

PASSPORTmissions

PARENT ESSENTIALS

Thank you for choosing to send your student to PASSPORTmissions. We spend our year planning a fun, safe, and life-changing week of interactive Bible Studies, Games, Worship, and Parties just for them. We take the job of shaping the faith of young people seriously, and the trust you have placed in PASSPORT is never taken for granted.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Opening Day

2:00-5:00 Check-In
5:00-6:30 Dinner
7:00 Opening Celebration
8:00 Opening Night Bible Study
9:15 Opening Night Worship
10:00 Church Group Devotion
11:30 Lights out

Day 1

7:30-8:30 Breakfast
8:30 Morning Devotion
9:00 Morning Celebration
9:30-11:00 Bible Study
Adult Devotion & Meeting
11:15-2:30 Missions (Lunch Included)
2:30-5:30 Free Time
3:30-4:30 Student Free Time Options
5:30-6:30 Dinner
6:30 Rec Party (1 Hr)
9:00 Worship
10:00 Church Group Devotion
11:00 In Rooms
11:30 Lights out

Day 2

7:30-8:30 Breakfast
8:30 Morning Devotion
9:00 Morning Celebration
9:30-11:00 Bible Study
Adult Devotion & Meeting
11:15-2:30 Missions (Lunch Included)
2:30-5:30 Free Time
3:30-4:30 Student Free Time Options
5:30-6:30 Dinner
7:00 Worship
9:00 Dance
10:00 Church Group Devotion
11:00 In Rooms
12th Night
11:30 Lights out

Day 3

7:30-8:30 Breakfast
8:30 Morning Devotion
9:00 Morning Celebration
9:30-11:00 Bible Study
11:15-2:30 Missions (Lunch Included)
3:15 Worship
4:00 Church Group Free Night
Dinner & Church Group Devotion
11:30 In Rooms, Lights Out

Day 4

7:30-8:30 Breakfast
8:30 Morning Devotion
9:00 Morning Celebration
9:30-11:00 Bible Study
11:15-2:30 Missions (Lunch Included)
2:30-5:30 Free Time
3:30-4:30 Student Free Time Options
5:30 Dinner
7:00 Evening Worship
8:00 Church Group Devotion
9:30 Variety Show
11:15 In Rooms
11:30 Lights out

Closing Day

8:00 Breakfast & Morning Devotion
9:00 Closing Bible Study
Adult Devotions & Evaluation
10:00 Closing Celebration
11:00 Depart

For a detailed explanation of each programming event, <https://passportcamps.org/youth-daily-schedules/>

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

✓ Conference Theme: FEARLESS

THEME VERSE: *Stay awake, stand firm in your faith, be brave, be strong. Everything should be done in love.* 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 (Common English Bible)

DAILY THEMES

Day 1: Stay Awake

Day 2: Stand Firm

Day 3: Be Brave

Day 4: Love Always

✓ Parties

Night 1 - Rec Party Superheroes Training Party

What's your superpower? Join us and discover yours as we make our way through this year's Rec Party Superhero Training Party. Even superheroes need to train, practice, and prepare to become Fearless Savers of the world! At Passport's Superheroes Training Party Rec Party, students (excuse me, Superheroes) will train together to prepare for their important mission. Get ready to use your strength, your speed, and your brain to become the ultimate superhero! Pack your most comfortable clothes including a t-shirt to match your Bible study (Red, Blue, or Green) and some closed toed shoes (required). Mask and cape are optional, but we can all show our Super Spirit!

Night 2 - Dance Party

It's a 60's party from a 60's movie... From the moon landing to the Civil Rights Movement, there were a lot of "fearless" people in the 60's. So...hop onto your banana seat bike, bring your 45's of the Beatles' hits, and help us celebrate the 60's. Pull out your bell bottom jeans, your tie-dye clothing, and all your flower and paisley print attire to wear as you and your friends dance the night away at Passport's Super 60's Dance Party! There will be 60's music, popular dance songs, games (for non-dancers and dancers alike), and more. Night 2 of conference will surely be the grooviest night ever!

Night 3 - Church Group Free Time

Free time begins at 4:00 p.m. Dinner will be on your own. Plan on incorporating the evening Church Group Devotion into your schedule, and be back on campus before lights out at 11:30.

Night 4 - Variety Show

We're rolling out the red carpet! Be a part of this year's Passport Golden Globes Variety Show. Acts will be featured and awards will be given. It is all to celebrate the gifts and achievements of students. Sign up your church's act for the Show Screening. At the Variety Show Screening, acts must perform their act in the clothes they will wear during the Show. Space is limited due to the conference schedule. **Group acts will be given first priority. To allow as many acts as possible there is a 2 minute limitation on all acts. Please help your students come prepared for where they will cut any songs to stick to this time limit.**

✓ Mission Projects

Each Bible Study Group will be assigned to a mission project every week. Mission Projects vary by location and week and may include painting, scraping, cleaning the homes and yards of senior citizens; projects with local service agencies like community food banks or Habitat for Humanity; or providing educational and recreational programs to disadvantaged children. The Bible Study Leader will oversee and direct each mission project. Group Leaders and chaperones will be assigned to a Bible Study Group for missions time and will provide oversight, discipline, and monitor safety in coordination with the Bible Study Leader.

Closed-toe shoes and t-shirts with sleeves (no tank tops) are required for Mission Sites. Be sure that students bring clothes and shoes that can get dirty on site. Many sites call for paint and cleaning materials that could soil or damage clothing and shoes.

Adult chaperones will sign up for a project and be expected to help supervise at their mission site. This is crucial because of our insurance demands. Adults will go to the same site with a Bible Study group each day so that relationships can be formed. This supervision may be as simple as helping pass out water to students or as careful as making sure the students are being safe with the paint, tools, ladders, etc. There will always be a PASSPORT staffer directing the project, but she or he will be counting on the adults to be extra eyes, ears, and examples. If an **emergency** arises so that one adult will miss a day at their site (*i.e. a student gets sick*), the adult **must** get word to the Mission Project Coordinator at conference before the group leaves the campus.

PASSPORT's trained, hired staffers are in charge at the site and know the overall plan. They cannot, however, watch every student for safety and supervise without the help of your adults. **The focus for chaperones will always be maintaining safety and helping the Bible Study Leader manage the site, not on completing hands-on mission work.**

✓ Free Time

Every afternoon your group will have some Free Time to spend together and “do your thing.” You may want to hang out together as a whole group or organize your students into smaller groups to enjoy some of the Free Time Options available during the afternoon. Of course, groups are always welcome to relax, shower, and prepare for evening activities. **Please note that group leaders and chaperones are responsible for their students during free time.**

Free Time may Include:

- Swimming (not available at all locations and sessions)—The host campus provides trained lifeguards for your students' safety, but adult chaperones must supervise your students at the pool.
- PASSPORT Store—T-shirts and other fun and useful items will be available each day in the store. Cash, checks, and credit cards are accepted.
- Worship Prep—**NEW THIS YEAR!**—Each afternoon students are invited to work with the conference staff to prepare a worship element for that night's worship service. Any student that wishes to help lead worship may participate.
- Variety Show Screening—Day 1 (first full-day of conference)
- Volleyball Tournament—Day 4
- Recreation—Each day there are active/outdoor options for students to enjoy during their free time. These are led and supervised by PASSPORT staff.
- Inside/Quiet Options—Each day there will be options for students who wish to gather inside or in an area outside and participate in fun non-physical activities. This might include board games, sidewalk chalk, crafts, or other options.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW:

✓ Food Allergies

Please make sure your group leader alerts us to special dietary needs in the Special Attention box on our registration website by **May 1** or by calling the national office at least **2 weeks before your session**.

✓ Housing

Two Twin XL beds per room. Bring your own bed linens (or sleeping bag), pillow, and towels. Because most housing will not have air-conditioning, we recommend bringing fans. 24-hour security.

Access to coin laundry and vending.

Fees: \$100 lost key, \$25 lost key card, coin laundry, and vending

✓ Cell Phones

Taking up the Biblical idea of rest, we invite our students to join us for a week of Digital Sabbath. Students will not be permitted to have cell phones or electronic devices during conference. Your group leader can plan the best platform for daily updates about your church group at conference.

✓ Conference Mail

Please mail early and include a return address. Mail that comes late will be marked "Return to Sender," but **ONLY** with a visible return address.

Student Name, Church/Group Name
PASSPORT at Gordon College
255 Grapevine Road
Wenham, MA 01984

✓ Conference Office Info

NATIONAL OFFICE:

Passport, Inc.
3421 Sierra Drive
Birmingham, AL 35216
800-769-0210 • passportcamps.org

CONFERENCE OFFICE:

Opens June 21
(205) 378-9602

Please use this number for emergencies.

All other communication with your group should be done through your church group leader. Thanks.

✓ Conference Store

There will be a conference store selling t-shirts, mugs, hats, stickers. The cost of conference items ranges from \$5–\$20. Proceeds go to support Passport ministries, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, whose aim is to keep conference costs accessible to a broad range of economic incomes.

✓ Mission Offering

Students will learn about global needs and are given the opportunity to support Christian ministries working to meet those needs. The conference offering is collected in the final night of Worship. Please help your students plan ahead for this as you prepare to come to conference.

✓ About Passport, Inc.

Founded in 1993, Passport, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit ministry that produces creative, high quality Christian summer camps & conferences for youth groups and children's groups across the country.

We invite you to consider donating to Passport, and join us in making a transformational difference in the lives of those we serve. Learn more about why Passport matters at passportcamps.org/about

✓ Packing List

Clothes

- T-shirts (Shirts with sleeves are required for Mission Projects. Bring a red, blue, or green t-shirt for Rec Party.)
- Shorts
- Jacket/sweater
- Closed-toe shoes (Closed-toe shoes are required for Rec Party and Mission Projects.)
- Costume for the themed 60's Dance Party

Toiletries

- soap (for sink and shower)
- shampoo/conditioner
- deodorant
- toothbrush and toothpaste
- other personal hygiene items

Towels and Linens

- Sleeping bags are a good alternative to sheets.
- pillow
- washcloth and towels (for drying hands and bathing)

Other items

- Bible (NAME AND CHURCH INSIDE!)
- pen/pencil
- alarm clock or watch (Phones will be taken up by Group Leaders as part of Digital Sabbath.)
- sunscreen
- work gloves/hat
- bug repellent
- flashlight
- water bottle (a must!)
- money for the mission offering and conference store, if you are able

✓ Do Not Bring

- Firecrackers, extra shaving cream, water balloons, tobacco products, vapes, illegal drugs, alcohol, firearms—all the usual no-nos. Churches will be held responsible for property damage and/or cleanup costs incurred.

Students may not bring clothing, hats, flags, posters, or other room decorations that could be seen as divisive, inflammatory, or offensive.

- We ask that all electronics be switched off and put away while at conference. This is our Digital Sabbath rule designed to allow students to focus on God, conference, relationships and themselves—not games or music.
- Some group leaders will give phones to their students for a brief parent check-in a couple of times during the week. We trust our group leaders to make decisions about what is best for the needs of their students and their families. However, Passport prefers for every group to maintain a full digital sabbath for the week – so we also trust our group leaders to use discretion for these check-in moments.

✓ Dress Guidelines

Students and adults should dress appropriately—as defined by the student's parent/guardian and Church Group Leader—the entire week of conference. Please consider these guidelines, as it is the group leaders who will monitor their group's clothing:

- No clothing with inappropriate language or advertising is allowed.
- Clothing should not make fun of, belittle, or demean another person or culture.
- Shirts with sleeves & closed-toe tennis shoes are required for Missions time.
- Bring some clothes that can get dirty at Rec Party and for various games or activities.

TIP: If packing something that must not get lost or left behind, please make sure there is a first and last name on it somewhere! If possible, city or church is helpful too.