



# ECYC

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2024-2025



*The Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina's*

# YOUTH COUNCIL

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INFORMATION

COMMITMENT





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# Welcome

## ECYC Overview & Expectations

Dear 2024-2025 East Carolina Youth Council,

Welcome! Whether this is your first year serving or you are returning, the Diocese of East Carolina is glad to have each of you on board. Hopefully most of your questions will be answered or your memories jogged about the council's expectations and commitments.

As the application stated, and as returning members know, serving on the ECYC is a commitment. A choice you made when you submitted your application. All of us have other commitments outside of ECYC. However, the event and meeting schedule are communicated in advance to help you plan. Keep in mind that our current meeting schedule is slim, just four in person meetings and two Zoom meetings per year. As a general rule of thumb, you should not plan to miss a meeting. You never know when a true emergency might pop up. In addition, when you aren't with us, we miss you! We miss your opinion, your ideas, and your insights. Whether we are meeting in person or online, please note that arriving late or leaving early is challenging to the community during a meeting, therefore it should be avoided. Making a commitment to being a leader is not a small undertaking, and it is part of an ECYC member's responsibility in supporting Youth Ministry in East Carolina.

Your leadership on the ECYC is not just about showing up to council meetings and youth events on the diocesan level. It requires communication on your part. Communication with me, the other adults and council members is critical the success of the ECYC.

Your leadership also includes active participation in your own parish. Your parish has helped equip you for this ministry and recommended you to serve on the ECYC. Active participation in your own congregations means at minimum, regular attendance at worship. It should include active participation in a ministry or program you enjoy. If you are having trouble identifying one, let's have a conversation.

**Please be mindful of your presence on Social Media. As a member of the ECYC and leader of this Christian Community it is very important to think before you post, comment, like, or share. What may be funny or not offensive to you, may be perceived very differently by others.**

Emergencies happen. They are handled on a case by case basis. These include eminently contagious illness, family deaths, or the like. Sometimes a teacher will decide an academically required event will take place on the same day as a youth event. **Academically required means that you would be receiving a grade and missing it would negatively impact your overall grade. ACT and SAT testing and the like should be scheduled around ECYC activities and events.** Again, if you cannot be with the group or at an event, we miss your opinions, ideas, and insights. School trips and other conflicts that do not involve a grade are not exceptions. Documentation from your teacher or school may be asked for, if needed. Academic excuses are typically not granted on a repeated basis.

By the same token, some ECYC leadership opportunities will take you out of school. While this is kept to a minimum, sometimes it is unavoidable. In all cases, you may request letter on Diocesan letterhead that explains your absence.

Please be sure that you are checking your email. While I do send "remind" texts, **checking email for updates is your responsibility.** I cannot relay everything via text. You are the ECYC member, therefore it is not the responsibility of your parent or guardian to respond for you. They are on the email list for informational purposes.

The returning members are excited to welcome our new members aboard. I cannot wait to see how God works through this group in the coming year!

*Emily Gowdy Canady*

# Events

Happening 81 · **October (17) 18-20, 2024** · *Trinity Center*

(Team meeting 9/14 @ Diocesan House)

Fall Conference for Middle Schoolers · **November 15-17, 2023**

*Trinity Center*

(Team meeting 10/26 @Diocesan House)

Winter Retreat · **January 17-19, 2025** · *Trinity Center*

Happening 82 · **Feb. (27)28-Mar. 2, 2025** · *Trinity Center*

(Team meeting TBA)

New Beginnings 58 · **April 4-6, 2025** · *Trinity Center*

(Team meeting 3/15/2025 - Location TBD)

## Diocesan Radius Youth Gatherings

**December 15, 2024 · February 23, 2025 · May 4, 2025**

All ECYC members are required at MINIMUM to serve on team for ONE Middle School Event, attend/participate or serve on team for ONE High School Event. All ECYC Members must attend DRYG as they are planned. Locations TBD.

*\*Originally Scheduled Events maybe modified because of requirements or restrictions beyond the control of the Department of Youth Ministries.*

## Insights

*Past ECYC Members offer helpful hints*

- Be sure to include travel time to and from meetings/events in your planning.
- Be sure to verify internet connectivity prior to any online meeting or gathering and that you have a quiet place to participate in the meeting.
- ECYC meetings are business meetings. It is fun to see friends, but don't forget there is work to do.
- Serving on the ECYC is more than event planning.
- Your role may require you to speak to adult lay leaders and clergy across the diocese.
- Remember you not only represent yourself, you also represent your parish and deanery. How you present yourself through/on social media, texting, and in person represents the ECYC.
- You will be responsible for a lot of tasks. These may or MAY NOT be glamorous. A lot of ECYC work is behind the scenes, not up front. ECYC members have work to do in between meetings as well.

## MEETING DATES

**2024** August 24 · 10 AM to 5 PM  
Christ Church, New Bern

October 6 · 12 - 4 PM  
Diocesan House, Kinston

November 24 · 1 - 3 PM  
Zoom

**2025** February 8 · 10 AM - 4 PM  
TBD

April 27th · 12 - 4 PM  
Diocesan House, Kinston

June 1 · 1 - 3 PM  
Zoom

Members may miss one meeting, IF necessary. They may not miss the overnight planning.

All in person meetings and gatherings are subject to compliance with any restrictions, this may include shifting to zoom.

# Event Fees

## HAPPENING 81

· 1/2 The Fee (Team \$100, Candidate \$87.50)

## Fall Conference for Middle Schoolers

· Half the fee · \$43.75

## Winter Retreat

· Half the Fee · 2025 Fees TBD

## Happening 82

· Half the fee for first Happening. Full Fee for second Happening in a term. 2025 Fees TBD

## New Beginnings 58

· Half the fee. 2024 fees TBD

## Diocesan Convention

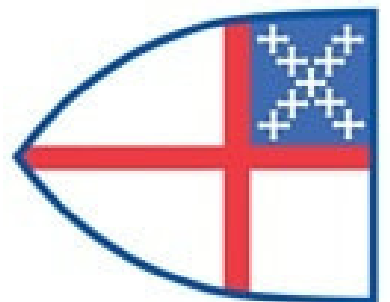
Convention is usually a requirement for all ECYC members. For this term it will be an online Budget Convention only and therefor is not required.

Scholarship funds are available upon request. Please check with your parish for assistance as well.

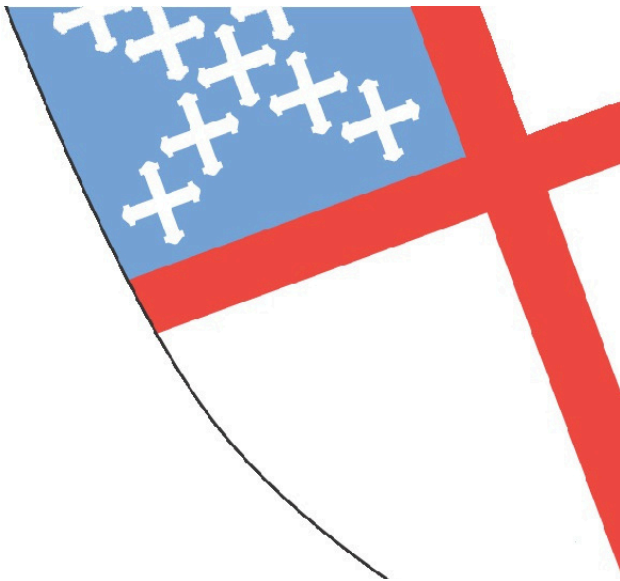
**You may do ALL the events! ECYC members are expected to serve on team/attend AT LEAST one high school even and one middle school event per term.**

**Diocesan Radius Youth Gatherings are a requirement!**

**God loves you.  
No exceptions.  
The Episcopal Church Welcomes You.**







## *The Episcopal Church*

ECYC Members are often offered opportunities to participate in events in the broader Episcopal Church.

The Episcopal Youth Event (EYE) is the most well known and has happened triennially in the past. The next EYE is scheduled for 2026.



## *Province IV*

The Episcopal Church is comprised of 9, mostly, regional provinces. The Diocese of East Carolina is part of Province IV, which is the largest province containing 20 dioceses across the southeastern United States.

There are often events & opportunities available to some or all ECYC Members on the Provincial level. This includes the Province IV Youth Leadership & Network gathering in December as well as Provincial Youth Events that typically take place in the summer.



## *The Diocese of East Carolina*

Beyond regular youth events in the Diocese, often times there are other ways that ECYC members are called upon or invited to participate in throughout the program year.

These events include, but are not limited to: Pre-Convention Meetings, Deanery Council meetings, and other youth ministry gatherings as indicated by the Program Officer or Bishop.

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This information is for your personal use and not to be shared widely. It is meant to facilitate communication between members as needed.

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To avoid any confusion among members, as there is a lot of information, we want to be sure everyone is on the same page and has the same information following the first meeting of the 2024-2025 term.

In order to ensure that everyone is on the same page below is a signature section for both ECYC Member and Parent/Guardian to sign and return to the Diocesan Office of Youth Ministries by August 24, 2024.



# Signatures

I have read and I understand all of the accompanying information about serving on the ECYC for the 2024-2025 term. By signing below I agree to the expectations of the 2024-2025 ECYC Term.

ECYC Member Signature : \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

As parent/guardian of the above signed ECYC member, I understand the commitment my young person is making to the 2024-2025 ECYC term. I also understand that their commitment does not happen without my commitment.

By signing below I indicate that have read and I understand the accompanying information and that I agree to help facilitate my young person's fulfillment of this commitment.

ECYC Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this signed form to Emily Gowdy Canady on or before August 24, 2024. You may scan and email a copy or clip and return via the USPS.









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