

Heatwave 2024 FAQ

What is the vision of Heatwave conference?

- Heatwave Conference was founded upon the vision to see students set on fire for Christ. This is accomplished through having Holy Ghost services where we move in the gifts of the Spirit, miracles, signs and wonders. Many students have had radical encounters with God at Heatwave. Some students have even been called to the full time ministry.

Why should my youth group come?

- This is not your typical youth conference. While we have many fun activities, food, games, prizes, and many other activities, we are not bound by time constraints or anything else. We are spontaneous and willing to move with what God wants to be done. Your students will not just talk about how fun the event was, but they will talk about how they met with God and their life is forever different.

Is there a Heatwave website?

- Yes! There is a Heatwave web page. The link is faithchurch.cc/heatwave
 - ◆ The page will be fully updated by February 2024

What is the facility like?

- Faith Church is a beautiful, 82,000 square foot facility. Needless to say, there is plenty of room for activities. Heatwave conference is held in the auditorium that can seat 1,600 people. We normally have around 250 students each night of the conference, and this year we are believing for 500. We know that one day, the entire auditorium will be full!

What do we do to sign up?

- First, let Pastor Joey know that your group is planning to attend.
- Second, have each individual member register through our registration link for the event. It is also fine for youth groups to just register under the name of their youth group one ticket at a time.
 - ◆ The reason for registration is to be able to adequately plan for food trucks, set up, and security.
- The registration link will be up on our Heatwave website by January 2024.

What are the activities?

- **Outdoor movie** (weather pending): We do this right on the front lawn of our church. We hire an outside company to do this so that it is done as professionally looking as possible. Obviously, the movie we chose is completely appropriate for teens.
- **Heatwave Shop**: Something that we have every year at Heatwave conference is our heatwave shop. This is where we sell various kinds of merchandise such as: shirts, sweatshirts, hats, etc.
- **Board Games**: In our snack shack, we also have various board games set up for students to participate in.
- **Inflatables**: Each year, we have a variety of inflatables that are available for students to go on during free time.

- **Arts and Crafts:** This is something new that we are adding to Heatwave Conference this year to provide an activity for those students that are more artistically inclined.
- **Gym:** Our facilities has a wonderful gymnasium where students can participate in pick-up basketball games or even bump the volleyball around.
- **Video Games:** We will have a PS5 and a nintendo switch set up for students to play with during free time.
- **Scavenger Hunt:** This year we will be adding a scavenger hunt to Heatwave Conference where students will break into teams and compete to find the most objects hidden around our facility.
- **Arcade:** This one is not definite; however, our hope is that we will have an arcade on Friday afternoon of Heatwave Conference to go without theming.

What is the plan for food?

- Wednesday Night: The first night of the event, there will be no food truck. However, we will serve free pizza and popcorn after the service to go along with the movie.
- Food Trucks: We will be having food trucks come in during free time for students and leaders to purchase food.
- Snack Shack: Along with the food trucks, we will also have our snack shack set up in our church coffee shop. Snacks and drinks can be purchased there at any time except during the service. Most snacks are only \$1 with a few exceptions.
- Pastor's Lounge: Something we believe in at Heatwave Conference is to honor youth pastors and leaders that have joined us for our conference. One of the ways that we accomplish this is by having a place for pastors and leaders to get water, snacks, and drinks throughout the day. **It is also worth noting that all food and snacks are free for youth pastors *this does not extend to the youth leaders***

What is the schedule?

- The schedule is completely laid out in the "Heatwave 2024 schedule" document that is attached in the dropbox link.

Is it safe?

- Heatwave conference is not only staffed with plenty of youth leaders, but it is also staffed with trained and armed security. These security members are trained by our security director who served for over 25 years for the Yonkers, NY police department. We have not had a single security incident in the 3 years that this conference has existed and much of that can be attributed to our great security team.

How much does it cost?

- Heatwave is completely free! We do not believe in charging for students to have encounters with God. The only things that cost money are the food trucks and snack shack that we have available. The giveaways, activities, concert, and services are completely free.

Who is our main preacher?

- Our main preacher is Evangelist Wesley Aggrey. Wesley is a graduate of Northpoint Bible College, and he is a friend of Faith Church and Mpack Youth. Wesley has been the speaker of Heatwave conference for all 3 years, and is the Associate Evangelist for Evangelist Tiff Shuttlesworth. His ministry is powerful and has blessed Heatwave Conference tremendously.
 - ◆ For more information on Evangelist Wesley Aggrey, visit <https://www.wesleyaggrey.com/>
- Our other speaker is Pastor Joey Santora. Joey the youth pastor of Mpack Youth at Faith Church. He will be preaching one of the morning sessions at Heatwave Conference.
 - ◆ For more information on Pastor Joey, check out faithchurch.cc or search Mpack Youth on Youtube.
- One of the morning sessions at Heatwave conference will be a Q&A session with Wesley, Joey, and perhaps some other guests.

Can I watch Heatwave Conference from last year?

- Heatwave conference is live streamed every single year. If you would like to check out the conference before bringing your youth, please search up Mpack Youth on Youtube.

What if my church is traveling from a far distance? Is there a hotel?

- Many churches have traveled in for Heatwave Conference. We have had churches from Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania come in for Heatwave. Many of which came for multiple years!
- One thing that we do to try to alleviate the stress of figuring out where to stay is that we reach out to a local hotel for a room block.
 - ◆ Here is the hotel information for this year: Holiday Inn Express
 - The Price is: \$99 per night
 - 2 queen size beds or 1 King
 - 4 people are allowed in one room
 - Breakfast included
 - Use code word "Heatwave Conference" to get the Heatwave price rate
 - Address: 89 Mill Plain Road, Danbury, CT
 - 18 minutes from Faith Church
 - 10 Minutes from Danbury Fair Mall