

How to Register

All registration for Happening is now online. You can register at one of two websites:

The Happening Website at
www.happeningatl.org

OR

The Diocesan Youth Website at
www.episcopalatlantayouth.org

At either site, click on Registration. There will be a link to **“Candidate Registration”**

You will need:

1. Health Insurance Info
2. Your Priest/Youth Leader's name & email
3. Parent's name & email
4. To sign and send in the permission form on the back of this page of the brochure
5. To pay. If you choose not to pay online, you'll need to send in a check with your signature page made out to the Diocese of Atlanta for \$100.00.

If you have any questions or problems with registration, please email the Happening Lay Director, Sally Ulrey at
stmattsyouth@bellsouth.net

Community Covenant

As a Christian community, all of us are expected to treat each other with respect and dignity. The following norms will allow each of us serving and participating in the weekend experience to have an enjoyable weekend. Those choosing not to live according to these expectations will be sent home at their own expense.

- I will refrain from smoking, the use of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and all sexual behavior.
- I will respect all property and facilities.
- I will attend all scheduled activities throughout the weekend.
- I will not ride in or operate any motor vehicle for the duration of Happening
- I will not use any electronic devices, including cell phones, laptops and mp3 players
- I will respect the leaders and what they ask me to do.

Other Info about the Weekend

- Registration is from 5:30-7:00 pm on Friday. Please arrive on time.
- Dinner will be served from 6:00-7:30 pm on Friday
- Pack: sheets&blankets or sleeping bag, pillow, towel, toiletries, warm clothes. You may also want to bring shower shoes/flip flops, slippers and a flashlight
- Do not bring a watch or alarm clock. This weekend, you are on God's time. Have some faith!
- No music players, cell phones or electronics are allowed. The point of "Retreat" is to "get away" from all of that. Emergency messages can be communicated through the Camp Mikell office at 706-886-7515.
- Happening is a long weekend. It wraps up on Sunday around 5:30, and depending on where you live, you may not get home until late. Due to the nature of the weekend, you must stay the whole time.
- Failure to adhere to the covenant will result in expulsion from the weekend.



HAPPENING

Atlanta

CANDIDATE REGISTRATION

More than just a retreat, Happening is a powerful encounter in which young people minister to young people, bringing Jesus joyfully alive in an enthusiastic community of disciples.

2011-2012 Happening Dates:

Happening #56—Nov. 18-20
Deadline: Nov 11

Happening #57—Feb 24-26
Deadline: Feb 18

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Questions?

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What is Happening?

Happening is a renewal weekend sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta, using the gifts of young people and adults from many parishes and missions. It is guided by the Happening Steering Committee (H.S.C.), and is led by a Lay Director and a Spiritual Director. The weekend is led by teenagers for teenagers. The *Team*, which facilitates the weekend experience, consists of young people and adults who are actively involved in their local Episcopal congregations.

The purpose of the Happening movement in the Diocese of Atlanta is to *enhance the ministry of the local congregation/mission by presenting the Gospel of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior to youth in an environment expressed in the traditions of the Episcopal Church which fosters and nourishes growth in Jesus Christ.*

The Happening Steering Committee realizes that Happening cannot be all things to all people. Happening does not exist to *fix* young people or their problems, but rather to be a Spiritual Renewal experience for high school young people in the Diocese of Atlanta. Therefore, it is important to prayerfully consider this application. **Please visit our website happeningatl.org for more info!**

What to Expect at Happening

The Happening weekend takes place at Camp Mikell in Toccoa, GA. It begins on Friday evening with Registration at 5:00 pm. Dinner will be served on Friday after Registration. The high schoolers hear talks on a variety of subjects that are relevant to their lives as high school students in 21st century America. They are assigned to Family Groups where they are able to respond to talks. The weekend is full of singing, fellowship, surprises, fun and friendship and is designed so that individuals are given opportunities to discover more about themselves, their Lord, their families and their world. **The Happening weekend finishes late on Sunday afternoon with the celebration of Eucharist. Participants are required to stay for the entire weekend.**

Can Adults Attend Happening?

In addition to high school students, a limited number of spaces are made available to clergy and lay adults who work with their Episcopal parish youth ministries. These "Geritols" are invited as participants so they can help integrate the Happening experience with the Episcopal parish youth ministry. **PLEASE NOTE: Adults stay in cabins with Youth and must have Safeguarding Training.**

Can Non-Episcopalians Attend Happening?

Happening is offered for Episcopalians in grades 10-12 (and 9th graders in the spring before their 10th grade year with recommendation of their clergy or youth workers) but members of other denominations will be invited if room is available. They must also receive approval of a clergy person in the Diocese of Atlanta as well as their own pastor.

Cost

The cost for the weekend is \$100. You can pay online or write a check to the Diocese of Atlanta, and mail in with your signature form OR bring with you to Registration.

Happening Candidate's Name: _____

PERMISSION, MEDICAL, LIABILITY & MEDIA RELEASE:

As parent (or guardian) of the above named child, I give my permission for my child to attend Happening.

As parent (or guardian) of the above named child, I attest that he/she is in good health and has no physical, mental, or emotional reason that would prohibit him/her from participating in Happening at Camp Mikell. I understand that every precaution has been taken to assure the good health and safety of each participant. Therefore, I waive any liability of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta or staff representing it for personal injury or death while attending Happening. I give my permission to the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta and its staff, including the Lay Director or nurse to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and to order injection, anesthesia or surgery for my child as named above, and to have my child medically treated by a licensed physician, nurse, or hospital staff during the time period described. I also understand that the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta does not provide medical insurance for expenses of these treatments. Therefore, all expenses would be the responsibility of the family of the child requiring treatment.

I hereby give my consent to all photographs, audio recordings, academic work, and/or video recordings taken of me or my minor child by The Diocese of Atlanta or their designee. I understand that any such photographs, audio recordings, academic work, and/or video recordings become the property of The Diocese of Atlanta and may be used by the parish, diocese, or others with their consent, for educational, instructional, or promotional purposes determined by the Diocesan Youth Coordinator and/or other leaders of Diocesan Youth Programs in broadcast and media formats now existing or created in the future, including print and audiovisual presentations

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Registration is not complete without this form. Please sign and send in to :

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