rather than by check**, payment may be made at the “Give” tab on the vasynod.org website. **Checks** should be made out to “Virginia Synod ELCA” with “Lost and Found” in the memo line. Checks for multiple participants must include a list of names and what portion of the check applies to each person.

Youth Participant Registration Fee: \$160 per person (*Early Registration Discount if registration is postmarked on or before Oct. 27 - \$150 per person*).

Adult Participant Registration Fee: SMALL GROUP LEADERS, CO-LEADERS, or ASSISTANT SMALL GROUP LEADERS should only pay **\$50**. Adults who are NOT serving in small group leadership roles should pay the **full registration fee** and will participate in an adult small group. Adults serving as group leaders must agree to a background check and submit the required information form (*see website*).

REGISTRATION TIMELINE:

1. **August, 2025:** Registration forms for Lost and Found 2025 become available. Forms and payment may be sent in any time after that. Links to forms will be included in the Synod’s “Weekly Update” and “5 Petal Friday” and also available at the synod website - www.vasynod.org.
2. **Oct 27, 2025:** The last day to postmark registration forms or register online and still receive the early registration discount.
3. **Nov. 9, 2025:** The last day to submit registration forms by mail or online without contacting the synod office first. Starting Monday, Nov. 10, please contact Dave Delaney at delaney@vasynod.org or 540-529-6893 (cell) before submitting registration materials either by mail or online.
4. Upon receipt of the registration form, a Confirmation Letter, a Map with directions to Eagle Eyrie, and List of “Things To Bring” will be sent to you via email. *If you have not received this by Nov. 14th, please contact Dave Delaney*
5. **Sunday, Nov. 16, 2025, 7:00pm** – Small Group Leader orientation via Zoom.
6. **Nov. 21, 2025:** Lost and Found begins on Friday evening with check-in at Eagle Eyrie starting at 6:30pm. The first activity is the 8:15pm Large Group gathering. Our synod policy in case of bad weather is at our website - www.vasynod.org.

EXPECTATIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS AT LOST AND FOUND

- Registrants will participate fully in all activities of Lost and Found (including meals and Cabin Conversations with your congregation group at the end of each day).
- **All participants will attend the FULL EVENT**, from 8:15 pm Friday until noon on Sunday, and remain on the grounds of Eagle Eyrie throughout the event.
- No drugs (except prescribed or other required medications), alcohol, tobacco products, or weapons will be brought to the event.
- **DO NOT BRING** electronic media devices to the event. Youth participant cell phones must be left in rooms at all times and may only be used during Free Time, unless special permission has been obtained from the event director. Adults are asked to keep cell phones for emergencies.
- Cabin Conversation / Curfew / Lights Out will be conscientiously observed.
- Participants who are not able to follow these expectations may be asked to leave the event!

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YOUTH AND ADULT REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION FEE: \$160 (\$150 if postmarked on or before Oct. 28th)

Starting Nov. 11th, please contact Dave Delaney before sending in a registration form!

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY - ALL INFO ON **BOTH SIDES** OF THIS FORM MUST BE PROVIDED!

1 Check one: ____ Youth participant ____ Adult

2 Check one for housing: ____ male ____ female

3 PARTICIPANT'S NAME (and pronouns (optional)): _____

4 ADDRESS: _____

5 PHONE: (_____) _____ Circle one: Home? Personal Cell?
Office? Parents' Cell?

6 E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

7 CONGREGATION NAME: _____

8 CONGREGATION LOCATION: _____

9 PASTOR'S / YOUTH LEADER'S NAME: _____

10 ____ ← YOUTH PARTICIPANTS: WHAT GRADE ARE YOU IN SCHOOL THIS YEAR?

11 SHIRT SIZE (all sizes are adult): XS S M L XL XXL XXXL XXXXL

12 _____ ← PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE (all sign)

"By my signature, I agree to abide by the stated expectations of this event"

(←← see the expectations for Lost and Found on the opposite page)

13 ADULTS - Choose one of the following:

☐ I will serve as a small group leader or co-leader (\$50 only) (must be 21 or older)

☐ I will serve as an assistant small group leader (\$50 only) (18 or older)

☐ **All adults who do not choose one of the above options will be in a small group of adults for the weekend (\$160 / early: \$150)!**

Other notes or instructions for the Event Registrar (including payment information):



STOP! DOUBLE CHECK: DID YOU FILL OUT **ALL 13 FIELDS** ABOVE (12 FOR YOUTH)? IF SO, PROCEED TO THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM! →→→
RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM AND THE APPROPRIATE REGISTRATION FEE TO: LOST AND FOUND REGISTRAR, PO BOX 70, SALEM VA 24153

→ Check with your congregation to see if forms are being sent in together!

PERMISSION AND MEDICAL FORM – Lost and Found 2025

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY ALL PARTICIPANTS. FOR THOSE UNDER 18, A PARENT / GUARDIAN SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED.

Name of Participant: _____

Participant's Date of Birth (mo/day/yr): _____

Medical Insurance Carrier: _____

Policy / Contract Number: _____

Allergies / Disabilities / Special Medical Conditions, Food Needs, or other information of which event leaders should be aware:

Medications you are taking: _____

"I give permission to be treated if I am unable to answer": (please sign:) _____

Emergency Contact Information: (→→ PLEASE PRINT !!!)

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Daytime phone: (_____) _____

Nighttime phone: (_____) _____

Secondary contact person: Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Daytime phone: (_____) _____

Nighttime phone: (_____) _____

Parents/guardians of participants under 18 must complete this section:

- (Name of Youth) _____ has my permission to participate in Virginia Synod Lost and Found at Eagle Eyrie Retreat Center in Lynchburg VA, Nov. 21-23, 2025.
- I have read and understand the stated expectations for Lost and Found and will support event leaders in the administration of these event expectations.
- In the event I cannot be reached at the numbers above, I give permission to have the above participant treated at an appropriate medical facility as deemed necessary.

PRINTED NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

(signature of parent / guardian)

(Date)

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