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YOUTH LEADERS GUIDE

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GENERAL INFORMATION

M17 THEME: “ALL OR NOTHING”

As we approach MOTION 17, we are proclaiming the truth of Hebrews 12:1-2 over this generation:

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, **let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus**, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” Hebrews 12:1-2 NIV

It’s time for us to leave our past behind and follow Jesus with everything. It’s time to own our faith, take a stand, and bring hope to our world. It’s time to give ALL or NOTHING!

WHO

Junior High (6th-8th grade), High School (9th-12th grade), College Students (ages 18-22), & their Youth Leaders

LOCATION

Legacy Arena at the BJCC
1001 19th Street N
Birmingham, Alabama, 35203

SCHEDULE

Thursday: July 27

12:00PM	Registration and Check-In Opens
5:00PM	Doors Open
7:00PM	Session Begins
10:30PM	Close

Friday: July 28

9:30AM	Session Begins
10:30PM	Close

Saturday: July 29

9:30 AM	Session Begins
4:00 PM	Conference Ends

**Detailed schedule available online.*

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BEFORE CONFERENCE

IMPORTANT DATES

- July 1- Deadline to register or add registrations to your group with guaranteed best seating and discounted rates.
- July 16- Deadline to register for on-site meals at motionstudents.com.

CHECKLIST

- Register for conference admission (leaders and students).
- **Communicate any registration additions/changes to MOTION team before July 1.**
- Register for on-site boxed meals by July 16 (recommended), or ensure meals are arranged.
- Book lodging.
- Book transportation.
- Create Packing List/Trip Itinerary for parents and students.
- Plan a parent meeting to review the details of the trip.
- Finalize rooming list with lodging provider.
- Plan activities for your students if you anticipate arriving early or staying an extra day.
- Plan to stay for the duration of the conference. We have saved the best for last, plus we will also participate in the important “ME+MOTION” commitment moment together. You don’t want to miss it!

REGISTRATION

Register your group at motionstudents.com/register.

	1-5 Registrants	6-39 Registrants	40+ Registrants
May 1 - July 1	\$95	\$90	\$85
July 1 - July 26	\$100	\$95	\$90
At Doors	\$105*	\$105*	\$105*

**In the likely event that MOTION 17 reaches full capacity, this rate will be unavailable.*

If you are bringing a group to conference, **please contact us by July 1 to give us a total estimated number of attendees.** This will ensure that we are able to accommodate you to the best of our ability.

If you plan to make any additions/changes to your registration, please do so before July 1. After July 1, all special rates and discount codes will expire and all registration rates will match the best available pricing according to the chart above.

If you need to register by check, please make it out to “Church of the Highlands” with your group name and number of registrants in the memo. You can mail your check to:

Church of the Highlands
 ATTN: MOTION/Conference Department
 3660 Grandview Parkway, Suite 100
 Birmingham, AL 35242

ESTIMATED EXPENSES

PRICING PER PERSON TO HELP WITH YOUR PLANNING:

If you book lodging at a local hotel at an average of \$99 per room/per night, you can plan for the following expenses per individual:

Registration:	\$80.00 (Avg. depending on book date)
Lodging (2 nights):	\$50.00 (4 people per room)
Food Est. - Thursday:	\$10.00 (Dinner)
Food Est. - Friday:	\$16.00 (Free Breakfast at hotel, boxed lunch & dinner on site at conference)
Food Est. - Sat.	\$17.00 (Free Breakfast at hotel, boxed lunch on site at conference, dinner on the way home)
*Total:	\$173/ per individual

*Does not include transportation

MEALS

1. Boxed Meals: *Highly Recommended*

For your convenience we will have reasonably priced food vendors on-site for Lunch and Dinner on Friday, July 28th and Lunch on Saturday, July 29th. Each boxed meal includes an entrée, side, dessert, and water. You have the option to purchase a meal package that includes **all three meals for \$25 per person**. There will be one vendor at each mealtime that will serve everyone who has purchased meals in their Community Groups.

You may pre-purchase your meals during registration, or at motionstudents.com under the food tab before "July 16th".

Vendors include: Chick-fil-A, Jim 'N Nick's BBQ, and Moe's Southwest

*Thank you for understanding that we are unable to accommodate any food allergies or special requests in meal orders.

2. Concessions:

There are a variety of food options available at concession stands throughout the Arena. Prices vary.

3. Pack a Meal:

As an affordable option, you may want to organize making sandwiches for your students and storing them on the bus while you are in session. This is a creative way to save money throughout the event. If you are staying in a hotel without complimentary breakfast, you may want to go to Sam's or Costco to buy breakfast foods for your students for an affordable and easy option!

*Thank you for understanding that outside food and drinks are not allowed inside the arena.

NOTE: We do don't recommend venturing into the city for lunch or dinner during conference breaks, especially with a large group. If you do make plans to walk to a dining location, please call them in advance to ensure that they are able to accommodate your group size and that they are open for normal business hours (many restaurants are closed on Saturday in the business district).

LODGING

If you haven't yet made arrangements for lodging, we have a list of recommended hotels with special rates to accommodate your group. Check out www.motionstudents.com/lodging for details.

SEATING

We are excited to continue "Seating Communities" at MOTION 17! Every attendee, together with either their group or family/friends they registered with, will be allocated into a Seating Community of approximately 200 others attending conference. With your Seating Community, you will rotate to sit in a different section of the arena each day for the Main Sessions of conference.

The advantages of Seating Communities are as follows:

- 1. Allocated Seating Sections:** You will be able to sit with the group that you registered with for the duration of the conference, and you will know in advance what section you will be seated. Together with the other people in your Seating Community, you will have a great opportunity to fellowship with one another and make new friends, since you will experience conference together from start to finish!
- 2. No Need to Line-Up / Rush To Save Seats:** Although seats are first-come first-serve in your Seating Community, we have pre-allocated the number of seats for your group in your Seating Community section. This will alleviate the need for you to fight the crowd to hunt for seats. Please note that all seats become General Admission 10 minutes before the session begins, so be sure to be on time.
- 3. A Variety of Viewpoints:** Each Seating Community will move around the arena on a rotation basis, giving you the opportunity to experience MOTION from different angles. Each Seating Community will be assigned a new seating section for each day.

The Seating Community that you/your group is placed in is determined by the date of your registration and the size of your group. You will receive more details about your Seating Community in July with your admission information for MOTION 17!

It is important that your registrants are paid in full by July 1 so that we can place you in the best available Seating Community. After July 1, Seating Communities will be filled and you may not have the option to be placed into a rotating group.

Note: Those who pre-registered at MOTION 16 and completed the required registration deadline within the first 1500 registrants will receive priority seating and will not rotate with a Seating Community throughout the conference.

PACKING LIST

Here is a suggested list of items to pack for conference to minimize confusion and help your students enjoy their weekend to the fullest!

- Registration Confirmation and Seating Community Voucher (emailed to you after July 1)
- Spending money for students to buy merchandise, snacks, etc.
- Receipts for pre-purchased meals
- Emergency Contact information for each student
- Activity Release Form for each student (provided by your church)
- Group T-shirt (helps make your group easily identifiable)
- Notebook
- Pen
- Bible
- If needed: Clear or mesh bag, smaller than 14"x14"
- Optional: offering to contribute to the MOTION 17 Cause, see page 12 for details

What Not to Bring:

- Tobacco products or alcohol of any kind
- Gaming devices / laser pointers
- Knives or weapons of any kind
- Skateboards
- Drones
- Backpacks
- Note: Only clear or mesh bags will be allowed into the arena and are subject to search on admission.

AT CONFERENCE

**Maps and more specific details will be updated on this guide closer to conference.*

CHECKLIST

BEFORE YOU LEAVE HOME:

- Visit motionstudents.com for updated arrival information for conference.
- If you registered before July 1- confirm you have received your Seating Community voucher via email.
- If you registered after July 1- plan to arrive a little early during registration on July 27.
- Lanyards and wristbands will be available for pick-up on-site at the BJCC between 12pm & 6pm on July 27. *We recommend making plans to arrive early in the afternoon to give plenty of margin.*
- Get clear directions to the Legacy Arena and communicate to all drivers. Make plans for drop-off, pick-up, and parking.
 - Note: Major road construction is taking place around the Arena, and motionstudents.com and all social media platforms will be providing updates for arrival.
- Confirm your rooms and rooming list with lodging provider.
- Plan for any meals needed on the way to conference, including dinner Thursday evening.
- Establish a list of “ground rules” for your students to follow and your leaders to encourage.
 - Some things we might suggest based on our experience traveling with students:
 - Stay with a buddy at all times
 - No girls in guys rooms, no guys in girls rooms
 - No leaving the sessions for any reason without telling a leader and taking a buddy
 - Encourage no TV in hotel rooms
 - Encourage students not to call home or use their cell phones, unless there’s an emergency. Disconnecting from their everyday lives will help them focus on what God is doing in them at MOTION.

FOR CONFERENCE ARRIVAL:

- Follow directions for Group Drop-Off.
- Ensure your drivers know where to park buses/vans.
- If you are a group and a conference host has contacted you, send your host a text or give them a call to let them know you’ve arrived.
- Visit registration first to pick up Seating Community lanyards and wristbands (you must wear these at all times in order to gain access to MOTION).
- Identify a meeting location for your group for break times and post-session. We recommend keeping the Arena Entrances and Piazza clear.
- Check into hotel and check rooming assignments.
- Ensure you know your Seating Community section/location for Thursday night’s session- contact your host if you have been assigned one.
- Be ready to enter Arena no later than 6pm. Session starts at 7pm.

DURING CONFERENCE:

- Identify times to debrief sessions with your students daily. We recommend discussion while eating meals together and debriefing before bed after evening sessions. (Tip: ask questions, discuss sessions, and pray together)
- Contact your Seating Community host if you are late or cannot attend a session.
- Plan to be in your seats at least 15 minutes before sessions begin. All seats will become general admission at 10 till.

SCHEDULE

Thursday: July 28

12:00 PM Registration and Check-In Opens
5:00 PM Doors Open
7:00 PM Session One
9:00 PM Late Night
10:30 PM Close

Friday: July 29

9:30 AM Session Two
11:30 AM Community Group / Youth Leader Track
1:00 PM Break
2:00 PM Session Three
4:15 PM Community Group / Youth Leader Track
5:30 PM Break
7:00 PM Session Four- MOTION Cause / Offering Opportunity (see page 12)
10:30 PM Close

Saturday: July 30

9:30 AM Session Five
11:30 AM Community Group / Youth Leader Track
12:30 PM Break / Highlands College Preview (see page 12)
2:00 PM Session Six
4:00 PM Conference Ends

PARKING

All parking is first-come, first-serve around the Arena. There is some street parking available, as well as a variety of lots that are \$8 per vehicle, per day. We do not recommend parking on 11th Ave North or on any street north of 11th Avenue.

CHECK-IN

Registration and check-in will be open on Thursday, July 28th from 12pm-6pm. It will be located in the South Exhibition Hall of the BJCC. You will need to pick-up your wristband and Seating Community lanyards for your group at registration before you can enter the Arena.

Your wristband will indicate the Community Group/Youth Leader Track you will attend throughout the conference. Your Seating Community for main sessions will be noted on your lanyard. Both your wristband and lanyard are required for admission to MOTION 16- so you should plan to wear them at all times!

SEATING

Follow the seating assignments listed on your lanyard. Be sure to pay attention to the section number you are assigned for each day. This section number will indicate where you should enter the Arena. If you get confused, look for your Seating Community color in the concourse (it will match the color of your lanyard). You can also ask one of our helpful MOTION Team volunteers to assist you in finding your seats.

Plan to arrive early for each session and be in your seats at least 15 minutes before session begins. All seats will become general admission at 10 minutes till.

***Don't forget to contact your Seating Community host if you are late or cannot attend a session.**

COMMUNITY GROUPS/YOUTH LEADER TRACK

Community Groups will be divided by age (Junior High, High School, and College) so that students can appropriately process what they are learning with their peers. A pastor from the MOTION team will facilitate each Community Group. Community Group names are printed on your wristbands, which should be worn at all times.

The Youth Leader Track will meet at the same time as Community Groups. During the Youth Leader Track, your adult leaders will be refreshed, resourced, trained, and encouraged. We know that they'll leave conference equipped and excited to take on the fall with your students back home!

Group Locations:

- Junior High Girls: South Hall – ground floor
- Junior High Guys: South Meeting Rooms - upstairs
- High School: North Hall – ground floor
- College: Boutwell Auditorium
- Youth Leaders: Concert Hall



MEAL PICK-UP

If you pre-purchased meals through our registration system, you will be provided with a meal wristband at check-in on July 27. If you registered for meals as a group, one wristband will be provided per person in your admission packet. This wristband will serve as your meal ticket for the duration of the conference. It is important that you wear it at all times.

During meal times, each individual with a meal wristband will be able to pick-up their lunch or dinner in their Community Group / Youth Leader Track space. This will alleviate the need for group leaders to pick-up all meals at one time.

Important: Please do not ask your students to meet you before picking up meals. They must pick up their meal in their designated Community Group space.

ATTRACTIONS IN BIRMINGHAM

There are a variety of attractions that could be of interest for your students while visiting Birmingham.

- **Church of the Highlands Sunday Service Times and Locations-** *churchofthehighlands.com*
 - Grants Mill - 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:30am, 4:30pm, 6:00am
 - Fultondale - 9:30am and 11:30am
 - Greystone - 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:30am, 4:30pm
 - Riverchase - 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:30am, 4:30pm, 6:00pm
 - Grandview - 9:30am and 11:30am
 - Woodlawn - 9:30am and 11:30am
- Birmingham Dream Center - *birminghamdreamcenter.com*
- Oak Mountain State Park - *alapark.com/oakmountain*
- Riverchase Galleria Mall - *riverchasegalleria.com*
- Railroad Park - *railroadpark.org*
- Splash Adventure Waterpark - *splashadventurewaterpark.com*
- Birmingham Museum of Art - *artsbma.org*
- Birmingham Zoo - *birminghamzoo.com*
- McWane Science Center - *mcwane.org*
- Birmingham Civil Rights Institute - *bcri.org*
- Vulcan Statue & Overlook - *visitvulcan.com*
- Birmingham Barons Minor League Baseball Game - *barons.com*
- Grand River Outlet Mall - *shopsograndriver.com*
- Coyote Drive-In Theater - *shopsograndriver.com*
- Steel City Pops - *steelcitypops.com*
- Tour Birmingham's Local Coffee Shops: *Seeds Coffee Company, Church Street Coffee and Books, Octane, Revelator, Feast & Forest, Urban Standard, The Red Cat, and O'Henry's.*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

GROW INTENSIVE

If your church staff is currently registered for the Grow Intensive at Church of the Highlands, July 25-27, it is important to note that we will not be able to accommodate any student groups at the Intensive. If you are planning to bring your students to town with you for the Intensive, you will need to make alternative plans for them off-site.

The Grow Intensive is sold-out at all locations.

For more details about Grow and the annual Grow Intensive, visit growleader.com.

HIGHLANDS COLLEGE SNAPSHOT

Highlands College is a biblical higher education institution that exists to supply the church with leaders to fulfill the Great Commission. At Highlands College, students are able to find their purpose through world-class academics, experience their calling through hands-on ministry training and launch their future through leadership positions around the world.

At MOTION 17, we will offer students the opportunity to hear a snapshot about Highlands College. On Saturday, July 29, during the lunch break in Community Groups, students and Youth Leaders will be able to learn more about all that Highlands College has to offer.

Visit highlandscollege.com for more details.

MOTION CAUSE

This year at MOTION we will have the opportunity to unite as a generation and give towards a singular cause that will make an eternal difference in the world through the local church.

We are passionate about giving life-giving churches and the conference team has carefully selected the MOTION Cause as a project that we know will have lasting kingdom impact for generations to come.

At conference we will reveal the MOTION Cause, and provide you with details about the opportunity and how you can participate. Then, during Friday night's session we will worship, give together, and see God move.

We ask that each registrant pray and prepare in advance to give towards the MOTION Cause. It has been said, "no one can do everything, but everyone can do something."

Together, we believe that we can change the world!