

Sponsoring Our Youth to Attend Saint Herman's West Conference

Dimitry Bobroff

The 18th Annual Saint Herman's West Youth Conference (ROCOR) will be held at Saint Sava Camp in Jackson, California from Thursday, December 26, 2024 through Monday, December 30, 2024. See <https://wadyouth.wordpress.com/>

The Conference is for young people with ages from 15 through 21. Registration is \$250 per person with a deadline of December 1. After December 1, if there are spaces left, there will be a \$25 late registration fee.

It is a great opportunity for Orthodox youth to spend time together in a spiritual and fun environment.



The Conference theme is “Where is your Treasure?” and will include an edifying lecture, discussions with clergy, liturgical workshops, a hierarchal liturgy, and social interaction in the beautiful outdoors. Also included will be a tour of St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church in Jackson, where the recently glorified holy relics of St. Sebastian are located.

The Saint Herman's Conference started 18 years ago, and, due to high demand, quickly grew into three regional Conferences: West, East, and Midwest. The Conferences are held near the feast of St. Herman of Alaska, which is the same day as Western Christmas.

To encourage our parish youth to attend, the Church of All Russian Saints Parish Council has voted to reimburse the registration fee of \$250 to each approved attendee.

In order to be reimbursed, the following requirements need to be met:

1. Attendance at our Burlingame church services
2. Confirmation of approved registration for the Conference <https://forms.gle/tqXiyPrXB5HLnNk86>
3. 100-word essay covering “Why I want to attend the Conference”
4. A picture of yourself (a selfie will be fine)

Please submit items 2, 3, and 4, along with your name, street address, email address, and cell phone number to Parish Council member Dimitry Bobroff at jbobroff@aol.com. Dimitry will submit the information to Archpriest Stefan Pavlenko for final approval of reimbursement.

To get a perspective of the Saint Herman Conferences, read what our parishioner, Allison De Vincenzi, had to say about the Conferences she attended as a young adult volunteer:

A REPORT ON THE 2017 YOUTH CONFERENCE Allison DeVincenzi

<https://allrussiansaintsburlingame.org/files/Newsletter/Newsletter-Archives/March-April-2018-FINAL.pdf>

ATTENDING THE 2018 ST. HERMAN'S YOUTH CONFERENCE Allison De Vincenzi

<https://allrussiansaintsburlingame.org/files/Newsletter/Newsletter-Archives/March-April-2019-FINAL.pdf>

The idea of Saint Herman Conferences for youth in the United States expanded to include ROCOR Orthodox youth Conferences at other times of the year from all over the world.

Read our own parishioner's (Elizaveta Gavrilova) account who recently attended the ALL-DIASPORA ORTHODOX YOUTH CONFERENCE in Stuttgart, Germany.

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