



DISTRICT - BLITZ CONFERENCE
2017 CONFIRMATION PACKET

WELCOME

We are glad that you have chosen to join us, and we pray that you will have a wonderful weekend. Our prayer is that this weekend will allow you to grow and live for God each and every day.

About the wristbands. . .please be sure to wear these during your entire stay in Duluth. Your wristband is your “ticket” to the rallies, seminars, and recreation options. It also helps conference staff to identify conference attendees. Broken wristbands can be exchanged for \$2 in the conference office.

Special prayer opportunity is available 45 minutes prior to doors opening for each rally. We will be praying in Lake Superior Ballroom for each upcoming rally. We would love for you to join us for these times of pre-rally prayer. Invite a few of your friends.

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Schedule

Friday, April 21

- 1:00-3:00 PM "Be Still, Know God" Pre-Conference Prayer Event
- 6:00-8:30 On-Site Check-In at the Registration Area (*Head youth worker only, PLEASE!!!*)
- 7:15-8:00 Pre-rally Prayer in the Lake Superior Ballroom
- 8:00 Doors Open
- 8:30-10:00 Evening Rally in the Arena
- 8:40-9:10 Head Youth Worker Orientation Meeting in the Lake Superior Ballroom
- 10:00-10:45 Breakout Sessions by Groups
- 11:00 In Hotels
- 11:30 In Hotel Rooms and Quiet for the Night

Saturday, April 22

- 7:30 AM Breakfast on Your Own
- 8:30 Doors Open
- 8:00-8:45 Pre-Rally Prayer in the Lake Superior Ballroom
- 9:00-10:30 Morning Rally in the Arena
- 10:45-11:15 Breakout Sessions by Groups
- 11:30-12:30 Seminars/Workshops
- 12:30 PM Lunch on Your Own
- 1:00-6:00 Recreation and Ministry Options
- 4:00-5:00 Dinner on Your Own
- 6:00-7:00 Seminars/Workshops
- 7:15-7:45 Pre-Rally Prayer in the Lake Superior Ballroom
- 7:20 Doors Open
- 7:45-9:20 Evening Rally in the Arena
- 9:30 Breakout Sessions by Groups
- 11:15 In Hotels
- 11:30 In Hotel Rooms and Quiet for the Night

Sunday, April 23

- 8:00 AM Check-out and Breakfast Before Leaving for the Rally
- 9:30-10:00 Pre-Rally Prayer in the Lake Superior Ballroom
- 10:00 Doors Open
- 10:30-11:30 Closing Rally in the Arena
- 12:00 PM Lunch & Head Home

ABOUT THE RALLIES

The doors will open 30 minutes prior to the beginning of each rally with pre-rally videos on the big screen. Be sure to sit in your assigned seats. There is no need to save seats. Assigned seats are for the entire weekend.

ABOUT THE HOTELS

The Duluth area hotels have seen many conferences come and go and they have seen some great groups and some not so good groups. Please remember that these hotels and motels will have other guests staying over the weekend along with us, and we are representing Christ to all of these people. Please be courteous and obey the following hotel and motel guidelines below.

(Youth workers: Please review with your group Friday evening.)

- Be in your hotel/motel by 11:00 p.m. and in your room and quiet by 11:30 p.m.
- Never have anyone of the opposite sex in your room.
- Be sure to keep the hallways quiet between 8:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
- Don't let your doors slam—put a towel in the door jam.
- Never leave your room open and unsupervised.

CONDUCT CODE

My model for conduct and attitudes is the Lord Jesus Christ.

I will observe all rules established by the Conference Directors and will follow the code given by my church.

For my own safety, I will not leave the rally area unless given special permission by my Youth Pastor/Leader.

I will attend all scheduled rallies and sit with my group.

To focus on Christ at the rallies, there will be no hand holding or arm around the opposite sex.

Any free time given me will be used wisely, and I will at all times respect the property and safety of others.

In hotel rooms, no members of the opposite sex are allowed.

I will (in travel to, during, and from the conference) avoid all questionable activity and things which would be offensive to Christ, my parents, my church, the rally and others.

ELECTRONICS

Electronic equipment including games, radios, iPods, computers, strobes & laser toys/lights, as well as fireworks, alcohol, narcotics, and tobacco are not allowed. (Use common sense on other questionable items.) Any of these items will be confiscated and may not be returned.

There will be a few occasions during the rallies where cell phone polls will take place, however any cell phone being used outside of that designated time during the rallies, breakout times and seminars are subject to confiscation. Cell phones should only be used for emergencies and for youth leaders to communicate and coordinate their group activities.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Since our hotels, rallies, service projects, food service and recreation options are at varying locations, be sure to be careful. We listed a few things that should help keep you and your group safe.

- Stay on the sidewalks and walkways. Stay off of residents' yards.
- Walk or travel in groups of 3 or more.
- No roller blades or skateboards indoors or on downtown sidewalks & streets.
- Be sure to cross city streets at the provided crosswalks. Don't go against the lights or "J" walk.
- Avoid running and loud noises inside all buildings & skyways.
- Be polite and courteous to all city residents, businesses, hotels and DECC staff.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

We have a number of great people that will handle all our medical needs and emergencies. Go to the District Blitz board room. For serious injuries, call 911 or go directly to the hospital.

PRAYER MOVES

WHAT IS PRAYER MOVES?

Prayer Moves is a group of students and leaders that come together to pray for the needs of one another and the conference.

WHAT DO YOU DO AT PRAYER MOVES?

Read scripture, listen to a short devotional on prayer and of course the most important thing, PRAY.

WHO CAN JOIN?

Any student or youth leader that attends the conference.

WHAT IF I CAN'T COME TO THEM ALL?

Come to the ones you can.

PRAYER MOVES WILL MEET IN THE CIVIC AUDITORIUM...

- Friday: 7:15 - 8:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 8:15 - 8:45 a.m. and 7:10 - 7:40 p.m.
- Sunday: 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.

SATURDAY ACTIVITIES

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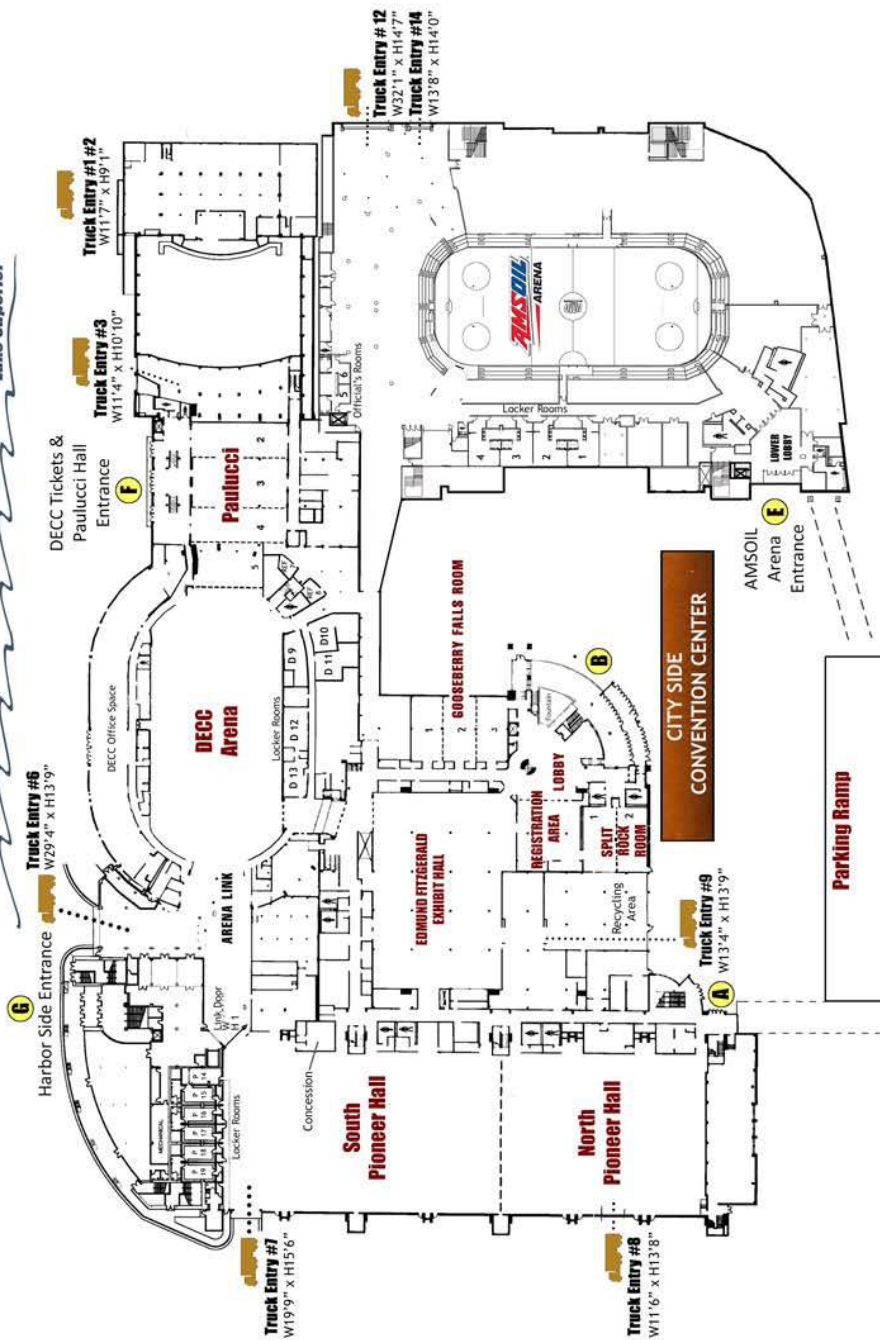
Saturday options are limited. However, outdoor space is plentiful, bring your own toys/equipment to play in the open fields near the downtown area. Parks are also available for activities, bring a ball or lawn games.

FOOD - LUNCH & SUPPER

It is wise to search for food options before you leave for the conference

GROUND LEVEL

Lake Superior



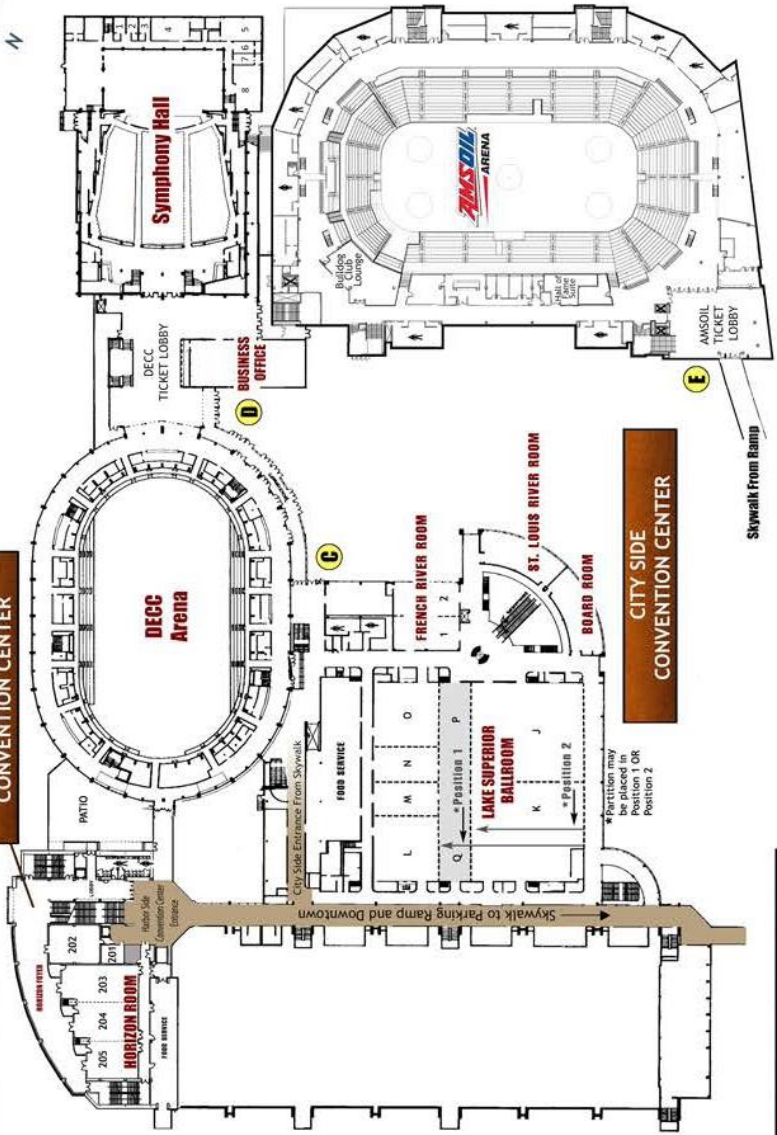


Lake Superior

SKYWALK LEVEL

HARBOR SIDE CONVENTION CENTER

CITY SIDE CONVENTION CENTER



Skywalk From Ramp

* Partition may be placed in Position 1 OR Position 2

CONFERENCE SPEAKERS



Jeremy Deck



Cesar Castillejos



Kylee Larson



Kirsten King

CONFERENCE EMCEES

Mike & Nate



SPOKEN WORD

David Bowden



WORSHIP Good Little Giants



Good Little Giants founders Scott Phillips and Shane Maze add a modern, dance-worthy pop twist to their singer/songwriter, folk, and bluegrass roots with their latest offering, *ARROWS*. From humble beginnings as an acoustic vocal trio, GLG has grown into larger, more energetic audiences and venues and are bringing their music right along with them. *ARROWS* adds synth, electric guitars, big gang vocals and stadium-sized melodic hooks to their earlier, more subdued and mellow folk projects. The result is a dynamic, matured sound geared toward listeners who want to be entertained with fun music, but also want to plumb the depths of a faithful believer's walk. Good Little Giants is excited to be a part of the District Blitz 2017 line up!

SEMINARS

Prayer Experience

Superior Ballroom

One of the largest seminars of the conference, the Prayer Experience is a dynamic event featuring different “Prayer Stations” that will help you to pray creatively. If you thought prayer could only be done on your knees with folded hands, prepare to have a whole new world of options opened to you for communicating with our Creator. The room will be filled with creative ways to pray and worship God as well as focus on what He wants to change in you. You will also be challenged to pray for others. Come and spend time with your Creator!

In! “Gospel Hope – Living the Hope of the Gospel in a Hope-weary World” – Morning & Evening

Lon Bjonrud

Haborside Ballroom 303 – Evening

As you look around, hope seems to be in short supply. Rather than getting better and easier, living seems to be getting more difficult and more complicated. As Christians, we have a hope that won't disappoint us, a hope that can cause us to thrive no matter what the circumstances. Let's discover how we have and can live a hope that demands an explanation. We need it and our friends and family need it more than ever before.

Napkins and Jesus

Zach Marino

Haborside Ballroom 303 – Morning

Horizon Room 204 – Evening

This seminar will show you that napkins can be used for way more than just cleaning up a mess! You will actively discover how using the “Napkin tool” can help you clearly understand what God is saying to you through the verses of the Bible! This will be the last time you skip over Leviticus. Grab a friend, a napkin, a pen, your Bible and meet me at Napkins and Jesus!

What's In Your Hand?

Dave Bostrom
Split Rock 1&2 – Morning Only

Description: Since the beginning of creation, God has used all kinds of people to accomplish His will. Young and old, good and bad, it doesn't matter to Him, He is just looking for people willing to use their gifts and talents for His Glory. You will discover how to use the things around you as a way to reach your family and friends with the Gospel and make an eternal impact in the world.

Life Hacks: Life Hacks: How to Live Like a Christian

Tyler Roland
Haborside Ballroom 304 – Morning Only

1st John 2:6 says “Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.” Many of us say we are Christians. But what does that mean? Is it a title? A hobby? Just something we do because our parents do? Or a lifestyle? Come hangout and let's talk about what it means to live and love like Jesus!

“Fight the Fight”

Joe Lomando
Lake Superior Ballroom M & N – Morning & Evening

Relationships are often messy but we can deal with conflict without losing our cool and keeping Jesus at the center of it all. In fact, the Bible tells us that conflict will sharpen us and make us better but only if we have the right heart and mind. Whether it's conflict with your parents, your bestie, or a classmate there is a way to move forward, get the job done and not blow your top. If you want to learn how to deal with conflict in all of your relationships, then this seminar is for you!

Biblical Manhood—Guys Only

Jimmy Buehler

Horizon Room 203 – Morning & Evening

In today's world, gender issues are anything but clear. False views about what it means to be a man are pumped into our minds through media, advertisements, and our culture. What does God's word say about being a man? Does it say anything? For guys only, join us as we humbly seek God's desire for us to be men!

Keep Your Pants On!

Molly Sanborn

DECC Arena – Morning Only

Molly Sanborn, aka The Cheese Ball Chick, shoots straight as she discusses the topic that is on everyone's mind – S-E-X. Her stories will inspire you, and her blunt approach might make you blush, but the truth she shares about God's plan for sex will leave you equipped and encouraged.

Lessons from a Love Story

Craig & Molly Sanborn

DECC Arena – Evening Only

Don't miss this fun and faith filled example of dating done right. Craig and Molly Sanborn will reflect on their relationship as they share humorous stories, embarrassing moments and valuable lessons from their love story. No matter what your experience is (or isn't), their message is guaranteed to impact you and get you pointed in the right direction.

Gospel Thinking

Bart Whitman

Haborside Ballroom 305 – Morning & Evening

When we have a clear understanding of the Gospel, it will necessarily change our thinking. We will talk about how the Gospel influences our thinking on issues, and how we can live as Christians in a deeply divided and rapidly changing culture.

The Gospel-Centered Life

Jeremy Deck

Haborside Ballroom 304 – Evening Only

In this seminar, we will take a look at an important student/adult resource that will help bring clarity to what it means to live a Gospel-centered life. Join us as we take a closer look at God's great holiness, our great capacity for sin, and the power of the cross to not only save us, but to shape the way we live.

Masterpiece in the Making

Cesar Castillejos

Lake Superior Ballroom O – Morning Only

“We have each been given unique gifts and passions that make us who we are. As a masterpiece, we are created with intention and purpose. The power of our ministry is depleted when we fail to find our unique voice in ministry. When we flourish, we are able to help those around us experience the fullness of life. Discover the life God is calling you into by exploring the gifts and passions He has equipped you with.”

How Can I Care More About my Relationship With Jesus

Kirstin King

French River Room 1&2 – Morning Only

We know for sure that having a relationship with Jesus is super important. But sometimes it's hard to really care about it. Why is it so hard? Why exactly does it matter? How is it possible? Come and see that you're not alone in this. The struggle is real. Come and learn what you can do about it.

Finding God in our Loneliness

Kylee Larson

Gooseberry Falls Room 1, 2, &3 – Morning & Evening

It's easy to feel alone, even when you are surrounded by people. You know that God is "always there," but what does that really mean? Sometimes when you pray, it feels like you're just talking to yourself. Sometimes when you read the Bible, it just seems like words. And sometimes when the negative "voices" of the world are screaming at you, it's hard to tell where God is, what He is saying, and how to hear Him. In this seminar, we will explore together how to find God in these moments and in every moment.

If God has Forgiven me... Why do I Still Feel Dirty?!?

Andi Custer

Horizon Room 204 – Morning Only

This is shame. Shame is something we can all relate to. Even as Christians, we all know the feeling of being unwanted, of being unloved and of being dirty. While everyone else seems to be accepted... we just don't fit in...we don't measure up... so we hide and wear masks and plastic smiles, trying to convince the world (and maybe even ourselves) that we're ok... but deep down, we have this strong sense that something is wrong with us. Yes, this is shame. But there is hope! There is a way out of shame! Come and see how the Gospel can change the very real pain of worthlessness and rejection in your life!

Gospel Clarity in a Confusing Culture – Leaders Only

Jared Bangs

Horizon Room 205 – Morning & Evening

This seminar will give a clear overview of the claims, trajectories, and beliefs behind various LGBTQ agendas. The goal will be to understand what this culture is telling our students regarding sex and sexuality and what our Christian response should be.

Spiritual Warfare 101 – Suit Up!

Chris Maas

Lake Superior Ballroom L – Morning & Evening

In the letter of Ephesians, the Apostle Paul gives us a picture of what it looks like to be a follower of Christ. At the end of his letter, he equates this life to being a spiritual battle and gives us the “Armor of God” to put on and use daily in this war. Come and hear an updated take on what this picture would look like in the modern day, and learn how you can stand firm in your walk with Christ!

Walk As Jesus Did

Alex Hunter

French River Room 1 & 2 – Evening Only

This seminar is a chance to share and inspire a generation to fully live out what is commissioned in 1 John 2:6, “Whoever claims to live in Him [God] must live as Jesus did.” This seminar seeks to deconstruct the purpose of Jesus’ life in the context of how we are to live our own lives. I believe that Jesus was not just the perfect exception, but He was the perfect example for how we are to live. Through testimonies and diving into the word, this seminar seeks to expose the leadership potential in students to the point where they can become fully capable of leading themselves and fully equipped *To Walk as Jesus Did*.

Ministry Options

Below is a list of service projects and outreach opportunities for District Blitz Conference Saturday April 22nd. The projects will be given out on a first come first served basis. Email Glenn Olson glennolson@me.com to reserve your project, especially if you want to help pack meals or want to work at the Union Gospel Mission!

Cleanup the Parks: Get your group together and adopt a park. Clean up the park facilities around the Duluth area. We are hoping to clean up 15 parks in Duluth. All the supplies will be provided by the Duluth Park & Rec Department This cleanup will not happen if there is rain or snow. Unlimited number of participants. Email cskaft@DuluthMN.gov

Prayer Walk: Students will have an opportunity to break up into groups and go on a prayer walk asking God to move in the city. Optional content will be included for the prayer walks. Unlimited number of participants, groups of 3-8 are ideal. Maps will be available in the Prayer Room (Superior Ballroom) Locations include Teen Challenge, Schools, and Hospitals.

Union Gospel Mission. 2 groups of 10-20 will help clean and organized the food shelf, 1-1/2 hour time slots, 1-2:30 p.m, 2:30-4 p.m. Email Glenn

Other clean up options will be available!
Most options will be open for sign up at registration at the DECC. Don't forget to email Glenn if you are interested in meal packing or work at the Union Gospel Mission.

VIDEO CONTEST

DIRECT NEXT YEAR'S PROMO VIDEO!

Are you shooting video around the conference? You could be the director of the promo video for next year (which gets shown to youth groups all over the state) and **win a free entrance to District Blitz 2018!** Simply take a bunch of awesome shots making sure to include the worship, speaker, seminars, and plenty of footage of the students during the weekend. Then head home and load up your favorite editing software to create your magic!

- **What:** District Blitz 2018 Promo Video Contest

- **Who:** Any students or leaders that are taking footage during District Blitz this year

- **Requirements:** Must include footage of worship, speaker, students, seminars, and any other interesting footage. Final video should be around 3 minutes in length. You may pick the music for the video as long as it's appropriate.

How to Submit an Entry: Simply upload your video to YouTube or Vimeo and email the link to **glennolson@me.com** with the subject line "2018 Blitz Promo." Include your name and contact info so that we can contact you if you've won the free entry to next year's conference.

Deadline for submissions is July 1, 2017

Booths

Trout Lake Camp

Camp Shamineau

Deeper Life Camp

Bethel University

Trinity University

Oak Hills Christian College

Rock Ridge

Trek 7

Global Fingerprints

Gift Book Plus

NCD Missions

Good Little Giants

University of Northwestern St. Paul