



LIFE

LEADER PLANNING GUIDE

JULY 5-9, 2022
ORLANDO, FLORIDA



LIFE Conference *Vision & Values*

LIFE is a gathering of the next generation Alliance family to experience God and expand His kingdom locally and globally.

We seek to:

GLORIFY God in worship, word, and community

INTRODUCE Jesus Christ into the whole life of each student

EXPOSE God's heart for the lost

INSPIRE students to join the global Alliance family.

We value:

Centrality of Jesus Christ

Diversity - engaging the full Alliance family

Excellence - we seek excellence is all we do

Collaboration - we are better together

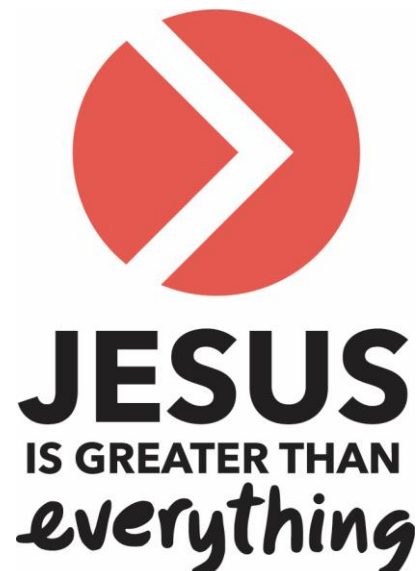


Location

Orlando World Center Marriott
8701 World Center Dr, Orlando, FL 32821



Theme



Why LIFE?

I am often asked, "Why LIFE?" This comes from two angles. First, why spend nearly two years planning, developing, and resourcing 5 days of gathering? Second, why ask the local church to inform, encourage, fundraise, travel for 5 days in a hotel on the other side of the United States?

If LIFE is a trip, it has limited value. BUT, if LIFE is a gathering where students have an opportunity to grow in their sense of belonging and understand their identity in Christ; if LIFE is an Alliance family gathering that creates a rich tapestry of the movement of the Holy Spirit, granting freedom from bondage and brokenness; if LIFE continues to be a place where students and leaders can understand God's heart for lost and are challenged to join Him, then the investment echoes through eternity - it is necessary.

I've personally experienced and heard story after story of students stepping into a room of 5000+ students and leaders from across our nation (and around the world) and for the first time understanding they are part of something bigger than they imagined and gain a deeper understanding of identity as a Christ follower.

Together, we have the opportunity to serve the next generation by creating a unique space for each to encounter the God of the universe personally. Join me and see God move.

Scott Wakeley

Alliance Youth & LIFE Conference Director



Daily Schedule

7:00-7:30 a.m.	Daily Adult Leader Meeting
7:00-7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer Time
8:00-9:45 a.m.	Morning Main Session
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Service Projects Offsite
10:15-11:30 a.m.	Morning Seminars
11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Prayer, Justice & Missions Experience Open
11:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Activities Hall Open
11:45 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	Lunch
1:30-2:30 p.m.	Afternoon Specials
3:00 - 4:15 p.m.	Afternoon Seminars
5:00-6:30 p.m.	Dinner
7:00-8:30 p.m.	Evening Main Session
8:45-9:30 p.m.	Small Group Time
9:30-11:00 p.m.	Evening Activities

Main Stage

Gather with 5000+ others to enter God's throne room through worship and explore how Jesus is greater than everything. This transforms our identity, sense of belonging and brings purpose. Colossians 1:15-20

Seminars

We bring excellent, passionate, engaging speakers and artists to help you dig deep, explore, and be challenged in your faith and walk with Jesus. You'll have more than 50 options through the week.

Experiences

How do we talk to God? How do we respond to justice issues? What is the Alliance family doing to bring the name of Jesus to least, lost and yet to hear?

We are designing prayer, justice, and mission experiences to open your eyes and help you respond locally and globally.

Service Projects

We don't just gather to receive; we demonstrate to the Orlando community that the Alliance family serves. We have opportunities to partner and serve so that Christ's love is seen through our actions.



LIFE 2019 Testimonials



"God met us, and we responded, thank you for all your time and prayer in preparing and planning for LIFE. Our students were impacted and shared how during our small group times each evening. Thank you and Praise God!"

"Seeing 5000 other teens is an eye-opener that allows teens to understand there ARE others that feel just like me!!"

"The Prayer Experience was very valuable and created an image for our students of what it means to be intentional about creating quiet time for conversations with God."

"My students absolutely loved the chance to serve on our service projects. Thank you for all of the hard work!"

"It was amazing to see the work that the Lord did through the conference, and I truly appreciate the hard work that went into it. It was clear how much the speakers, emcees, etc. loved the kids, and how much they just wanted the kids to understand God's great love for them. The conference reinforced many fundamental truths about how God views His children, how God uses pain for sanctification, and encouraged many towards missions and evangelism."

"Honestly the speakers blew me away. ALL of them spoke so directly to the students' hearts. It was a huge blessing for me to watch my students see how much they are valued by this denomination, and more importantly, Jesus. So good!!"

"Don't have words for how LIFE changing LIFE conference was!"

"I loved the diversity of speakers and how they each brought something necessary and important to the students (both in content and in teaching style)."

Cost

Premiere Registration

Sep 1 - Nov 15 | \$479 per person

Regular Registration

Nov 16 - Mar 31 | \$499 per person

Last-Chance Registration

Apr 1 - May 31 | \$525 per person

Registration includes:

- All main stage sessions - worship, speakers, and special guests.
- Access to your choice of 50+ seminars throughout the week.
- Service Project transportation, lunch, and supplies
- Access to all Activity Halls
- The Prayer, Justice & Missions Experience
- 9 Meals (Lunch & Dinner)

Registration Deposit

A \$150 non-refundable deposit per person is due at the time of registration.

Final Payment

The balance will be due at the close of registration on May 31, 2022.

Lodging

All rooms for LIFE 2022 are on site at the Orlando World Center Marriott, all at the cost of \$154 per night per room (plus applicable taxes and fees). A \$200 per room non-refundable deposit is required at the time of booking. The balance will be charged when you check in upon arrival. The Orlando World Center Marriott is the exclusive hotel for LIFE 2022. To secure the best rate for all attendees, a \$50-per-person penalty will be assessed for those who choose to lodge offsite.

Expenses that will vary by group and are not included in your conference registration fee include:

- Travel to the conference
- Lodging while at the conference
- Food not included in your Meal Plan (e.g. breakfasts, meals en route, etc.)
- Conference merchandise (shirts, hats, books, etc.)
- The 5K Run
- Costs associated with pre or post-conference excursions you may plan on your own

Cost Estimator

To help give you an estimated per person cost to attend LIFE, including all costs, check out the [Cost Estimator](#).

Fundraiser Ideas

A couple guiding principles:

- Begin sooner than later and give folks time - unpressured time.
- Encourage students to take ownership in the fundraising
- Include others - don't try to do everything, this is a good place to have a team
- Asking people to give is allowing to be generous and support people they love

The Envelope Fundraiser: [Envelope Fundraiser explained](#) A simple yet effective way to raise a significant amount where each numbered envelope matches the donation. Think about running this in-person or online. Even the youngest members of the church can donate. 200 envelopes will raise \$20k.

Free Car Wash: Yes, free to the drivers of the cars. Have each student get a minimum donation per car - say \$1.50. They talk to family, friends or neighbors and ask for .05 per car. If you have 20 students with donations of \$1.50, each car that you wash raises \$30. 100 cars, not hard when all the signs say free, will raise each student \$150 or \$3000 total. Note: people generally still donate. Have a small note describing your church and the trip.

Support letters: This helps student share their plans, gather prayer and financial support, and give an opportunity for a post trip follow up on their experience and how God moved. This gives them an expectancy and a place to share after LIFE. Here is an example from Princeton Alliance. [Sample Letter](#)

\$400 in 10 days: Set up a 10-day challenge where something different happens each day with none of them being huge asks. Remind them no repeat people. Here are some possibilities - be creative, make up some of you own or have students come up with the list.

Day 1	Ask parents or guardians for \$20 each	\$40
Day 2	Ask 4 neighbors for \$10 each	\$40
Day 3	Work for 5 hours - \$10/hour	\$50
Day 4	Give \$20 out of your own pocket	\$20
Day 5	Ask 2 grandparents for \$20	\$40
Day 6	Ask 5 friends for \$10	\$50
Day 7	Sell something - or several things	\$30
Day 8	Ask 5 people from church for \$10	\$50
Day 9	Ask 4 aunts, uncles, or cousins for \$10 each	\$40
Day 10	Ask 2 teachers or coaches for \$20 each	\$40



LIFE Planning Checklist & Timeline

Now—December 2021

- Watch your mailbox for LIFE promo mailing. Email life@cmalliance.org if you'd like to be added to our list.
- Host first parent meeting
 - Assist parents and students in understanding the value of the conference and commitment to fundraising.
- Launch signups for LIFE
- Collect registration deposits
- Launch 1st fundraiser

Registration Open!

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Regular Registration

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Apr 1 - May 31 | \$525 per person

- Finalize students and leaders
- Register group for LIFE and pay non-refundable deposit.
- Register students who want to participate in the 5K
- Book hotel rooms and pay non-refundable deposit.
- Launch 2nd fundraiser
- Help students write support letters.
- Begin receiving monthly financial statements

January—April 2022

- Plan your group's transportation
 - Consider partnering with a nearby church
 - Book transportation
 - Book airport shuttles to hotel if flying
- Host a team meeting for students and leaders attending
 - Statement review, support letter follow up, team building & upcoming fundraising information
- Launch 3rd fundraiser
- Finalize hotel room assignments

May—June 2022

- Host another team meeting/student gathering
- Collect final payment from students, if needed.
- Confirm all release forms have been signed and submitted to the LIFE Office.
- Confirm all leaders have completed LIFE's background check.
- MAY 31 - Last day to register and reserve hotel rooms.**
- MAY 31 - Final registration payment due.**
- Confirm your transportation arrangements
- Final meeting with parents, students, and leaders.
- Encourage students to bring cash for offering.
- Host a prayer time for those attending

Volunteer Workers

The role of the Volunteer Worker at the LIFE Conference is to give necessary help and support to all the tasks and experiences that will take place onsite. All of the planning process and the majority of the set-up process will be done by the LIFE Planning Team; what we're looking for are dedicated people willing to work hard and be the "all hands on deck" to keep the conference moving smoothly. From the schedules of past LIFE Conferences, most workers were on their feet and at a task 8-10 hours of the day, making it a mix of long days but a fast week.

Some of the tasks from the past LIFE include but aren't limited to:

- Running the games in the activity hall
- Setting up for and facilitating tournaments and outside activities like the 5k
- Helping with PowerPoints and merchandise tables for speakers
- Helping the production team with cameras in the main stage
- Hosting groups through the Prayer, Justice and Missions Experiences
- Ushering the main stage sessions including offering and communion

What are we asking of these volunteer workers?

- Show up Monday, July 4th for worker registration, training, and some set-up
- Work good but long days to facilitate the work, projects, and experiences of the conference Tuesday, July 5th - Saturday, July 9th
 - We will provide a schedule for each volunteer worker, averaging at 8 hours of working a day
 - Breaks, lunch, and dinner will be provided (breakfast is on their own)

** If a Volunteer Worker wants to attend the conference with your church group, we can have a conversation about the expectations of working with the desires to be part of some of your church's time. It is a little tricky but has been done before; we do require that the Volunteer Worker schedule be the first priority and church time second.*

Worker Coordinator: Heather Kimpel, heather.m.kimpel@gmail.com

Registration

Registration is \$99 and you will be responsible to pay for your own travel costs as well as your hotel room through the worker housing established with the LIFE Office. Discounted rates and roommate options are available.

Frequently Asked Questions

When should we arrive?

Registration for the LIFE 2022 will open at 2:00pm on Tuesday, July 5 and check in for the hotel will begin at 4:00pm. Dinner will be served at 5:00pm. Doors will open for the first session at 6:00pm.

When should we plan to leave?

The final session will conclude on Saturday, July 9 at 9:00pm.



Who can attend LIFE Conference?

LIFE Conference is for high school students—anyone who is age 13 on July 5, 2022 or completed 8th grade and no older than 19 or just graduated from high school as of July 2022. Each group is also required to bring one adult chaperone for every seven students.

When is my final registration payment due?

The balance of your total group registration total is due by the close of registration on May 31, 2022.

How do I book my group's hotel rooms?

Room reservations must be made through the LIFE Conference registration system and cannot be made prior to registering for the conference. After registering your group, you will receive detailed instructions for booking your rooms. Booking requires a non-refundable deposit of \$200 per room.

Is registration transferable?

You can transfer a registration from one student to another new student within your group.

Are there grants or scholarships available for LIFE 2022?

To create a gathering that reaches and represents the whole Alliance family, we established funding to provide grants for: under-resourced communities, missionary kids, non-majority culture churches, and churches attending LIFE for the first time.

Complete details and the grant applications are available on request. Please email life@cmalliance.org with *LIFE Grant* in the memo and we will follow up.

If you or your church are in a position to give support to this effort, please contact Scott, wakeleys@cmalliance.org.

What about breakfast?

Breakfast is not offered by LIFE Conference and there is no continental breakfast option offered by the Marriott.

How do I let you know about special dietary needs in my group?

During the registration process, there will be a spot where you can inform us of special dietary needs for members of your group so that we can accommodate those. If there is a dietary need in your group that differs from the typical needs, please contact the LIFE Office at life@cmalliance.org so that special arrangements can be made with the caterer.

How do I get the LIFE 2022 logo?

You can download the LIFE 2022 logo [HERE](#).

Additional Questions?

Visit www.allianceyouth.com/life or contact the LIFE Office at life@cmalliance.org