



June 6, 2022

The 2022 WELS International Youth Rally is three weeks away! This update is to Contact Youth Leaders. Around June 20 all youth rally attendees will receive an update (some of this will be a repeat of what you see below). Contact Youth Leaders will also receive final housing and roommate information approximately one week prior to the rally.

## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Safety Information
- Rally Check-In
- Campus Information
- Parking
- Packing List
- Current Rally Schedule
- Service Opportunity

LINK: [University of Tennessee Map](#)



# CONTACT YOUTH LEADERS

## SAFETY FIRST

The WELS insurance company, Church Mutual, encourages you to take a look: [Transportation Safety - Church Mutual](#)

## RALLY CHECK-IN INFORMATION

### Arrival at the University of Tennessee

Plan to arrive between noon and 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 28. Come to the HPER building (Health, Physical Education, and Recreation). Enter off of Pat Head Summit Drive in the center of campus. Vehicles may temporarily park in the G16 Garage or you can drop your Contact Youth Leader off at registration and go directly to the residence hall to begin unloading so everyone can get out and stretch! The Contact Youth Leader should follow signs into HPER to check in (bring someone to help carry rally gear if you have a large group).

1. At the WELS rally check-in area, you will receive your group's rally booklets, T-shirts, and bags.
2. At the UT Conferences check-in, you will receive your group's name badges holders, each attendee's personalized badge (including workshops), meal wristbands, and residence hall housing form. If you have an outstanding balance you must take care of it before the rally.
3. You will receive turn-by-turn directions to the residence hall drop-off point from your UT Contact. Turn in your housing forms you received at registration at the front desk of your residence hall to receive your keys. Your vehicle may drop attendees and bags at their residence halls. Then please park as indicated in your information from UT Conferences.
4. Distribute information and gear to your attendees.
5. Plan to be at Thompson-Boling Arena for opening worship starting at 7:00 p.m. **Use your clear rally bags and water bottles. They comply with UT's clear bag policy. Bring your rally booklets!**

### Now What?

With check-in completed you're free until 7:00 p.m. Get settled in your rooms and explore campus. You may purchase dinner in Rocky Top Dining (card only, no cash is accepted on campus) or walk off campus to a nearby eatery. Cumberland Ave has several restaurant option or Market Square downtown is a fun area. A list of downtown dining options can be found [here](#).

### Groups with Piggybackers

Name badges and wristbands are grouped together based on the Contact Youth Leader chosen during registration. If attendees are arriving separately make plans to connect with all of members of your group in order to get settled. Keys are distributed at the residence hall front desk based on the housing forms completed at registration.

## REMINDERS

- The time frame for cancellations/refunds has ended.
- Substitutions of the same gender are allowed until June 13.
- All Rally participants are to remain on campus from Tuesday evening to Friday morning.
- For questions about your registration or UT, contact UT Conferences at [conferences@utk.edu](mailto:conferences@utk.edu) (include WELS 2022 in the subject line) or 865-974-0280.
- For questions about the rally itself, contact WELS youth rally coordinator, Kris Snyder, at [youthrally2022@wels.net](mailto:youthrally2022@wels.net) (414-527-6854)

# ALL RALLY ATTENDEES

## CAMPUS INFORMATION

### Residence Hall General Information

- Residence hall front desks will be staffed 24/7.
- Provided by UT Conferences: top sheet, bottom sheet, blanket, three towels, and two washcloths will be included in your linen packet. **BRING YOUR OWN PILLOW**. Emergency linen exchange will be available.
- All residence hall floors will be gender specific. All rooms will be gender specific and assigned by the Contact Youth Leader. Youth will room only with youth, and youth leaders will room only with youth leaders or contact youth leaders.
- Residence Halls will be assigned prior to arrival and specific room number assignments will be distributed at check-in on Tuesday, June 28 (noon–6 p.m.).
- Residence halls will include different room-types: rooms with private restrooms or suite-style with shared restrooms. All residence halls have air-conditioning.
- Groups will incur a \$35 charge per any key and key card not returned at check-out.
- Lost and found will be located at the UT Event Office in the Thompson-Boling Arena room 146.

### Dining Center General Information

- Meals included in your registration: Wednesday and Thursday breakfast, lunch and dinner, and Friday breakfast. Your wristband allows access to Rocky Top Dining.
- Meal times:
  - Breakfast.....7:00–9:00 a.m.
  - Lunch.....11:00 a.m.–12:45 p.m.
  - Dinner.....4:30–6:30 p.m.
- Rocky Top Dining provides a variety of healthy, buffet options that accommodate all dietary needs. If you have additional questions about the menu or dietary requirements, please email us at [conferences@utk.edu](mailto:conferences@utk.edu).

### UT Rally Event Office

The office is located in the Thompson-Boling Arena, Star Dressing Room 146; enter under Pratt Pavilion and check in at table. This office, staffed by UT Conferences, will be open 24/7 for emergencies, campus-related issues, information, and lost and found: 865-974-0263. You can also contact UT Conferences via the mobile app by asking a question in Live Support (app information available soon).

### PARKING

- You must register your vehicle with UT by completing the parking form [here](#). Only park in lots designated in yellow on the UT map (linked above).
- Buses and oversized vehicles should park on Stephenson Drive. Enter 2121 Stephenson Drive into your GPS. When you turn onto Stephenson, go to your right and drive all the way to the end, to the parking lot through the gates.



## 2022 WELS International Youth Rally PACKING LIST

### What to Bring

- Pillow w/pillowcase**
- Phone and charger
- Summer clothes
- Good shoes for walking the campus
- Pajamas
- Sweatshirt or light jacket (some air-conditioned areas on campus can get chilly, nights can also get chilly)
- Modest swim suit and towel for the UT indoor pool
- Toiletries and soap
- Sunscreen and insect repellent
- Necessary medications (we cannot dispense these)
- Spending money for Northwestern Publishing House, the Thai Village exhibit and the Rally Store. All meals are provided from Wednesday breakfast through Friday breakfast.
- Credit card for snacks and UT gear (all UT campus vendors do not accept cash) if desired**
- Frisbee, football, etc. There is a lot of green space on campus!

### What Not to Bring

*UT is a smoke-free and dry campus; marijuana is illegal in TN*

- Alcohol
- Firearms or weapons
- Marijuana and other controlled substances
- Cigarettes, tobacco, and e-cigarettes
- Drones
- Fireworks
- Skateboards and hoverboards
- Laser pointers
- Any item that has the potential to distract you and others from the Rally purpose

**Remember! Use your clear rally bags and water bottles. They comply with UT's clear bag policy.**

### Provided by UT Conferences

Top sheet, bottom sheet, blanket, three towels, and two washcloths. **BRING YOUR OWN PILLOW AND POOL TOWEL.** Emergency linen exchange will be available.

### Typical Weather

The average high in late June in Knoxville is 84 degrees with an average low of 64. Even if it's cloudy, remember your sunscreen.

## 2022 WELS International Youth Rally Schedule

<b>Tuesday, June 28</b>	<b>Here and Now: Is it luck or does it happen for a reason?</b>
Noon–6:00 p.m.	Arrival and check-in at HPER, get settled, see the campus, visit exhibitors in the Aquatic Center, go to the indoor pool (bring your own towel), dinner on your own
7:00–8:30 p.m.	Welcome and worship @ Thompson-Boling Arena. <b>Bring your rally booklet!</b>
8:30–10:30 p.m.	Welcome to UT party @ The HUB: music, pool, inflatables, food, and more!
10:45 p.m.	Church group reflection (find your group, pick a spot)
11:30 p.m.	In your room
Midnight	Lights out
<b>Wednesday, June 29</b>	<b>Royal People: Why not us?</b>
7:00–9:00 a.m.	Breakfast @ Rocky Top Dining
9:15 a.m.	Devotion @ Thompson-Boling Arena
9:30–11:00 a.m.	Keynote #1: Professor Aaron Robinson
11:00 a.m.–12:45 p.m.	Lunch @ Rocky Top Dining
	Excursions depart at various times
1:00–2:15 p.m.	Small group workshops session #1
2:45–4:00 p.m.	Small group workshops session #2
4:15–5:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal @Thompson-Boling Arena
	Hit The HUB: open recreation, pool, exhibits, and more
4:30–6:30 p.m.	Supper @ Rocky Top Dining
6:45–8:15 p.m.	Gather @ Thompson-Boling Arena: Performance by Fish Sticks Comedy
8:30–10:45 p.m.	Time to chill @ The HUB: fun and food
10:45 p.m.	Church group reflection
11:30 p.m.	In your room
Midnight	Lights out
<b>Thursday, June 30</b>	<b>Momentous Purpose: Why not now?</b>
7:00–9:00 a.m.	Breakfast @ Rocky Top Dining
9:15 a.m.	Devotion @ Thompson-Boling Arena
9:30–11:00 a.m.	Keynote #2: Prof. Jon Bare
11:00 a.m.–12:45 p.m.	Lunch @ Rocky Top Dining
	Excursions depart at various times
1:00–2:15 p.m.	Small group workshops session #3
2:45–4:00 p.m.	Small group workshops session #4
4:15–5:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal @Arena
	Hit The HUB: open recreation, pool, exhibits, and more
4:30–6:30 p.m.	Supper @ Rocky Top Dining
6:45–8:15 p.m.	Gather @ Thompson-Boling Arena: raffle winners, performance by Emily Ann Roberts
8:30–10:45 p.m.	Time to chill @ The HUB: fun and food!
10:45 p.m.	Church group reflection
11:30 p.m.	In your room
Midnight	Lights out
<b>Friday, July 1</b>	<b>Here and Now: What's next?</b>
7:00–9:00 a.m.	Breakfast, pack up, and check out of your room
9:30 a.m.	Closing worship and goodbye @ Thompson-Boling Arena
11:00 a.m.	Depart for home

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Want To Make a Difference?

WELS Christian Aid and Relief (CAR) will be modeling the community care & compassion grant program and giving youth the opportunity to have an exciting hands-on volunteer experience while at the rally.

Attendees will have the opportunity to work on packages for people in the community who may not have a church home: kids in need, 1<sup>ST</sup> responders, and homebound individuals. All the supplies needed to make the packages will be provided. All they need to bring with them are hearts and hands for service.



**Christian Aid and Relief**

Youth leaders signing up on [Sign Up Genius](#) for a specific time slot will be guaranteed one package per group to take home to give to a person in need in their community. The first 1,000 kids to participate will receive a cool t-shirt for helping. In addition, youth leaders will receive detailed information on the Christian Aid and Relief community care & compassion matching grant program and the nuts and bolts on the set up of this year's Youth Rally service opportunity. This Christian Aid and Relief volunteer opportunity will be held on the second floor in the Aquatic Center. Looking forward to meeting you in Knoxville! For more information contact Beth Zambo - [Elizabeth.zambo@wels.net](mailto:Elizabeth.zambo@wels.net).

*Therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God (Ephesians 5:1,2).*