

**Illinois South Conference
Overnight Youth Event (with One-Day Option)
January 13-14, 2024
10 am to 7 pm (Sat) or Sunday departure 11am
at DuBois Center
Cost: \$50 per participant
\$100 per for overnight option**

**ATTENTION PASTORS
AND YOUTH LEADERS**

Get ready to build bridges and tear down walls!

Let's hear from the wise young ones in our congregations about tearing down the walls of division among us and building bridges of understanding and connection! This retreat is for ALL Illinois South Conference Youth and will be a great opportunity for confirmation kids as well as any youth interested in learning more about DuBois Center and all who want to deepen their relationship with God. All 7th to 12th-grade youth are invited to participate in a retreat at the DuBois Center! Day One starts at 10 am and ends at 7pm with worship and campfire smores. Lunch, dinner, and evening campfire smores are provided. If you stay overnight, we'll have evening games, followed by breakfast and closing worship/activities on Sunday. Departure is at 11am.

CHAPERONES: Must be 25 and older. Adult to Youth ratio required is 1 adult to every 7 youth for the day event. For groups choosing the overnight option the group must bring a 1 male for every 7 youth male and 1 female adult chaperone for every 7 youth female to stay in the cabins with their youth. Chaperones whether they are parents, youth leaders or Pastors, must have a current DCFS background check completed. If you have these available, please email to: jriechmann@iscucc.org. If not, one will be sent to the adult upon registering online.

Please follow the steps below for registration: **DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION—JANUARY 2ND **

STEP 1: Call or text Rev. Jenn Sowell Glover, the co-chair of the Illinois South Conference Local Church Ministries team at (618) 250-7983, as soon as possible with how many participants (youth and adult) are planning to attend from your church, the day or overnight event, and the contact person with phone and email. You can also complete the Group Registration Form and send a picture via text.

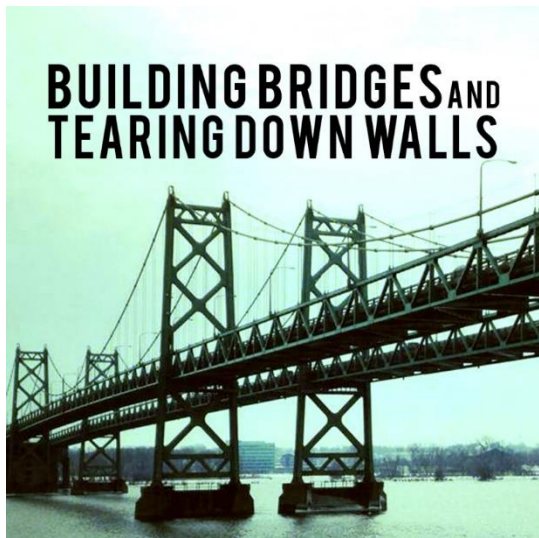
STEP 2: Get information to your youth and adults about the event & registering online (page 2).

Youth and Adult Participants must register online at www.duboiscenter.org by January 2nd.

The registration fee will be invoiced to the church. After registering online, the adult participants will receive the DCFS background check form and the ISC Adult Disclosure Form. These will need to be returned via email to jriechmann@iscucc.org or given back to the church leader for the event.

STEP 3: Collect your payments (\$50 per person) from those who will be participating. Deposit them in your local church account and **SEND A SINGLE CHECK TO COVER YOUR WHOLE GROUP and send to Illinois South Conference. (See Group Registration Form)**

The event fee covers the costs of meals and programming; however, if anyone needs financial assistance, please reach out to Rev. Shana Johnson at sjohnson@iscucc.org about scholarships.



2024 YOUTH EVENT

Sponsored by Illinois South Conference of the United Church of Christ

The Illinois South Conference Youth Event

is a tool for enhancing youth ministry in local congregations and a time for personal spiritual renewal. It is designed as a supplement to the youth program of local churches and offers a unique opportunity for youth from across the Conference to bond within and between their groups. Registration will be limited to 100 youth and chaperones.

For questions about the weekend please contact Rev. Jennifer Glover at 618-250-7983

PARTICIPANTS:

Youth: Youth will discuss the walls that divide us in our lives. Then they will get a chance to strategize how to deal with those issues and make positive contributions toward change, building up the Kingdom of God. We will focus on the story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well—a scriptural portrait of all kinds of social and religious divisions and discuss how Jesus' ministry and mission show Christians a different path.

DATE & LOCATION

Day Option: Saturday, January 13 10am-7pm Cost: \$50.00

Overnight Option: Saturday, January 13 10am -- Sunday, January 14 11am Cost: \$100.00

DuBois Center, 2651 Quarry Road, DuBois, Illinois 62831

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

- The day begins with check-in at 10:00 am on Saturday. The program will begin at 10:30.
- Lunch and dinner will be provided on Saturday.
- Day One events will culminate at 7:00 pm after a bonfire.
- Day Two will include breakfast, closing activities and worship. Departure at 11am.

ONLINE REGISTRATION – DEADLINE JANUARY 2nd

Youth and adult participants must register online at www.duboiscenter.org by January 2nd. Click on register, set up a new account if you don't currently have one, find the Frostbite Day or Frostbite Overnight Event and complete the registration form. The registration fee will be invoiced to the church. After registering online, adult participants will receive the DCFS background check form and the ISC Adult Disclosure Form. These will need to be returned via email to jriechmann@iscucc.org or given back to the church leader for the event.

HEALTH CONCERNS

Local church chaperones are responsible for their participants' first aid and health issues. Chaperones should carry emergency contact info for each participant and come prepared with basic first aid supplies. In an emergency, the event coordinator will provide backup supplies and support. We recommend that the church chaperones keep their medications. It is the responsibility of the family and/or each local church to provide health and accident coverage for their participants.

