

Profess The Promise Rally - FAQs

COST

\$280 per person between January 15 - March 16, 2019.

\$295 per person between March 17- May 16, 2019.

REFUNDS

Full refunds will be given for cancellations prior to May 16, 2019 (the rally registration deadline).

On or after May 16, 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 Shepherd 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. Each person will be provided with a linen packet that includes: a pillow, pillowcase, blanket, two sheets, a bath towel, a hand towel, and a wash cloth. Meals will be served at the Shepherd U cafeteria. Your registration fee covers—Dinner on Monday evening; Breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Tuesday; Breakfast on Wednesday; and Breakfast and Lunch on Thursday. (Lunch and Dinner for Wednesday’s excursions 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 trips to Harper’s Ferry National Park and Adventure Park USA.

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 of your talent on your registration form.

TRANSPORTATION

Each group is responsible for its own transportation to and from the Shepherd U Campus. We are also asking that anyone who drives their group to the rally will also transport all their participants to the Wednesday excursions. Please indicate on the Group Registration form whether or not you will have a vehicle available to do so. For those that do not have a vehicle, the rally staff will find/ provide alternate transportation.

TRAVEL

The closest Airports to Shepherd University are:

- Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI): 85 miles
- Dulles International Airport (IAD): 49 miles
- Hagerstown Regional Airport (HGR): 28 miles
- Eastern West Virginia Regional Airport (MRB): 15 miles

For Driving Directions to Shepherd U, click on the link below:

<https://www.shepherd.edu/admissions/directions-to-shepherd>

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. Shepherd U provides linens (bath towel, hand towel, washcloth, pillow, pillow case, blanket, and 2 sheets).

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. A jacket may be needed for cooler weather or in the event of rain.

For activities: The university has outdoor tennis, basketball courts, open fields for soccer, and a swimming pool. Bring what you need for these activities.

For health: shampoo, toothbrush & toothpaste, deodorant, mouth guard (optional), ear plugs (optional), 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 on Wednesday. Shepherd U has a number of convenience shopping areas and vending machines on campus.

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