

Freedom513 Rally - FAQs

COST

\$250 plus \$10 PayPal fee per person between January 15 - March 15, 2015. (\$50 per person will be paid at initial group registration by Contact Youth Leader and \$210 per person will be paid when the youth leader/participant completes final registration. Both payments must be received by March 15, 2015)

\$295 plus \$10 PayPal fee per person between March 16-May 15, 2015. (\$50 per person will be paid at initial group registration by Contact Youth Leader and \$255 per person will be paid when the youth leader/participant completes final registration. Both payments must be received by May 15, 2015)

REFUNDS

Full refunds will be given for cancellations prior to May 15, 2015 (the rally registration deadline).

On or after May 15, refunds will be allowed (less \$100 cancellation fee) only for the following reasons:

- Participant illness or injury that prevents attendance
- Death or family emergency

NOTE: Work conflicts, changes of mind, family vacation plans, and “better opportunities” will not be accepted as reasons for a refund. You will simply forfeit your spot, **UNLESS YOU CAN FIND A SUBSTITUTE**. A substitute must be of the same gender as the original participant so that a “swap” is easily made.

PIGGYBACKING

Piggybacking with other congregations WILL be allowed. This means that a participant from Youth Group A (from one congregation) can “tag along”/participate with Youth Group B (from another congregation).

ROOM & BOARD

You will stay in dorms on the Villanova University campus. Rooms will be two-person rooms with air-conditioning and shared floor bath facilities. Genders will be housed in separate rooms and floors—this holds true for youth leaders, families, and married couples alike. Meals will be served at the Villanova U cafeteria at Dougherty Hall. Your registration fee covers—Supper on Monday evening; Breakfast, lunch, and supper on Tuesday; Breakfast on Wednesday; and Breakfast and Lunch on Thursday. (Lunch and Supper at Dorney Park are at your own expense – figure about \$15 per meal).

WHAT HAPPENS AT A RALLY?

A WELS District/Regional Rally is a wonderful opportunity to grow as a child of God and a Christian friend to others. For this rally, up to 200 youth and youth leaders will study God’s Word together through inspiring and interactive large group presentations and small group discussion. They will lift their collective voices in praise and worship to our gracious God. They will pray together. They will get to know WELS peers from all over North America.

Rallygoers will have a lot of fun—music, games, unique performances, and a trip to Dorney Amusement Park.

Keynote speaker: Rev. Gene Sims, Pastor, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

RALLY UPDATES

We will try to keep you in the loop as much as possible. All updates of rally activities and a running total of the registration count will be displayed online at www.welsyouth.net

MUSICAL TALENT?

Would you be willing to use your gifts of music (either voice or instrumental) to enhance the closing worship service? Let us know your talent on your registration form.

TRANSPORTATION

Each group is responsible for its own transportation to and from the Villanova Campus. A Villanova Parking Pass will be needed and will be provided at check-in. We are also asking that anyone who drives their group to the rally will also transport all their participants to Dorney Park on Wednesday. Please indicate on the Group Registration form whether or not you will have a vehicle available to do so. Parking fees at Dorney will be reimbursed before the completion of the rally in cash. For those that do not have a vehicle, the rally will provide alternate transportation to the amusement park.

FLYING?

Closest Airports to VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY:

Philadelphia (PHL) - (25 Minutes)

Trenton-Mercer Regional Airport (TTN) - (45 Minutes)

New Castle Regional Airport, Wilmington, DE (75 Minutes)

For travel information to Villanova University, click on this link:

<https://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/studentlife/parents/visit/travel.html>

For a map of Villanova University Campus, click on this link:

http://www1.villanova.edu/content/villanova/president/neighbors/_jcr_content/widgetiparsys/download/file.res/Villanova%20University%20Campus%20Map.pdf

What to Bring

For studying: your Bible, a pencil, your head and a heart eager to be filled with the Spirit.

For sleeping: sleep wear and alarm clock. Villanova provides a bed, bed linens, pillow, and towels.

For wearing: comfortable summer wear. It will probably be hot and humid, but can be cool and rainy. Bring clothes and a modest swim suit for some outdoor activities and our trip to Dorney Park/Wild Water Kingdom. A jacket may be needed for cooler weather or in the event of rain.

For activities: The university has outdoor tennis, volleyball, basketball, open fields for soccer. Bring what you need for these activities.

For health: soap, shampoo, **towels** for bathing, toothbrush & paste, etc., and **sun screen!**

For giving and spending: There is a free will offering to the Lord in the closing service. You are responsible to buy your own Lunch and Dinner at Dorney Park. Villanova has a Convenience Store and there are vending machines on campus.

Optional: games to play in free time (board games, etc.)