



# SEPA Youth Events Calendar 2018 - 2019



## **July 7: BBQ with the Bishop** *United Lutheran Seminary – FREE!*

Join us on the Philadelphia Campus of United Lutheran Seminary (7241 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia) for a day of fun and games honoring Bishop Burkat and celebrating her ministry as she prepares to retire! All ages are invited to join us for a free all-you-can-eat BBQ with activities. (Begins at 11:00 am)

## **August 24-26: Leadership Team Retreat** *Tel Hai Camp – (\$125)*

All those participating in the SEPA Youth Leadership Team will gather at Tel Hai Camp and Retreat for a weekend of leadership, friendship, and faith formation. It is a wonderful opportunity to gather youth and lift them up as leaders in our church. We will also begin planning events for the upcoming year. To learn more about the SEPA Youth Leadership Team, visit the Leadership page at [www.sepayouth.org](http://www.sepayouth.org)

## **November 3-4: Junior Youth Gathering (JYG)** *Tel Hai Camp – (\$125)*

JYG is SEPA's cornerstone Confirmation Retreat, and you won't want to miss this year as we learn about the Kingdom of God through the lens of the Lord's Prayer! We will explore how we too can live out the prayer each day that God's Kingdom may come on Earth "as it is in Heaven". This year, our retreat will include more time to fellowship with one another, as well as fun new activities at our new venue! Open to ALL youth in Grades 6-9! (10:00 am Saturday - 10:00 am Sunday)

## **March 23-24: Box City** *St. James, Limerick – (\$30)*

Be part of this very special overnight experience of solidarity and support for the homeless community, as we learn about homelessness and raise money to help those who struggle with it. This event is open to all Youth in Grades 6-12 and is a chance to hear real-life stories about homelessness, learn about the complexity of the issue, and experience for yourself a few of the challenges faced by the homeless each day. (3 pm Saturday - 10 am Sunday)

**April 5-7: Tuscarora Spring Retreat** *Tuscarora Inn & Conference Center, Mt. Laurel, PA – (\$125)*

Join us as we gather in the Poconos at an exciting new retreat location with hundreds of your closest friends from across SEPA! Get ready for an amazing weekend of music, learning, new friends, and of course – *FUN!* All youth in Grades 6-12 are invited to experience this incredible time with Lutheran teens from across the region and have their faith shaped in a deeper and more meaningful ways. Don't miss out on this amazing retreat! (7:30 pm Friday - 12:00 pm Sunday)

**May 3-4: SEPA Synod Assembly** *Franconia Mennonite, Church, Telford, PA*

Come be a part of the action – and the fun – at the 2019 SEPA Synod Assembly! It is an important time to learn about and have a hand in the direction of the synod, as well as meet and share with youth from congregations across the region! After the action on Friday, we'll head out for an overnight time together full of fun, food, and games before returning for the second day of Assembly. We hope you can join us for this important and unique annual event!

**June 2019: Lutheran Night at the Phillies** *Citizen's Bank Park – (\$20+)*

An annual favorite for congregations - Lutheran Night at the Phillies is perfect for your Youth Group, families, or the whole congregation! Tickets start at just \$20 and *every ticket purchased* helps support scholarships for Synod Youth events! Come show off your Lutheran pride and root for the home team – with all your friends from across the synod!

**July 12 - 21: South Dakota Servant Trip** *Mission, South Dakota*

SEPA Youth will venture on our *sixth* servant trip to Rapid City, South Dakota and the Rosebud Native American Reservation this summer! This powerful experience is a wonderful week of exploring faith and service in a context very different from what we are familiar with. A synod favorite and a high point in many participant's faith journeys, this Servant Trip is open to all Youth currently in Grades 9-12. **Registration opens September 17.** We hope you can join us – this incredible opportunity comes only once every three years!