



WHAT IS CIY MIX?

The Middle School Ministry attends the CIY MIX Conference every year. This week is the biggest event we do for students currently in 6th-8th grade. MIX is intentionally crafted in ways that will engage middle school students through tactile, interactive and fun activities coupled with Bible-based teaching and small group interaction.

MIX understands that this age group is at a unique time in their lives – they're growing and learning different than any other age group. They're still young enough to need to play, but old enough to start understanding some core ideals that will stay with them the rest of their lives. For this reason, MIX isn't designed for high school students, or for preteens. It's specifically designed for sixth, seventh and eighth grade students – it's their chance to be exactly who they are: to play, listen and learn as themselves.

It's also created for adult leaders to build relationships with students that will last long after the MIX experience. Our prayer is that students will come to understand their identity in God's Kingdom, and be challenged to embrace the Kingdom work He has prepared for them.

WHERE IS CIY MIX?

This event takes place on the campus of Lee University in Cleveland, TN.

WHEN IS CIY MIX?

June 22nd – 26th (leave in the morning on the 22nd and return in the late afternoon on the 26th).

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST? HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Online registration can be found at - <https://www.bridgechristian.church/mix2020>

Deposit: \$50 due by March 22nd and needed to reserve a spot.

Cost: \$340 – Paid in full by May 17th, 2020

If not paid in full by May 17th, a \$25 fee will be applied to your cost.

Final payments will be sent out the second week of April.

Fundraising – We will do a fundraiser called "Envelope Challenge." This will take place the third week of February and will benefit all students signed up prior to March 22nd.

Sibling Discounts – a \$25 discount is applied to each family member attending

Final payments will be sent out the second week of April

The cost of registration covers the conference, transportation, lodging, and food during the week. Students should bring additional money for three (3) meals while traveling and offering. Extra money for souvenirs is optional.

WHAT DOES A TYPICAL DAY LOOK LIKE AT MIX?

Each day the students will attend a morning session where they will participate in a worship service that includes the theme for the day, games, worship and a message given by the same speaker each day. Students will also be briefed on the activities being put on that day. At the conclusion of this large session, students meet with their small groups for some reflection and daily challenge time before heading to lunch. In the afternoon, students have the freedom to choose from, sports activities/tournaments or just hanging out with friends. After dinner, students will be challenged in their faith journey through high-energy, interactive worship and dynamic preaching with different speakers each night. Students will then conclude their evening in their small groups discussing their day.

At some point each day the students will go to the “Outer Realm”. This is perfect for most middle schoolers. The games are HUGE! Somedays they’ll get dirty, somedays they’ll wet, but they’ll always have a good time!

WHAT ARE NEXT STEPS AFTER MIX?

Decisions: This is a powerful week. Many students will feel led to make decisions – accepting Christ for the first time, baptism, rededication and/or repentance from a sin. We hope students will talk with their parents and our leaders about these decisions. We would love to help them walk through this special next step in their faith journey!

Small Groups & Serving: Every student will hear about student life groups and ways to serve or be involved at Bridge. The journey of following Jesus is a personal one, but it should never be a private one. We were all created to do life with each other in community! We believe that serving a church every week is one of the most effective ways to live out one’s faith. Middle schoolers are growing or finding their talents and they ooze creativity. We will encourage our students start seeking their roles as kingdom workers.

MIX FAQs:

Is there a way to follow the week and get updates of what’s happening at MIX?

Yes! You can follow our Bridge Student Ministry Facebook page and Instagram feed for pictures and updates throughout the week. MIX will send an email to parent/guardian throughout the week to let you know what has been covered, and how you can continue conversations at home. You can also download the CIY MIX app to see real-time schedules and updates each day.

What if my child has to take medication?

If special arrangements need to be made with your student’s medication, please make arrangements with Phillip Painter. In most circumstances, we will work with your student’s adult leader to be sure medication is taken as needed.

What do sleeping arrangements look like?

We are staying in the dorms at Lee University. There will be dorms for boys and dorms for girls. Each student will be responsible for bringing a pillow and bedding for a single mattress. We will receive dorm assignments the week before the trip. Room assignments will not be announced until we arrive on campus. If a parent has a request, they should email phillip@bridgechristian.church. Requests will not be taken from students, but if a student brings a friend, we’ll assume they’d like to room together.

How do you determine room assignments?

Very little time is required to be in the dorm rooms other than getting ready and sleeping. Therefore, room assignments are determined by the student’s grade and small group in order for small group leaders to better meet with and supervise their group.

What kind of supervision will there be?

Students will be put in a small group with an adult leader. In addition to small group time, these groups will travel together, room together and sit in the main sessions together. Students will be required to check-in with their small group leader throughout the day as well. We also require that students are in a group of at least three from our group at all times.

Can my child invite a friend who does not attend Bridge?

Absolutely! This is a great event to invite friends to!

How much money should I send with my student?

Usually students bring between \$50-\$75 for coffee/snacks/eating out/free time while they are at the conference. This includes three “on your own” meals: lunch on the bus trip to TN and breakfast and lunch on the bus trip home on Friday.

What type of transportation do you use?

We will be taking charter busses with bathrooms on board.

How are small groups formed?

We will place students in groups by grade and separate boys and girls.

How will I receive communication once my student is registered?

You will receive a confirmation e-mail once your student has successfully registered for the trip. Any further communication including additional announcements or information will come through e-mail.

What is extended recreation and what will students do during that time?

For years, CIY has used a “Skip A Meal” program to help raise money for their programming around the world. One day during the week of each conference, lunch is not provided on campus. This day is also paired with a free afternoon – Extended Recreation! We will have a pizza party on campus for lunch – it’s a lot of pizza!

Options for extended recreation

We will keep our students on campus. We will have games to play outside, students can choose to hang out with friends or they can catch up on some rest in their dorms.

Packing

Students are responsible for everything they bring including anything that may get stolen, lost, or broken. Make sure ALL of your luggage is clearly labeled with either luggage tags or tape that has your name on it.

What should my Student bring?

You can take 4 total pieces of LABELED luggage on the trip. They are as follows:

- 1 Drawstring bag (“backpacks” are not allowed in the main sessions)
- 1 Suitcase
- 1 Snack bag
- 1 Bedding bag

Bedding Packing suggestions:

- Twin-size bedding or sleeping bag (put in black trash bag labeled with first and last name on duct tape)
- Pillow

Drawstring bag Packing Suggestions:

- Warm stuff: jacket/sweatshirt (sessions can be cold)
- A water bottle – Students will be active. It is important that they remember to stay hydrated.
- \$50-\$75 at least for snacks, other campus food options, on your own meals, CIY merchandise, etc.
- Bible, journal, and a few pens/pencils.

Suitcase Packing Suggestions:

- 4 outfits for daytime activities (appropriate activewear suggested)
- Light jacket or sweatshirt and an umbrella or rain jacket (these came in handy last year)
- Sportswear and equipment, as desired for free-time
- Swimwear – there is NOT a swimming pool – Swimwear is NOT needed
- Some of the games will include water/mud/other nasty stuff – play clothes/water shoes for each day
- Toiletries (including bathroom towels, soap, DEODORANT, sunscreen, bug spray and OTC meds)
- There will be a lot of walking – comfortable shoes are recommended

For the Bus:

- Pillow, drawstring bag, snacks, MONEY for meals must be WITH YOU while you travel
- NO earbuds or headphones

What NOT to bring/wear: WHEN IN DOUBT, LEAVE IT AT HOME!

- Alcohol, cigarettes, drugs
- Short shorts, Sagging pants, Miniskirts Spaghetti straps/strapless/low cut tops
- Earbuds or headphones – yes, no earbuds or headphones

Rules

Cell Phones – students can bring cell phones, but they will not be a distraction to the student or the students around them. Cell phones should be in a drawstring bag during sessions – if not, they will be taken and given back at dorm time that evening. If a phone continues to be a problem, it will be kept and returned to a parent or guardian once home.

Please Respect authority (Bridge Leaders, College staff, MIX Staff) and respect others (do not bully, haze or harass anyone). Bridge reserves the right to determine what is and what is not bullying, hazing or harassing.

Sleep in your assigned dorm rooms and follow lights out policies for safety and security purposes. Girls should be in the girls' dorms only, and guys should stay in the guys' dorms only. If you are found in the wrong dorm - This will warrant an immediate dismissal from MIX (at the guardian's expense).

Clothing should be a respectful representation of your environment. Sometimes a leader or staff member may ask you to change your attire if decided it is inappropriate.

During free time, students and leaders are expected to stay on campus. In order to leave campus, they MUST have their small group leader with them.

No Taxi services or Uber are to be used for any reason, and no outside food can be delivered to campus.

The following are NOT ALLOWED at MIX: Alcohol, tobacco of any kind, illegal drugs, paraphernalia or improperly used prescription drugs, fireworks and weapons of any kind. — This will warrant an immediate dismissal from the conference (at the guardian's expense).

Bridge reserves the right to immediately dismiss and send home a student. In this case, a guardian will need to arrange to pick up the student at their expense.