

Challenge 2026 Information Packet

July 13 – 18, 2026
Kansas City, MO



SIGN UP LINK:

<https://phc.breezechms.com/form/dc5b03604663764223885713329224>

Step 1 - **PRAY (Part 1)!**

This trip is for students who want to be challenged to live on mission for God wherever He has them (even here!). If you are NOT ready for a trip like this, no worries! However, we kindly ask that you stay back. If you ARE ready for a trip like this, please spend as much time as you can asking God to provide for you to go on this trip, so that you can grow and be challenged to live on mission for Jesus wherever he has you.

Step 2 - **FUNDRAISE!**

We recognize that this is our most expensive trip, but we believe it's worth it. There are numerous ways for you to raise funds for this trip. The best way that we recommend is getting a job and learning to steward money well. Minimum wage is \$15/hour. If you start now and work 10 hours/week for 10 weeks, then you will make \$1,500. That's enough to afford 2 tickets to Challenge before early bird ends on April 15th! If you are not old enough or cannot manage this for whatever reason, please come talk to Pastor Parker or Pastor Mark for other ideas.

Step 3 - **REGISTER!**

- <https://parkhillchurch.com/events/efca-challenge-conference/2026-07-13>
 - Costs: \$350 (Deposit) | \$550 (Regular) |

Step 4 - **FORMS!**

- Fill out the two forms using this one link to submit release forms and waivers:
 - https://efca1.formstack.com/forms/ch26_attendee_waiver_permission

Step 5 - **PRAY (Part 2)!**

Ask God to open your ears to hear His voice. Ask Him to open your eyes to see His plan for you. Ask Him to prepare your heart to receive His words. Ask God to give you strength and courage to live on mission for Him “even here” in Northwest Illinois.

Step 6 - **PACK & GO!**

Please see the Schedule, Packing List, and Rules/Guidelines for Challenge 2026

- https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_o5_gBrLjNw9OK_6JXJrGV0UGAL_BI1Zg3MFw90TBTfQ/edit?usp=sharing

Waiver Information

- Please fill out this information in the **Church & Leader Information** section on the **Medical Release & Waiver Form**
- Link to form Provided on page 2 - Step 4

Main Youth Leader Name*

Parker

First Name

Lundberg

Last Name

Main Youth Leader Cell Phone Number*

(218) 590-9957

Main Youth Leader Email Address*

parker.lundberg@parkhillsefc.org

Confirm Main Youth Leader Email Address*

parker.lundberg@parkhillsefc.org

Church Name*

Park Hills EFC

Church ID Number*

206

Church City*

Freeport

Packing List

➔ Attire

Clothes for 6 Days

Dress Code is defined by the ChallengeYC at the end of this document and must be followed at all times.

- Bring casual wear for all days of the Conference
- Shoes comfortable for walking all day

Service Projects

On one of the afternoons of the conference we will be doing a service project. For the project you will need these items:

- Close-toed shoes (Tennis Shoes or Sneakers are preferred)
- Clothes for doing work in (expect these clothes to get dirty)

➔ In Your Room

Hotel room

We will be staying in hotels so you are not required to bring bedding, **BUT** not everyone is guaranteed to get a bed so come prepared to sleep on the floor if necessary.

Toiletries

You know your routine so bring what you need, but these are the required items to bring:

- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Soap
- Sunscreen
- Chapstick

➔ Everyday Necessities

Bring a Bag - Backpack or Drawstring recommended

You will need these items with you every day of the conference:

Money

You will be responsible for buying your own meals on the way to and from the conference. We recommend bringing \$50 for 3 total meals (2 on the way down + 1 on the way back).

At the conference there are many vendors that you can buy merch, books, and other swag from, so bring some spending money if you will want to buy something, but **DO NOT** spend all of your food money on souvenirs.

Week of Challenge

➤ Challenge Elements

GATHERINGS AND ASSIGNED SEATING

- All Gatherings will take place in the Municipal Auditorium Arena, where we'll gather for worship and teaching.
- Groups are expected to sit together during Gatherings. Your group will be assigned seating based on the number of attendees in your group, and we will rotate seating three times during the week.

HUDDLES

- After each Gathering, you'll have time to meet as a group (Huddles). Huddles are designed to help your group apply the teaching and develop a response to the challenges you hear during the week.

PRAYER MOVES

- Prayer is an integral part of Challenge. All are invited and encouraged to be involved daily on-site. • Prayer Moves is an optional, organized prayer and worship time before each evening session from 5:30-7 p.m. in the convention center, where you can join hundreds of others in communing with God together.

OFFERING

- During the week, we will collect an offering. We challenge you to set aside \$10 of your spending money for this offering.

AFTERNOON OPTIONS

Equipping Labs: Supplement your learning with a variety of breakout sessions that equip students with practical skills for the rest of the year (and beyond). Check out our **website** to find out what labs will be offered in 2026 or find the list in your conference notebook on-site. No pre-registration required.

Outreach: Engage with people in the community through prayer stations and prayer walks. Create impact in the local community through park and playground renovation. Partner with local humanitarian aid organizations. Serve a local church. Transportation will be provided for all these opportunities, and you can learn more on our **website**.

Recreation: Several open-play rec options are available from 1-5 p.m. each afternoon and 9:45-11 p.m. each evening — including volleyball, ultimate frisbee, kickball, soccer, 9-square, gaga ball, basketball and various lawn games. Groups can participate in organized tournaments in ultimate frisbee, soccer, basketball and volleyball on Friday afternoon. Sign-ups will occur during breakfast — look for the sign-up table in the dining hall.

EVENING OPTIONS

- After each evening Gathering and Huddle time (9:45-11 p.m.), your group will have free time. Students can participate in open recreation, other organized activities or hang out at their hotel.

MEALS

- All meals will be provided and served in the convention center, starting with Monday dinner and ending with Friday dinner.
- Lunch will be served in boxes to allow flexibility for your group to participate in ministry, recreation or off-site activities.
- All our meals are nut- and shellfish-free. Upon request, we can provide gluten-free and vegan meals.

MERCH STORE

- Challenge merchandise (e.g., t-shirts, water bottles, speaker and artist resources) will be available for sale on-site in our merch store. Cash and credit cards accepted.

Week of Challenge

Medical and Emergencies

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT

All attendees (students and leaders) must complete this form by June 14th.

CHALLENGE OFFICE

The Challenge Office will be located in the convention center and open:

Monday: 10 a.m.–11 p.m.

Tuesday – Friday: 7:30 a.m.–11 p.m.

Our office staff can help find the answers to most of your questions and will answer the Challenge hotline 24/7. Feel free to leave the hotline number with parents and your church office for emergency use.

Challenge Hotline: (952) 200-9971 | available July 13-17, 2026

EMERGENCIES FROM HOME

Please do not call your student for emergencies! The fastest way for parents to reach students in an emergency is to call their lead youth worker's cell phone (218-590-9957). The second fastest option will be to call the Challenge hotline and leave a message for their child. Phones will be answered 24 hours/day.

SECURITY AWARENESS

Student safety is one of our highest priorities. In addition to hotel and convention center security, Challenge provides its own on-site security team, and our Security Coordinator has interfaced directly with the Kansas

City Police Department. Every participant lanyard will be imprinted with the 24-hour Challenge hotline number.

MEDICAL NEEDS

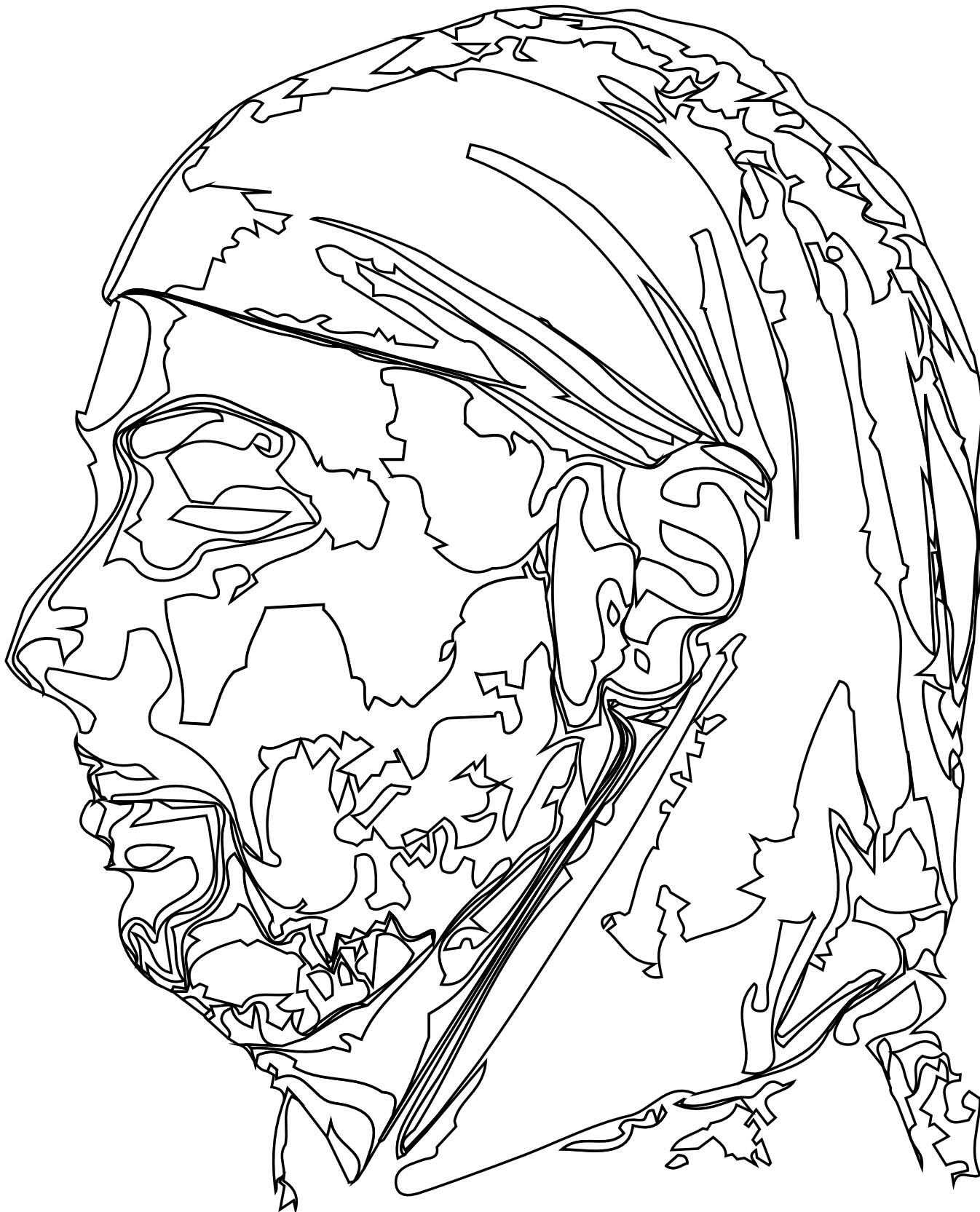
If you have a medical emergency, first dial 911, then call the Challenge hotline so we can send someone from our team to help. If you have a nonemergency medical need, call the hotline. We have medically trained volunteers that will be available at the convention center during the day and at each hotel in the evening.

COUNSELING

We will have trained counselors available during the week of Challenge. We value their presence to offer biblical counsel and/or simply a listening ear. They will have a flexible schedule and semi-private location near the Challenge office. We encourage adult leaders to join their student(s) for this time, as they will be the ones to come alongside students after Challenge ends. You can find out more information at the Challenge Office.

Coloring Page

Best coloring of pastor Parker will win a prize!



Please sign and submit your coloring on the morning we leave, July 13th.

CHALLENGE 2026 GUIDELINES AGREEMENT

In order to attend, all students must thoroughly review and agree to abide by the following rules and guidelines provided by the EFCA Challenge Youth Conference.

We do not have many rules, and we won't take our Gathering times to hound your students about them. We expect you will cover these items with your parents, students and leaders before you arrive and that you will work at compliance with your group during the week.

1. RESPECT: During your stay in Kansas City, you represent Jesus Christ, Challenge and our local Kansas City churches. Look for ways to show respect, politeness, appreciation and courtesy to everyone including hotel staff, convention center staff and the people of Kansas City.

2. SAFETY: Students will stay in groups of four or more and always let one of their leaders know where they are going.

3. ATTENDANCE: Leaders are responsible to ensure all of their students are in attendance at each of the following three times: Gatherings, meals and Huddles. "Required" attendance is at the leaders' discretion; know where your students are. We realize there are times leaders may need to be counseling students, etc. after hours and/or during sessions.

4. DRESS CODE: Modesty has been traditionally defined as: 1) for females, adequate cover-up with little or no upper thigh, midriff or chest area exposed, and 2) for males, a shirt on at all times except when swimming. In an effort to maintain modesty, we require all female swimsuits to be a one piece or midriff-covering bathing suit; males must wear trunk-style bathing suits. Shoes are to be worn at all times for health and safety reasons. Leaders and Challenge staff are permitted to request a student to change into more modest attire.

5. LANYARDS: Students and leaders will wear their conference name badges/lanyards for security and admittance to conference activities.

6. HOTEL: All students and leaders are to be in their hotels by 11:30 p.m. It is the leaders' responsibility to account for students at 11:30 p.m. Students are to be in their own room and quiet at 12 a.m., and to stay in the hotels until 6 a.m. unless accompanied by a leader. No student or leader may enter the hotel room of a member of the opposite sex for any reason. Violation of this rule may result in immediate removal from Challenge at the individual's own expense. Utilize the lobby, convention center and/or outdoor space for co-ed socializing.

7. HEALTH: Be sure to drink lots of water, avoiding sodas and caffeinated drinks. Dehydration and heat exhaustion could bring an early end to your time at Challenge.

8. TECHNOLOGY: To help students be fully present for all that God has for them at Challenge and for their safety, all devices—except cell phones—are to be left in hotel rooms. Cell phones should be silenced and put away during Gatherings, Equipping Labs and Prayer Moves.

9. PROHIBITED MATERIALS: Illegal drugs, alcohol, vapes, fireworks, weapons, pornography and/or other illegal substances are prohibited at Challenge. Any Challenge participants found with these materials will be sent home at their own expense. Please report any drug use, alcohol or other prohibited behavior to staff.

By signing, I acknowledge that I have read all the Challenge guidelines listed above, and I will help to make Challenge a great week for all by seeking to uphold these guidelines.

Student Name: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____