

WHAT TO BRING TO **LIFESKILLS CONFERENCE**

Staying at the Patton Campus, your stay will be in a college dormitory type setting, with 2, 3, 4, or in some rare cases 6 people in your room. Each person will have a closet and either their own or share a chest of drawers. You will be provided with clean sheets and blankets. Private bathrooms are located in each room. The pictures in this packet are intended to give an idea of the typical furniture and room set up of in the different rooms at Patton Campus: Single beds, bunk beds, chests of drawers, nightstands, and upholstered chairs furnish each room. Most rooms include a bathroom attached to them.

You need to bring with you the following:

Please pack comfortable clothing for six days—all casual, with shorts, T-shirts, jeans, etc., with appropriate logos/wording. You will not need dressy clothes during the week. You should bring raingear, sneakers (not-so-much flip-flops – heel-strap sandals are okay, but not preferred), and a hat. Because of the very active nature of the week's program, it's preferred to not wear large hoop-style earrings or any type of hanging jewelry.



Necessary medications:

Staff will supervise the administration of all prescription drugs and there will remain onsite for the duration of the program. Medications are to be stored with staff at registration time, and should remain in the original prescription packaging, if not an OTC med. If you have any medical diagnosis or physical challenges that may affect your participation, if possible please list them on your medical release so staff are aware of your needs or speak with the Conference Director upon arrival.

Please make sure to come with the above items, items that are necessary for everyday care and functioning. Be sure to label all your belongings with your name.

Toiletries:

You should bring soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, shampoo, and any other necessary items. Towels and washcloths will be provided.



Other Essentials and Suggested Items:

- *Bathing suit and pool towels.
- *Sports equipment such as a basketball, tennis racquet, soccer ball,
- *Sunglasses and sunscreen lotion.
- *A water bottle for outdoor activities.

Policy on valuables:

Valuables might be considered anything you own, but typically this refers to items of great monetary value. If bringing valuables, it is at your own risk. Rooms are monitored but not locked during the day. If you have concerns about this, you may deposit valuables with conference staff for safekeeping.

Cell Phones/Technology/Devices Policy

Cell phone and other technology devices are to be used only during free time and breaks by all participants (staff and students). Staff and students may carry their cell phones and technology devices with them. The conference staff and Masonic Youth Foundation is not responsible for any lost, misplaced, or damaged technology items. It is recommended that all cell phones and technology devices are left in your room. If a facilitator uses a cell phone or asks a student to use a cell phone to take a picture for the benefit of the group, that is at their discretion.

Unauthorized Substances Policy

The Masonic Villages of Pennsylvania and the Masonic Conference Center – Patton Campus in Elizabethtown are strictly non-smoking facilities. No vaping, smoking or any possession or use of unauthorized/illegal substances are permitted anywhere on our campus at any time, whether by conference participants, employees, volunteers, or guests. Thank you for your cooperation.



IMPORTANT INFO FOR PARENTS

WHERE WILL MY CHILD BE?

Your son or daughter will be staying at the Masonic Conference Center—Patton Campus in Elizabethtown, formerly known as the Patton School. This campus is adjacent to the Masonic Village. Activities will be supervised 24 hours a day, by a staff of trained advisors who are conducting the educational and recreational activities at the Conference.

WHAT WILL MY CHILD BE DOING?

Your child will be participating in group discussions, team-building exercises, lectures, games, and other educational activities. Additionally, conferees will have the option of participating in sports, swimming, board games, walks and relaxation activities, as well as other structured social times, etc. It is encouraged that each participant take part in all scheduled activities.



The program is tightly scheduled to keep all the participants active, learning, and excited about the program. Our goal is to give your child an exciting week of fun activities, challenging programs, and new friendships.

WHAT ABOUT MEDICAL CARE AND INSURANCE?

Emergency medical care by qualified professionals is available at a local health care facility. If your child should require emergency medical care, we will contact and communicate with parents and legal guardians immediately. The document labeled, “Authorization for Medical Care”, must be completed and filed prior to admission to the conference. This is for quick and proper handling of medical concerns if they arise.

WHEN SHOULD MY CHILD ARRIVE?

Your child should arrive at the Patton Campus between 2:00 PM and 2:45 PM on the first day of the conference, July 16, 2023.

WHEN SHOULD I COME TO PICK UP MY CHILD?

Families are encouraged to join us at 1:30 PM on the Friday of the conference for the closing sessions. In these sessions, Conferees will share the activities and lessons of the week with their families. The formal closing, including a multimedia slide-show of the week's events, will be held from approximately 2 to 3 PM, after which all conferees will be dismissed. *We request that all participants attend this closing session, and to not dismiss your child earlier. The closing session and slideshow is often one of the week's highlights.*

HOW DO I CONTACT MY CHILD?

While there may be small breaks throughout the day, meal times are a time that participants will consistently have to flexibly talk on the phone or take breaks. Meal times and a small break afterwards take place from 8:30 am- 9:15 AM, Noon - 1:00 PM, and some different times between 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM.



You may contact your child by mail at:

PA Masonic Youth Foundation
1244 Bainbridge Road; Elizabethtown, PA 17022
Attn: (Your child's name), **LifeSkills** Conference

(If a letter arrives after the Conference is completed, we will forward it to the addressee.)

The PA Masonic Youth Foundation office can relay messages from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, M-F. An answering machine after hours will be checked each night at midnight. The numbers are: **(800) 266-8424** (In Pennsylvania Only), or **(717) 367-1536**.

ONLY IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

(717) 367-1121 is the Masonic Village internal phone system — Call if between 5:00 PM and midnight, and the *other numbers are not answered*. Dial "0" to get the Operator and ask for **extension 33308**, with the specific instruction that if no one answers, you want a Security Officer to deliver an EMERGENCY message to Patton Campus Room M-112 which is the Conference Director's Suite at the Patton Campus and will be occupied between midnight and 6:00 AM.