

Create in me a clean heart , o God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Psalms 51:10

HOLY AGAIN



Forward Conference
JUNE 25-27



A Letter from Jake:

Dear Parent,

It's that time of year again and Summer is on the way! The good news is that Summer always brings lots of FUN along with it for you and your teen.

Part of that Summer fun will be a trip to the FORWARD Youth Conference! We'll be heading to Duluth, Georgia at the Gas South Area for the conference, and staying in nearby Johns Creek, Georgia. Level Up Youth has booked rooms at the Hampton Inn and rented a trail way bus to take us on our upcoming trip.

In this packet you will find valuable info to make your teen's camp experience as easy and enjoyable as possible. We have covered all the details for you and want to make sure nothing of importance slips through the cracks.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to speak with me or Leah Guillory before or after services. Otherwise, you may call us during our office hours (Monday – Thursday 9AM – 3PM) at 318-641-1706 and we will be glad to answer any questions you may have.

We're looking forward to an exciting experience this year at FORWARD: Holy Again 2026!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jake Dardar', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jake Dardar
Level Up Youth Director

Level Up FORWARD Conference FAQ's

WHERE ARE WE GOING?:

This year Level Up is hitting the road! WHAT!?! That's right, Level Up is heading out of state! We will be attending the Forward Youth Conference in Duluth, Georgia at the Gas South Arena. The Forward Conference is put on by Free Chapel Church, Jentezen Franklin's Ministry. Speakers will include: Bryce Crawford, Philip Anthony Mitchell, Jentezen Franklin, Reggie Dabbs, & Girls Gone Bible. Worship will be lead by Free Chapel Music.



Gas South Arena
6400 Sugarloaf Pkwy
Duluth, GA 30097



Hampton Inn & Suites
6440 E Johns Crossing
Johns Creek, GA 30097
(470) 410-1601

WHEN & HOW ARE WE GETTING THERE?

Level Up Youth will be riding on a Trailway bus to the event. We will leave the Word of Grace parking lot **Thursday, June 25th, 2026, @ 5AM SHARP**, so that we will arrive at the Gas South Arena that afternoon in time for the first event. The conference will start Thursday at 7pm, and end Saturday around 5p. Our group will stay the night and travel home Sunday. We should arrive back at the Word of Grace parking lot between 4:30p & 5:30p on SUNDAY, June 28th, 2026. The bus will be taking us to and from all of the stops on our trip.

For more information about the conference please visit: FORWARDCONFERENCE.ORG

TELL ME MORE ABOUT THE HOTEL:

While attending the conference we will be staying at the Hampton Inn & Suites in John's Creek, GA. There will be 1 adult & 3 students of the same gender in each room.

FOOD:

There will be a variety of different locations to eat at throughout our trip. The price of all meals is included in the fees. Each student will receive their budgeted allotment per stop. Some examples of expected stops include: Chick-Fil-A, Buc-ee's, Zaxby's, & pizza, with several stops offering multiple choices. Breakfast will be at the hotel Friday - Sunday. The youth conference will have concessions but these are card only snack vendors and are not included in the fee. Your student will have enough to buy a normal size meal at each stop. If you want them to have the ability to purchase upgraded or more expensive choices, please consider sending extra cash for that purpose. Students will get to keep any change leftover from their food budget for the next stop, and so on with the exception of pizza or joint orders that will happen at least twice during the trip.

ABOUT THE COST:

How much will it cost?

\$280 + Conference Ticket

\$280 will cover expenses for food & the hotel. Tickets for the event vary by date of purchase. (\$80 - \$105, see below for dates.)

The conference ticket deposit was due when the registration pamphlet is turned in, tickets are non-refundable.

(Level Up Youth will purchase the tickets so we can all get the group price.)

TICKET PRICES ONLY! This was due as a deposit when the pamphlet was turned in.

Pay deposit by:

February 4th: \$80 April 1st: \$90 May 27th: \$105

After June 5: \$110 (If tickets are still available.)

*Due to the generosity of others our bus fee has been covered!

DOES MY TEEN NEED ADDITIONAL MONEY?

Consider sending some extra money with your student to purchase merchandise at the conference and other snack/shopping opportunities may become available (Buc-ee's anyone?). The money sent for this purpose will be the responsibility of your teen. Keep in mind that we have charged a fee to cover a normal meal. We will only give your student their allotted amount at each food stop. This will make sure no one goes without food, etc. If your student want to purchase food above their budget, that is fine as long as they have the money on them to cover the excess. Students meal budget averages \$13 - \$15 depending on the planned stop. Most breakfasts are included in the hotel fee.

ABOUT THE PAPERWORK:

When are my forms/waivers due in?

A.S.A.P.! Students applications and release waivers will be emailed once the ticket is paid for and form on pamphlet is turned in. Pamphlets are available at the receptionist desk in the church foyer. You may also ask one of our Level Up Leaders to help you get one. To help students afford the trip please feel free to make payments at any time at the front desk. The total must be paid no later than Wednesday night June 3rd. If additional tickets are still available for purchase, there is still room on the bus, & at the hotel, last minute youth may be signed up to attend at the conference if special permission is given by Pastor Jake Dardar.

MAY MY STUDENT BRING THEIR OWN SNACKS?

They may, but please use discretion. Small, simple snacks are the best. (i.e.: If you wouldn't allow it on your family vacation, please don't send it with them!) Students will have several opportunities to purchase small snacks along the way. They must keep their snacks in tightly SEALED containers at all times to avoid being messy. If snacks are not properly discarded and cared for they may be confiscated.

AND DRINKS?

Drinks must be contained in a closable container (i.e.: bottled with screw-on cap) Canned drinks and bag drinks tend to get spilled on other students, their belongings, and on carpet. Please help us to be tidy. We recommend students BRING A refillable WATER BOTTLE WITH THEIR NAME ON IT!

WHO WILL BE THE CHAPERONES?

There will be adult chaperones from our Level Up Team.

MAY I CONTACT MY STUDENT?

YES, PLEASE UNDERSTAND THEY MAY NOT BE ABLE TO SPEAK WITH YOU DURING CONFERENCE EVENTS.

In the event of a family emergency, you may contact us at the following numbers:

Jake Dardar:	(318) 623-3960	Youth Pastor
Leah Guillory:	(318) 787-8427	Youth Director

WHAT ABOUT CELL PHONES?

Students are allowed to carry cell phones with them at all times. However, cell phones will be the individual responsibility of the person who owns them. Jake, Leah, and the staff will have their cell phones on them should you need to get in contact with us! Please do not panic if students do not reach out to you while in a conference session. Due to the volume level at such events, and so others do not miss out on the events, calls will be limited during the conference times.

WHAT SHOULD THEY BRING?

Knowing what to bring and what not to bring are equally important. Therefore, we have provided a list of things below to help you determine what to pack.

PLEASE BRING:

Bible
Pen
Notebook
Clothes for activities
Tennis shoes
Decent Swimsuit
Under Garments
Clothes for sleeping
Flip-Flops for shower & pool area
Soap
Toothbrush
Toothpaste
Shampoo
Deodorant, etc.
Brush/Comb
Socks
Shoes
Light Blanket for bus (if cold natured)
WATER BOTTLE!!! (Must be labelled.)
Sunglasses (optional)
Sunscreen (For pool)
Laundry bag (for wet and dirty clothing)

Small bag to carry Bible and stuff around
Spending money for merch, if desired
Card for concession purchases, if desired.

Do Not Bring:

Inappropriate Video Games

Immodest Clothing

Immodest Swim-wear
(a colored t-shirt must be worn to cover a 2 piece)

Water Guns/Balloons

Weapons or Ammo

Fireworks
Alcohol

Skateboards/Roller Blades

Valuables
Large amounts of Money
LOUD devices, such as alarms, airhorns,
whistles, or the like.

Dress Code

We ask that you pack and wear modest clothing and understand this dress code applies to both males and females who attend.

- T-shirts, shorts, and tennis shoes are great for most activities.
- Modest shorts/skirts. (Your shirt should not cover up your shorts where they cannot be easily seen.) If in doubt about length, please ask one of the church's youth staff.
- No tight shirts, shorts, or skirts.
- Leggings and biker shorts must be covered by shorts, a skirt, a dress, or a long t-shirt.
- No bare midriffs. (Including swimsuits)
- No visible boxers, briefs, or bralettes.
- No clothing with references to drugs, alcohol, sex, or profanity.
- No low-cut tops or tanks in the front or sides.
- Accepted swimsuits include: tankinis, modest one pieces, modest trunks, or bikinis covered by a colored shirt, and shorts.