

Some say it's a rite of passage, others think of it as a pilgrimage, but what Rocky Mountain High is for thousands of high school students in the Reformed faith is a milestone. A memory making event that questions, strengthens, and defines their faith identity. There's a plethora of moving parts to a gathering as large as this one, but I thought it best to provide you an outline of what this high school youth conference is all about and how you can register and get more information.

Rocky 2021 Talent:

Speakers: Megan Marshman, Stuart Hall Bands: Orchard Hill Collective + Hillsong artist David Ware After Hours: 321 Improv, Harris III

Rocky 2021 Theme: "You Are, I Am"

"It is one thing to be told who you are, and it is another to know who you are! There are voices constantly telling you who you are and how you fit into this world. It is on you to decipher what is true and what is misleading, and that is a heavy responsibility to handle on your own!

The main sessions of Rocky will walk you through the life of Paul and show that Paul was following what he understood as his call or lot in life. However, when he was confronted by the truth, he began to see a new way and a new direction for his life. Acts 9 shows the process of Paul's conversion and how he needed to take a new route in life, allow time for learning and trust to be built, and to walk alongside others on the same journey."

Steps to Register:

- 1. Go to rockymountainhighinfo.com/register-now and click register here.
- 2. Select Iowa from the drop down menu.
- 3. Select Orange City- First Reformed Church from the drop down menu.
- 4. Complete the registration; including uploading a scan of an insurance card if you have one (*if this is not possible, select "No", continue with the registration and Ross can upload a photo of your card later*).
- 5. If you'd like to register for a Recreation Plus option, select your preferences. Spots are limited, and you'll be notified of your assigned activity, after the Synod receives our group registration, sometime in March.
- 6. If you'd like to register for a Leadership workshop, select your preferences.
- 7. Sign and Date the registration before submitting it.
- 8. Pay a **\$50 deposit** at youth group or at the FRC office. This non-refundable deposit is due **February 1, 2021.**
- 9. The cost of your Recreation Plus option will be added to your \$100 final payment, due April 30, 2021.

FAQ:

Q: Could you explain the assigned afternoon activities of the event a little more?

A: During the afternoons of the event, participants will have "assigned" recreation they get to choose in their online registration form. There are three free options: YMCA On Campus, Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack, and Downtown Estes Park. EVERY participant will have YMCA On Campus for at least one afternoon. There is an option to pay extra and be assigned a Recreation Plus activity. This is an option for one afternoon, and there are multiple options. The spots for these activities are limited, so on the registration form we ask participants to list their top three choices.

Q: Why is there a difference between the registration cost the Synod states and the amount FRC requires? A: Youth Ministry is a value at First Reformed church, and because summer trips are so formative we've set aside an amount from our congregational giving to make special events like Rocky available to any student interested in attending. We have only one fundraiser each year to rally additional support around these students, both financially and through prayer. The majority of the funds for this trip are provided by FRC and the \$150 amount we require per student insures "buy in" from participants.

As always, feel free to e-mail with any additional questions that you may have to ross@frcoc.org

Tentative Schedule for Rocky 2021

Friday, July 30

10:30 pm Approximate Departure time on Synod Buses

Saturday, July 31

12:00 pm Registration in Loveland, CO
3:00 pm Check in YMCA of the Rockies
4:45 pm Adult Leader Orientation
7:00 pm MAIN SESSION
8:30 pm Youth Group Time
9:45 pm After Hours
11:45pm - In Dorms

Sunday – Tuesday, August 1-3

5:00 am Hallett Peak Hike *(Rec option)* 6:30 am Breakfast 8:15 am MAIN SESSION 9:30 am Youth Group Time 10:30 am Recreation (times vary) 11:30 am Lunch 1:15 pm Recreation (times vary) 5:00 pm Dinner 7:00 pm MAIN SESSION 8:30 pm Youth Group Time 9:45 pm After Hours 11:45 pm In Dorms

Wednesday, August 4

8:00 am Check-out and departure 9:00 pm Approximate arrival back to FRC (expect a phone call one hour prior to ETA)