

MOTION STUDENT CONFERENCE

# BEYOND

## YOUTH LEADER GUIDE

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# GENERAL INFORMATION

## THEME

### **Beyond**

MOTION is more than just a conference. It's more than bands and speakers. MOTION is about a generation. A generation united for Jesus, changed in His presence, and pressing on to our cities, homes, and schools - empowered to make a difference for His kingdom!

At MOTION 19 we will worship together, connect in community, and lead students to the One who can do *beyond* all we ask or imagine! It is our prayer that students and youth leaders leave the conference refreshed, equipped, and inspired to live their lives in MOTION at home, in the local church, in their cities, and around the world.

## WHO

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

## LOCATION

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

## WHEN

Thursday: July 25

12:00 PM Registration and Check In Open

5:00 PM Doors Open

7:00 PM Session Begins

10:30 PM Close

Friday: July 26

9:30 AM Session Begins

10:30 PM Close

Saturday: July 27

9:30 AM Session Begins

4:00 PM Conference Ends

\*Detailed schedule available online.

## CONTACT

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## CONNECT



# BEFORE CONFERENCE

## IMPORTANT DATES

- June 10 - If you are bringing a group to conference, please update your registration through your registration login with your total estimated number of attendees. This will ensure that we are able to accommodate you to the best of our ability. Email: info@motionstudents.com
- July 1 - Deadline to register or add registrations to your group with guaranteed seating together & discounted rates.
- July 15 - Deadline to register for on-site meals at *motionstudents.com*.
  - Note: You can add meals to your group's registration through your group's log-in.

## CHECKLIST

- Register for conference admission (leaders and students).
- Edit your registration online with your login with any additions by July 1.
- Register for on-site boxed meals (recommended), or ensure meals are arranged.
- Book lodging.
- Book transportation.
- Create Packing List/Trip Itinerary for parents/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](http://motionstudents.com/register).

Attendees:	1-5	6-39	40+
Until April 1	\$90	\$85	\$80
April 1 – July 1	\$95	\$90	\$85
After July 1*	\$105	\$100	\$95

Note: For Groups of 10 or more, we will give you the 11<sup>th</sup> registration free!

\*In the likely event that MOTION 19 reaches full capacity, this rate will be unavailable.

If you are bringing a group to conference, please contact us by June 10 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. To make sure we take care of you best, please contact us prior to mailing check at info@motionstudents.com. 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.)
Lodging (2 nights):	\$50.00 (4 people per room)
Food Est. - Thursday:	\$10.00 (Dinner)
Food Est. - Friday:	\$14.00 (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)
<b>*Total:</b>	<b>\$171.00 per individual</b>

\*Does not include transportation

## **MEALS**

### **1. Boxed Meals: *Highly Recommended***

For your convenience we will have reasonably priced boxed meals on-site for Lunch and Dinner on Friday, July 26 and Lunch on Saturday, July 27. 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. You may pre-purchase your meals during registration, add to your registration through your group registration log-in, or at [motionstudents.com](http://motionstudents.com) under the "Food" tab before July 15.

Past vendors include: Chick-fil-A, Newk's Eatery, and Taziki's

\*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. Concessions are accessible during the times that Arena Doors are open, so please plan accordingly.

### **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!

**NOTE:** We do not 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](http://www.motionstudents.com/lodging) for details.

## **SEATING**

We are excited to continue "Seating Communities" at MOTION 19! Every attendee, together with either their group or family/friends they registered with, will be allocated into a Seating Community of approximately 500 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 Conference, and you will know in advance which section your group will be seated. Together with the other people in your Seating Community, you will have an incredible opportunity to fellowship with one 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-served 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 19!

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 rotation group.

Note: The first 1500 who pre-registered at MOTION X and completed the required registration deadlines 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
- Optional: offering to contribute to the MOTION 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
- Note: Backpacks and bags are subject to search for admission into the Arena, and may not be allowed

## **BAG POLICY**

To provide a safer environment for the public and significantly expedite guest entry into the area, the Legacy Arena at the BJCC has implemented a policy that limits the size and type of bags that may be brought into stadiums, and will be scanning every person as they enter the building. We strongly encourage guests not to bring any type of bag, but have outlined what is permissible. Guests are able to carry the following style and size bag, package or container onsite at the BJCC complex:

- Bags that are clear plastic, mesh, vinyl or PVC that do not exceed 14" x 14" x 6".
- One-gallon clear plastic freezer bags (Ziploc bag or similar)
- Refillable water bottles are accepted.
- Individuals who have not purchased the meal package are allowed to bring lunch into the Arena that is in a clear bag. Coolers will not be allowed into the Arena.
- Note: An exception will be made for declared medically necessary items, after proper inspection.

# AT 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 details via email.
- If you registered after July 1 - Plan to arrive a little early during registration on July 25.
- Lanyards and wristbands will be available for pick-up on-site at the BJCC between 12pm & 6pm on July 25. *We recommend making plans to arrive early in the afternoon to give you plenty of margin.*
- Get clear directions to the BJCC and communicate to all drivers. Make plans for drop-off, pick-up, and parking.
  - Note: Downtown Birmingham will be under significant road construction. Please use a GPS system for the best routes, visit <https://www.bjcc.org/plan-your-trip-with-bjccs-dynamic-maps.php> for up-to-date traffic information, and allow extra time in your schedule to get to the BJCC.
- 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 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 on Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd N. and 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- Ensure your drivers know where to park buses/vans.
- If you are a group and a conference host has contacted you, send them a text or give them a call letting 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).
- 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.

### 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 10 minutes before the start of sessions.



## **SCHEDULE**

### **Thursday: July 25**

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 26**

9:30 AM	Session Two
11:45 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 27**

9:30 AM	Session 5
11:45 AM	Community Group/Youth Leader Track
1:00 PM	Break
2:00 PM	Session Six
4:00 PM	Conference Ends

## **PARKING**

All parking is first-come, first-served around the Arena. There is some street parking available, as well as a variety of lots that are \$8-12 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 25 from 12pm-6pm. You will need to pick-up your wristband and Seating Community lanyards for your group at registration before you can enter the BJCC Complex and Arena. We highly recommend sending one or two representatives for your group rather than bringing your entire group with you to check-in, especially if you are checking in before the perimeter opens.

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 19, 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 a member of our MOTION Team 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 10 minutes before the start of session.

\*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:**

<b>Junior High:</b>	TBA
<b>High School:</b>	TBA
<b>College:</b>	TBA
<b>Youth Leaders:</b>	Concert Hall



## **MEAL PICK-UP**

If you pre-purchased meals through our registration system, you will be given a meal wristband when you check in on-site at conference on July 25. 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.

## **ATTRACTIONS IN BIRMINGHAM**

There are a variety of additional 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, 9:45am, 11:30am, 4:00pm, and 5:30pm
  - Fultondale — 8:00am, 9:45am, 11:30am, and 1:00pm
  - Greystone — 8:00am, 9:45am, 11:30am, and 4:00pm
  - Riverchase — 8:00am, 9:45am, 11:30am, 4:00pm, and 5:30pm
  - Grandview — 8:00am, 9:45am and 11:30am
  - Woodlawn — 8:00am, 9:45am and 11:30am
- Birmingham Dream Center — *birminghamdreamcenter.com*
- The Summit - *thesummitbirmingham.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*
- Big Spoon Creamery - *www.bigspooncreamery.com/*
- Tour Birmingham's Local Coffee Shops: *Seeds Coffee Company, Church Street Coffee and Books, Octane, Revelator, Urban Standard, The Red Cat, Woodlawn Cycle, and O'Henry's.*

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## **HIGHLANDS COLLEGE**

Highlands College is changing the world by supplying the church with dynamic leaders of character to fulfill the Great Commission. Offering a unique approach to higher education through a holistic training experience, students are trained in four areas: academic instruction, ministry training, character formation, and spiritual development. Because of the emphasis on these four pillars of training, students are becoming the workers Jesus prayed for in Luke 10:2.

At MOTION 19, we will offer students the opportunity to hear a more about Highlands College in the concourse of the arena, portions throughout the main sessions, and at a Snapshot in the Concert Hall on Saturday, July 27 at 1:15pm, during lunch. Snapshot is the best way for students to learn more about the Traditional Program at Highlands College. At Snapshot, students will hear how students are educated, equipped, and empowered to lead lives of eternal impact.

Highlands College offers both a certificate program and a degree option. Upon graduation, Highlands College students participate in internships and enter into ministry job placement opportunities both domestically and internationally. We invite all interested students to attend this short, 30-minute Snapshot, or a booth in the concourse.

Visit [highlandscollege.com](http://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 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!

## **GROW INTENSIVE**

If your church staff is currently registered for the Grow Intensive at Church of the Highlands, July 30-August 1, it is important to note that we will not be able to accommodate any student groups at the Intensive. If you are planning to keep your students in 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, please visit [growleader.com](http://growleader.com).

