

# What Your Youth Can Expect at SHYG – 2023-2024

## Overall

- Peace's SHYG strives to be a safe place where Youth can relax, hang out, be challenged, learn, grow, laugh, share, tackle complex issues, and let their voices be heard. SHYG will "start" at 6:30pm and go until 8:30pm. At Senior High Youth Group, Youth can expect the following:
  - Time to hang out
  - Food
  - Games & activities
  - Devotional Time (Teaching Time, Discussion, and Prayer)

## Arriving & Time to hang out – 6:30-7:00pm

- Youth can arrive using the door marked GYM on the West Side of the building. There is a white, horse-pill-sized, doorbell. Youth should press it firmly once if an Adult Leader is not at the door already. Peace prides itself on being a secure facility. If a Youth rings the doorbell and no one comes to the door, they can text Pastor Jarod to let him know they are there.
- We have a table for signing in and out of Youth Group. This helps the Adult Leaders know who is in and out of the building while at Youth Group. It also helps us have an estimated time that a Youth left Peace. Youth sign their name, emergency contact name & number, and the time they arrive. They then sign the time they leave.
- Youth have options once they arrive. They can play the Wii (a gaming console), hang out with friends, play in the gym, do homework, and eat as they please. We usually have Christian-contemporary music playing in the background in the Youth Room.

## Food – Any time really!

- We provide a "meal" (usually pizza) for Youth and soda/water. Families can sign up to donate food for Youth Group. Youth are asked to clean up after themselves. We also have a fridge stocked with soda, lemonade, and water for the Youth and Adult Leaders. If you are interested in donating food – please talk to Pastor Jarod!
- If your Youth has dietary restrictions, please let Pastor Jarod or an Adult Leader know. We try to be as accommodating as possible.

## Games & Activities – Either before Praise Time or after

- We play "classic" Youth Group/Camp Luther games. We do not require that Youth play each game "all out." We do ask that each Youth participate at the intensity level they feel most comfortable.

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## Devotional Time – 7:00-7:30pm

- This is the most important part of Youth Group. While we want Youth Group to be a time of fun and laughter and fellowship, we also want it to be a time where we can praise God and grow in our faith.

## Prayer

- We end each Devotional Time with Prayer. We do this in different ways, but we always say the Lord's Prayer together.

## 8:30pm

- Youth will be asked to be picked up or start to head home (if they drove themselves) at 8:30pm. If a family donated a meal, it can be taken home the night of when the Youth leaves. **Youth do not need to stay until 8:30pm.** If they are being picked up make sure that is communicated between you and your Youth.

If you or your Youth has any questions about what to expect at Youth Group, talk to Pastor Jarod!