

REACH FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Where will REACH be held this year?

Reach will be held again at **Washington Family Ranch** in Antelope, OR.

Address: 1 Muddy Road

Antelope, OR 97001

Phone #: 541-489-3100

Directions: <https://washingtonfamilyranch.younglife.org/Pages/driving-directions.aspx>

(**We recommend using these directions provided by the Ranch - Google maps/Siri/Map Quest may lead you astray!**) **Very Important Note: the last place to get gas is in Biggs, OR!**

2. Who should I bring to REACH? Why should I come?

This conference is for high school students currently in 9th - 12th grade. REACH is a discipleship event for returning students, giving them an opportunity to grow in their faith, but also a great opportunity for new students to come and experience God in a safe place! Our hope is for students and leaders to be able to answer two questions: What is God saying to me, and how am I going to respond to that?

3. When is REACH and what time do we need to arrive?

REACH is over Presidents Day weekend - Friday, February 15, through Monday, February 18, 2018. REACH registration will be held between 4-8 pm on Friday, Feb 15th. Student orientation and leaders meeting begins at 8:30 pm. This is a VERY important meeting, please arrive on time. **Keep in mind that it is your responsibility to feed your students dinner on Friday evening. Either eat before you get to the Ranch (the last food stop is in Biggs, OR), or bring a sack dinner.** There will be a snack available that evening and the coffee shop at the Ranch will be open during Registration. REACH ends at noon on Monday.

4. What does REACH cost? What does this include?

- \$195 for Early Bird Student Rate and \$165 for Early Bird Leaders Rate by January 20, 2019

- Registration for Students from January 21 to February 4, 2019 is the Regular rate of \$205, and Leaders at \$175.

Registration costs include the conference, accommodations, activities and meals for three nights. There is no cost for kitchen work crew that you bring (see #7)! Students/leaders may want to bring their own spending money for the coffee house at the Ranch!

5. Who will be speaking? What is the Theme?

This year, we will be welcoming two of our very own leaders in the Alliance Northwest: Tina Combs from Hood River Alliance Church and Josh Mann from Fox Island Alliance Church! Our theme this year will be "*The Question*", where we will be talking through the questions of Jesus.

Who do you say that I am?

Do you believe I can do this?

Do you want to be well?

Do you love Me?

6. What should we expect for spiritual impact?

We would encourage you to begin praying for God to impact your students today. REACH focuses on challenging students to wrestle with relevant topics when it comes to living for Jesus. The focused time in worship and in the spiritual disciplines will help to grow your students and leaders. The leaders you bring with you also play a significant role during REACH. There will be times set aside where we will be ministering to your leaders; encouraging and equipping them to continue the work with your students once you are back home. We will also be dividing into huddles again this year, and will be sending you more information for your huddle leaders to prepare as we get closer to the event. Students will also have the opportunity to choose seminars to attend that will challenge them.

7. What will meals be like?

We will be eating all meals together in the Dining Hall at the Ranch! Your meals are included in your base price. However, **each group is responsible for bringing one kitchen volunteer per 10 students to serve in the dining hall for all meals!** Kitchen work crew volunteers will be housed with the church they came with, but will be serving in the kitchen for the weekend. They will of course have some time of their own, but please don't have your youth leaders serve as work crew, unless you have extra youth leaders! Ask parents or maybe people at your church if they would serve as work crew during the weekend. They need to be at least 15 years old.

8. How do we register?

Registration is entirely online: alliancencw.org, click on news & events on top right and pick Reach under upcoming events. Click the register button to individually register each

student/leader for Reach, with YOUR email address on each registration. For larger groups, we have given you the option to download a spreadsheet and put your whole groups info in one document, then email that to Amber (amber@alliancencw.org), and I will make sure your group gets registered.

Once you've finished and submitted each registration, you'll receive a confirmation email that gives you payment instructions. You will need to send all checks here to the Portland Field Office (see address at bottom of this e-mail).

- Need to add more students? Go back to event page and register as needed through Feb 4th!
- Once a student is removed from your registration, you are charged the non-refundable \$50 fee. Try to find a student to fill that spot and simply email Amber with your substitutions to avoid paying the \$50.
- **You do not need to pay for or register your work crew members!** (1 per 10 people you bring). I will just need you to email me your work crew members names so I can plug them into housing!

Registration closes on February 4, 2019, at 5pm.

9. Will we need a vehicle once we get to REACH?

You are responsible for all transportation to and from the conference. Once you are at the Ranch, you will stay put throughout the weekend. Please know that it takes about 3 hours to get to the Ranch from Portland. Also, the last 30 minutes of the drive is on a gravel road, and there will not be cell reception once you get past Antelope. Please make sure to drive a vehicle that can handle a gravel road and carry a spare tire with you! We will have staff roaming the gravel road in case you are in need of assistance!

10. How will room assignments be made?

We will assign your students to rooms, and you will be given your room assignments upon arrival. We will house your students in one room or in adjoining rooms, depending on the size of your group. Girls and guys will be in separate housing areas. The people you bring as work crew members will also be housed with you.

11. How do we sign in once we arrive?

When you pull into the Ranch you will follow signs to the Canyon side of the Camp, and then you will see volunteers directing you to a lobby where we will register one group at a time. This means that only group leaders will come inside to check-in, your students will unload vehicles and wait for you to check-in. After you have checked your group in, you all will be walked

together through campus by staff, and then to the gym where everyone will hang out until we are ready for student orientation and leader meeting. The coffee house will be open during this time as well. Students will need to bring their own spending money for the coffee house.

12. How can we be sure our students are safe and cared for?

The care and supervision of students is the responsibility of the leaders who bring them. Each church is required to bring **one youth leader for every seven students** per gender. **Youth Leaders need to be age 21 or older.** We have five basic rules that you need to help your students follow:

1. Follow the schedule and participate in what is being offered.
2. No one is permitted to leave the Ranch except for emergency medical care.
3. Guys and girls will not be allowed in each other's rooms.
4. Behave in a manner that honors Christ and communicates his love to others.
5. No tobacco, alcohol, non-prescription drugs or weapons are allowed.

In the unlikely event of an emergency, we ask that you notify REACH staff, but it is your responsibility to have your students' medical forms on hand and take them to the hospital (if necessary). We will have professional medical staff on site.

13. What should each student bring?

Bring your bible, pen, casual/warm clothes, sneakers, towel, toiletries and a warm coat. No need to bring a sleeping bag, **bedding is provided**. It is optional to bring spending money for the coffee shop. There is a skate park in the gym, so if your students would like to do this they need to bring their own boards and gear.

14. What are activities outside of seminars and sessions?

A Giant Swing, Climbing Walls, Foosball, Basketball, Volleyball, 9 Square in the air, skateboard ramps, coffee shop with board games, large group games, crafting and more!

If you have any questions please call or email Amber at Alliance NW:

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We look forward to seeing you in February!