

GENESIS 2008

JESUS, THE MAN OF MYSTERY: SEARCH + ENJOY!

October 17 - 19, 2008

Frontier Ranch, Buena Vista

Dear Youth Leaders;

Yes, we're fast approaching that time of the year again to begin preparations for yet another Fall Diocesan Youth Event - GENESIS 2008 - Jesus Man of Mystery: Search and Enjoy!



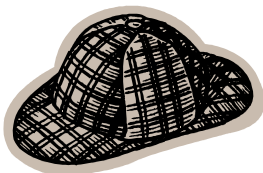
Genesis is a weekend that serves to create a fun and non-threatening environment for teens to discover and grow in their understanding of the Christian Gospel. We hope that you find this weekend fits into the vision you have for the young people at your church.



Genesis is a weekend retreat for 6th-12th grade youth (be sure that your grade 6 kids are ready for such a retreat) with opportunities to meet new people, participate in some entertaining activities, enjoy awesome music and hear about Jesus and the mysterious ways we participate in the life that He has in store for us. It is designed for those with little or no experience of Christianity or the church, and also provides opportunities for current disciples to renew their faith. It is a wonderful opportunity for you to invite new youth into your group and for your teens to bring their friends. At the same time it is a wonderful time for youth groups to get together and grow as a community. We hope that the weekend will be a personal "genesis" in a life long journey that will help young people understand how they have been created as special and valued people with a unique purpose.

Youth Leaders... the weekend is often used by youth groups as a "genesis" for the year. Many use it as a chance to help develop a sense of community within their group and introduce new people to the group.

The event is scheduled for **October 17 - 19, 2008** at the absolutely incredible Frontier Ranch near Buena Vista and will cost \$110.00. **The registration deadline is September 29th 2008**, but may fill up prior to that. Get the registration information and payment for your youth group in to hold your spots (*Completed registration information and full payment are required to reserve spots*). **Please understand that we cannot fill t-shirt orders after September 29th.**



Enclosed you will find all that you need to get your group registered for the event:

1. Registration applications & Community Covenants

Please note that **we do not accept registrations from individual young people. Registrations must be submitted as a church group with the appropriate adult sponsors from each church (adult sponsors must have been certified in Safeguarding God's Children within the last 3 years and have had an appropriate background check).** Checks should be made payable to the Episcopal Diocese of Colorado. The adult to teen ratio needs to be at least 1:6 for each gender. In addition, **each participating church needs to provide at least one work crew member for the weekend** (work crew members come for free, must be at least 18 years old and out of high school, and do not require Safeguarding God's Children Certification.)

Feel free to contact Catie Greene or Meg Stern for further information at the Office for Faith Formation, Diocese of Colorado, 1300 Washington St., Denver, CO, 80203 or by phone at 303-837-1173 or 800-446-3081 or by e-mail at cgreene@coloradodiocese.org or mstern@coloradodiocese.org

