

NYC '26 Church Information Packet

WONDER

NAZARENE YOUTH CONFERENCE 2026

Pastors, Youth Leaders, Parents,

The Colorado District NYI (CONYI) seeks to partner with local churches to provide key opportunities during the formative years of high school for students to be shaped by God's word and the Christian community. **Nazarene Youth Conference (NYC)** is one of those opportunities! Every four years, NYC is an opportunity for students to grow in their walk with God. The next two NYC events will be held every three years, following NYC '23 in Tampa, Florida. The next two NYC's will be held in July of 2026 and July of 2029, and then will return back to the traditional four year rotation. For most teens, NYC is a once in a lifetime opportunity to attend. Students who have completed 8th grade through completed 12th grade at the time of the event are eligible to attend NYC.

With NYC '26 just one year away, now is the time to begin planning and preparing for the youth of your church to attend this incredible event! In this packet you will find some general information about NYC, fundraising ideas and general FAQ's. If you have any questions, please reach out to us, and we will do our best to provide answers. It is your CONYI's desire to help send as many students as we can, so that they can experience what God has in store for them at NYC '26.

NYC has proven to be a milestone in the lives of many students in the ongoing formation of their worldview. It will both challenge and encourage students to have the compassion to be a world-changer and show others the love of Christ.

The theme for NYC '26 is **WONDER**.

God is so much bigger than we give Him credit for. Even bigger than we can imagine. Think about the mountains and valleys, the oceans, the sky, the entire universe – then go bigger, and you still haven't reached God-sized. Yet it all works perfectly, exactly as it should. There are countless displays of the precision of **wonder** in which the earth and mankind work in one with each other. **His fingerprints are evident in all the natural wonders we see.** But it's easy to lose that, isn't it? It's easy to lose our sense of **wonder**. That outward **wonder** becomes an inward **wonder** – **Who am I? Where do I belong? Why am I here? Let's remember who we are and who we belong to and lose ourselves not in the world, but in the wonder of God.**

THE WHOLE EARTH IS FILLED WITH AWE AT YOUR WONDERS;
WHERE MORNING DAWNS, WHERE EVENING FADES, YOU CALL FORTH SONGS OF
JOY.

PSALM 65:8

It is our prayer that the mighty current of God's hope and love flows in you and spills out over the banks of your life to a dry and thirsty land. That wave after wave of His love and grace will break onto the shores of this generation and our world.

We can't wait to be with you in Salt Lake City, 2026!



Travel Schedule

Travel to Salt Lake City – **June 29, 2026**

Salt Lake City Excursion(s) – **June 30, 2026**

NYC Registration and Field Event – **July 1, 2026**

NYC'26 Day 1 **July 2, 2026**

NYC'26 Day 2 **July 3, 2026**

NYC'26 Day 3 **July 4, 2026**

NYC'26 Day 4 **July 5, 2026**

Travel Home to Denver – **July 6, 2026**



The Cost

*Price will include Registration, Travel, Housing, Meals, Excursions, and Colorado NYC Swag

\$1800 Early Registration until October 15th, 2025
\$1875 Registration until January 15th, 2026

Payments & Milestones

A monthly payment schedule has been created to help you follow a payment plan to stay on top of balance due. This is required for all churches and participants attending NYC with the Colorado District. We understand that for some groups this may be inconvenient to follow, but please keep in mind that there are some deadlines where certain amounts will be needed so that the Colorado District meets our financial obligations for NYC '26.

Each month after registration opens (July 2025-March 2026), churches will be required to submit \$200 for each person they have registered to go to NYC. This will be done at the beginning of each month using Cheddar Up. The link will be provided to each church. Payments should be made monthly by each church or group going to NYC, NOT by each individual participant. Registration will open in June 2025, payments will begin in July 2026 and will continue until March 2026.

July 1 st 2025 – \$200	November 1 st 2025 – \$200
August 1 st 2025 – \$200	December 1 st 2025 – \$200
September 1 st 2025 – \$200	January 1 st 2026 – \$200
October 1 st 2025 – \$200	February 1 st 2026 – \$200
March 1 st 2026 – \$200	

Registration for NYC '26

Registration for NYC 2026 is open after June 1st, and can be done using the following link on Planning Center.

<https://nazareneyouthconference.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2666147>

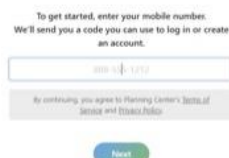
PARENTS MUST REGISTER THEIR STUDENT FOR NYC, Students cannot register themselves. When beginning registration, please **closely follow the guide below** to properly register each participant for NYC. REMEMBER, unless prompted for Parent/Guardian Name or Email, **all profile information entered is for the participant.**

To Register:

Click on the District Specific NYC 2026 Participant Registration Link. After you've read through the information and are ready to proceed, click the **REGISTER** button.



Enter a mobile number, click **NEXT**.



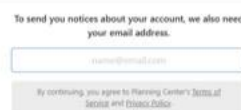
Enter the six-digit code sent to your mobile phone, click **NEXT**.



Enter **participant's** first and last name, click **NEXT**.



Enter an email address you currently have access to, click **NEXT**.



Enter the six-digit code sent to your email, click **NEXT**.



Select Student or Sponsor Registration, click **NEXT**.



Complete all registration questions:

- Releases and consent section to be filled out by participants who have reached the legal age of majority (over 18) and are signing on their own behalf or the parent or legal guardian for a minor who is under the legal age of majority, or someone who is mentally or physically unable to sign for him or herself.
- If you leave any of the required fields blank, the system won't let you move on, and it will clear the form so you will have to start over.

Click **NEXT: REVIEW & PAY**

Review your registration information, click **COMPLETE REGISTRATION**.

- Registration is not complete until you click **COMPLETE REGISTRATION** and are taken to the confirmation screen. A confirmation will be sent to your email.

If you have other participants to register from your family, log-out in the upper right corner, and follow the process from the beginning. If you reach a screen that says "Hello!", be sure to click the **NOT YOU** button and create a new profile for each participant. The same mobile number and email address can be used, but **the profile name needs to be the participant name.**

Before you begin:

- You'll be asked for a mobile number and/or email address as you begin the registration process. You will need to use a mobile number and/or email address that you currently have access to so you can retrieve the six-digit Church Center login code.
- If you leave any of the required fields blank, the system won't let you move on, and it will clear the form so you will have to start over.
- If at any time during the registration process, you find yourself at a white screen with a menu at the top, close the window and click on the registration link again. It should take you to where you left off and you can move forward in the registration process.

Fundraising Ideas for NYC '26

Some fundraising ideas that have worked that we would like to share with you.

Celebration Fund (Alex Edwards):

The Celebration Fund was something that we put together that our congregation gives to year-round. We have printed index cards available in the lobby for people to give to regularly in what is usually smaller amounts. The idea is that if you had a 30th anniversary during the week, maybe you would donate \$30, or if it was a 54th birthday, you would donate \$54. Some people would add up the date of something significant and give (for example if something significant happened on 8/28/23, they would give $8+28+23=\$59$). Encourage people to get creative and give small amounts on a regular basis for anything they can find during their week or month to celebrate! We include shout-outs for these celebrations during our pre-service live announcements as well to encourage people to give.

OHSM's Got Talent (Alex Edwards):

This event came from the idea of the old pie auctions we used to do. But more than just do an auction, I wanted to bring entertainment to the night from our students! We sold tickets to the event for \$25 per person, which included a nice dinner prepared by a great chef in our church. Then we did an entire talent show put on by our students and had a silent dessert auction in the back of the room going throughout the night with homemade desserts from each student. We ended with a live auction of some bigger donations like window cleaning packages, Broncos tickets, the opportunity to pie a pastor in the face, etc. This took some planning and coordination, but was VERY successful in our fundraising efforts.

Letter Writing / Self Fundraising (Alex Edwards):

Encouraging our students to write personal letters to friends, family, and coworkers explaining what NYC is and why they wanted to go was very successful for those who participated. It can add up very quickly, especially if there is a suggested small amount like \$20-\$30, and the student sends it to everyone they know. I also encouraged them to have garage sales, sell candy around their neighborhood, shovel driveways, mow

yards, etc., anything they could do on their own to try and earn \$100 a month. This also obviously helps build a student's personal investment in the trip.

Chili Cookoff / Competition (Jimmie Profitt):

We have had good success with chili cookoff competitions at our church. We generally promote it several weeks ahead and have members of the church sign up to cook their best chili to compete with others. Attendees vote for their favorite/best chili, and the winner is awarded with a prize. You can charge for the event or take donations. We have had good success with both.

Envelope Fundraiser (Jimmie Profitt):

The Envelope Fundraiser is designed for minimal effort with a great possible return. Here is how it works: You and your student ministry team will create a board with 72-144 envelopes on it, depending on what you are comfortable with on the size of your congregation. Each envelope will have a number on it from 1 to 144. After your board is created, display it in a public area of the church where many people will see it. Explain to your congregation that to participate in the fundraiser all they must do is take an envelope. The number on the envelope corresponds to how much money that congregation member is donating. For example: \$1 goes in the envelope marked #1, \$50 goes in the envelope marked #50, \$100 goes in the envelope marked #100 and so on. If all envelopes are collected and returned with the correct amount of money in them, you will raise over \$10,000! You can keep it displayed for a few weeks to a few months. A good idea for any remaining envelopes towards the end of your fundraiser, is to mark them half off as a final push!

Please feel free to reach out to Alex Edwards for more info on Fundraising at aedwards@ohn.church

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Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible to attend NYC '26?

A student is eligible to attend if they have completed 8th-12th grade at the time of the event in 2026.

Why Salt Lake City, Utah?

USA/Canada NYI (Nazarene Youth International) has a set list of criteria for NYC host cities. There must be a convention hall and arena that can host 7,000+ participants. Additionally, there must be enough hotel rooms within a certain radius that can house all of the participants. NYC is committed to partnering with the host city to leave a lasting impact through MWO (Ministry with Others) projects. The City of Salt Lake is anticipating our time in their city, and they've gone out of their way to accommodate many of our requests.

Where will participants stay during NYC '26?

Our specific hotel location will be announced around March 2026. District leadership will do their best to honor roommate requests. All students will room with other students from their church, and filled in with other Colorado students as necessary. Each room will come equipped with two large beds, and each room will house four students.

Are there any hidden costs?

No. The cost of \$1800 (early registration) will cover all meals, housing, transportation to, from, and around Utah, as well as excursions. Each local church is responsible for transportation to and from the departure location in Colorado. It also covers district shirts, as well as the group photo poster and other event materials on site. Students are encouraged to bring a little extra money for miscellaneous snack purchases, in addition to any souvenirs they may want to purchase throughout the trip.

How will payments be submitted? Can we pay online?

All participant payments are to be submitted to the local church at the first of each month (July 2025 - March 2026). Each month, the church will make payments on Cheddarup to cover that month's payment for all participants and adult sponsors registered from that church. Individual Participants should ONLY be making payments to their local church, not online. The local church MUST make online payments.

Is October 2025 really the deadline to get registered?

No. However, to assist families with the overall cost of NYC '26, we think it's a good idea to spread the payments out over a longer period of time. Registering earlier will make completing the payments more manageable. This will vary, depending on when you actually register and begin the process. You will notice that the later you register, the larger your first payment will be. This is necessary to reserve your place and assure that you are on track at crucial times during the process. The payment chart inside this packet may be helpful to you.

The last official day to register is January 15th 2026. Refunds of any kind or amount will not be possible after travel tickets have been purchased.

What about a refund for unforeseen circumstances or emergencies?

In order to enhance confidence toward registration and protect individuals and families from financial losses due to unforeseen circumstances, we have secured insurance coverage to mediate a wide variety of known risks and potential loss. All registered participants are covered by trip cancellation and interruption insurance due to verifiable triggers, such as medical related issues, travel restrictions, state/CDC advisories, family emergency, etc. Through an individual claims process after the event, there will be an opportunity to recoup non-refundable portions of event related expenses.

Are there any planned fundraisers for this event?

We recognize the significant cost of an event like NYC '26, and Colorado NYI would like to encourage all participants and local churches to consider creative fundraising efforts to minimize the financial impact associated with the registration fee. There are no fundraising efforts planned by the Colorado District. Be sure to talk with your local church pastor and/or youth leader to brainstorm further fundraising ideas.

I have more questions about NYC '26. Who should I contact?

The NYC Coordinator for the Colorado District is Alex Edwards.

You can contact Alex at: aedwards@ohn.church

You can find CONYI leadership contact information on the CO NYI District website at:

<https://nyicolorado.com>

If you'd like more general information about NYC '26, please visit

<https://nazareneyouthconference.com>

Sponsor Requirements

- Current Background Check (Must have been done within 2 years of July 6th, 2026)
- Must be 23 years of age or older at the time of the event
- Must complete required Ministry Safe training course before leaving for NYC
- Lead by example – show the students how to act!
- Respect others, students and adults alike, including their feelings and possessions
- Respect all property while at this event, including: Hotels, Busses, Convention Centers, etc .
- Display attitudes that are uplifting, cooperative and unifying.
- Dress modestly. (Swimwear: Guys – trunks, no speedos. Girls – one-piece or tankini; no bikinis unless a shirt is worn).
- Follow the direction of NYC Staff and the Colorado District NYC Leadership team, and be ready to support the team in any way that you can!

What You Can Expect:

- To experience God at a deeper level
- To gain a broader vision of Kingdom of God
- To develop deeper relationships with those from your district
- To establish new connections with Nazarenes from USA and Canada
- To hear new perspectives on what it means to be a Christian, learning from renowned preachers and teachers
- To be resourced and encouraged in your ministry to youth

WE ARE SO EXCITED FOR THIS TRANSFORMATIVE EVENT!