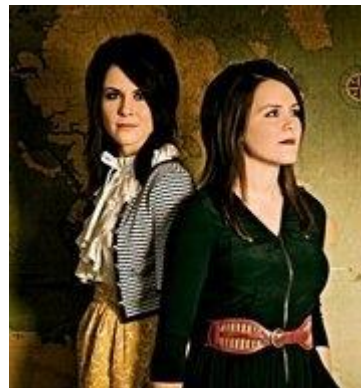




Ecclesiastes 11:9 (MSG)

*⁹ You who are young, make the most of your youth.
Relish your youthful vigor.
Follow the impulses of your heart.
If something looks good to you, pursue it.
But know also that not just anything goes;
You have to answer to God for every last bit of it.*



Illinois State Youth Convention 2011

When: November 18-20th

Where: Peoria, IL East Peoria Conference Center

Leaders/Speakers: The Skit Guys (www.skitguys.com)

Worship Band: Alanna Story (www.alannastory.com)

Cost: Registration is \$120.00. Transportation and food costs are covered except for lunch coming back on Sunday, Nov 20th.

Contact for more info: Candy or Jim Niemeyer

Video Contest

Attention youth leaders and young people. You've been coming to State Youth Conventions for years, so who better to encourage others to come to this exciting fun weekend. Here's your chance to make an impact for Illinois State Youth Convention.

We are launching a video contest to advertise Illinois State Youth Convention. If your group has the winning video, you can win a Nintendo Wii and Minute To Win It Wii Game and impact a life at the same time.

We will show the winning video on our state ministries site and at the youth convention.

The youth ministry team is looking for awe inspiring and innovative videos. They can be inspirational or comical or both. Your video should grab attention, surprise and stick with the viewer leaving them with a peaked interest in coming to Illinois State Youth Convention. Your video should be 1-2 minutes long and the content should have something to do with the convention theme " Every Minute Counts" and/or scripture Ecclesiastes 11:9.

Post your video to U-tube or Vimeo and send the link to contest @ ilcog.org by October 1st.

Tentative Schedule

Friday

- 5:00pm Check in starts at 5pm!
6:45pm Doors open
7:30pm Convention Begins

Saturday

- 8:00am Breakfast at Embassy Suites
9:00am Wake up Worship and Skit Guys
9:45am Large Group Conference **“In It To Win Em !!”**
15 minute break included
11:30am Lunch
1:00pm Conference Choices for Junior High, Senior High,
and Adults
2:00pm Group Activities and Free Time
7:00pm Doors open for worship
7:30pm Worship Begins

Sunday

- 9:30am Worship
Noon Check out

LARGE GROUP CONFERENCE

In It To Win Em !

Connect, Persuade, and Triumph with the hidden power of God's story in you. This conference will teach students to communicate their faith in a style that fits them. It will avoid the old approaches that feel awkward to many Christians and their friends! Instead, come and learn how to: build significant relationships and tell your story of finding Christ. The Large Group Conference will be divided by Junior and Senior High levels.

Junior High Conference Choices

Don't Sweat the Small Stuff. Enjoying 'every minute' of life is tough when we become overwhelmed with petty things. Being de-friended on Facebook, a friend betrays your trust, no money, someone looks at you wrong, your teacher singles you out... all these things can ruin your day... if you allow them. This conference will give practical ways to help you to not sweat the small stuff and stay balanced.

How Much Is Too Much? Are you over involved in sports, clubs, activities and school work? Does this cause you to push God aside because you are just too busy? Does youth group take a back seat to everything else? In this conference you will be taught that less is more. Prioritizing your schedules and learning to say 'no' is okay and will protect you from burn-out and anxiety.

Are You More Like A Cat or A Dog? Cat and Dog theology challenges us to see how we tend to, *like a cat*, use our Master mainly for getting what we want. Dogs on the other hand, live to please their Master. During this conference students will see the difference between 'us living for God' and 'God living for us'. This conference will help you to see the simple steps in becoming God-focused instead of Me-focused.

Senior High Conference Choices

Becoming the Me I want to be. Does it seem impossible to become the person God desires? Here's the good news: becoming God's best version of you happens when you become the person He created you to be. Measuring up to other's expectations or what we sometimes think God expects can be discouraging. This conference will show you how much God desire to love you. He wants to redeem you and love you not replace or exchange you.

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What's On Your Mind? Did you really just tweet that? Post that? Say that? This conference focuses on healthy boundaries within social networking.



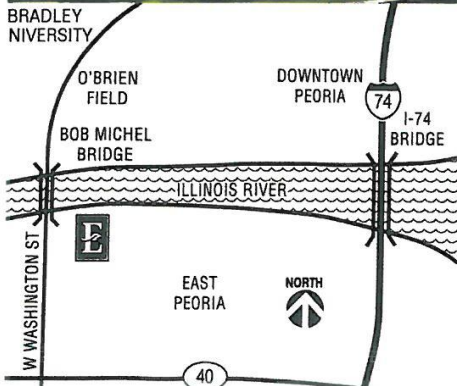
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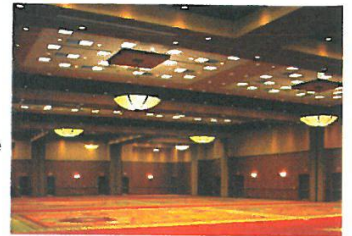
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LOCATION

- Connected via climate controlled walkway to East Peoria Conference Center, featuring 35,000 square feet of meeting space including the Embassy Suites Hotel
- Near Caterpillar Headquarters and University of Illinois College of Medicine. Ten miles from Greater Peoria Airport (PIA). Bradley University, Illinois Central College and O'Brien Field, home of the Chicago Cubs "A" affiliate, are only a mile away



ACCOMMODATIONS

- Eight-story atrium with water features
- 226 spacious two-room suites—including two Presidential suites—with oversized bedrooms featuring the Embassy Essentials® Bedding Collection and private living rooms
- Amenities include high-speed Internet access, two dual-line phones, voicemail, data ports, two remote-control flatscreen TVs with in-suite movies, wet bar, microwave, refrigerator, coffeemaker, hairdryer and iron with ironing board

DINING AND ENTERTAINMENT

- Casual dining for lunch and dinner
- Two private dining rooms
- Coffee and espresso, sundries and high-speed wireless Internet access at Caffaina's Internet Café – which offers light fare including pasteries and desserts
- Complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast served each morning
- Evening Manager's Reception† featuring your favorite beverages



RECREATION AND SERVICES

- Fitness center featuring Precor®, indoor pool and sundeck
- High-speed wireless access in the atrium
- Embassy Direct® registration Kiosk
- Complimentary USA Today® delivered to your door every weekday morning

MEETING AMENITIES

- Two on-site 24-hour Embassy BusinessLink™ Business Center complete with audiovisual equipment rental and fax, photo copy and printing services
- On-site event planners and audiovisual staff
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