



Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference June 20-23, 2019 (Thursday to Sunday)

1. What is the Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference?

Massanetta Springs is a Presbyterian camp and conference center located just outside Harrisonburg, Virginia (3 hours from Towson). Massanetta offers Middle School Conferences every summer that are attended by over 1,100 teens and adults. Conference activities include keynote (large-group worship that includes speakers, skits and music), recreation (with the largest slip-n-slide that you'll ever see!), encounter groups (where you meet teens from outside your church group) and workshops (that help us to dig deeper into the week's theme).

Our Middle School summer event at TPC runs on a two-year cycle between Massanetta and a YouthWorks Mission Trip. After last summer's mission trip to Harrisburg, PA, we're back at Massanetta in 2019. Our group attended the Massanetta MS Conference in 2017 and had a fantastic experience!

2. What's this year's theme at Massanetta?

"This coming summer 2019 we will find ourselves 'At the Door' in Matthew 7:7-12 - will you knock? Join us as we ask and seek out what it might mean to be in relationship with God. Our personal faith journeys are full of many types of doors: surprise doors, open doors, closed doors, big doors, small doors, even revolving doors. We will navigate these doors together, discover some of God's good gifts, and live in loving community at 'Netta.'" – www.massanettasprings.org

3. Who can attend? Teens currently in grades 6-8. 8th graders have the option of attending either Massanetta or the Presbyterian Youth Triennium with high school, or both!

4. How much does this cost? \$375.00

We'll stay in Massanetta's **Hotels**, which is air-conditioned lodging with linens provided. The cost includes all meals, activities and a t-shirt. A more detailed "what to bring list" will be sent out in the spring.

** Scholarship assistance is always available! Please contact Pastor Joel if that would help. TPC does not want finances to keep everyone from experiencing these transforming summer trips.*

5. A Typical Day at the Massanetta MS Conference:

8:00-9:00 am	Breakfast
9:00-10:45 am	Theme Presentations
11:00-12:30 pm	Workshops
12:30-1:30 pm	Lunch
1:45-3:15 pm	Afternoon Recreation
3:30-5:00 pm	Free time
5:00-6:00 pm	Dinner
6:00-7:15 pm	Theme Presentations
7:30-9:00 pm	Workshops
9:15-10:30 pm	Fun for Everyone
10:30-11:00 pm	Back Home Devos
11:15 pm	Lights Out/Curfew

6. Transportation:

We rent vehicles to transport our group to and from Massanetta, which is underwritten through our youth ministry budget.

7. Adult Leaders

Massanetta's youth-to-adult ratio is one adult for every seven youth for each gender. Pastor Joel will not attend Massanetta with our teens this summer. In his place, TPC Youth Advisors will lead this trip.

8. How do I register?

Registration for Massanetta will be online this year. To reserve a spot hand in a \$100 deposit written out to *Towson Presbyterian Church* to Pastor Joel by Sunday, January 6. Pastor Joel will then email you with a link to online registration at Massanetta.

9. Will we meet before leaving on June 22? Yes. There will be one meeting with parents and teens to go over important information, and one meeting with teens and Youth Advisors to prepare for our time at Massanetta.

10. Questions? Please contact Pastor Joel at (410) 823-6500 or jstrom@towsonpres.org

11. Will this week be amazing? Yes! It was in 2017 and it will be again this summer! These are fantastic weeks to grow in your friendships with teens from TPC, grow in our relationship with God, and make new friends from different churches! The picture below is of our group at the 2017 Massanetta MS Conference.

