



Confirmation Information and FAQ for Parents

General Information:

There are two course options for confirmation students each year: Wilderness Course and Centennial Classroom Course. The wilderness course combines a week-long wilderness trip with intensive confirmation instruction and discussion. The Classroom Course provides for instruction and discussion on Sunday mornings with additional opportunity for fellowship and outreach. Besides coursework completed in the wilderness or classroom, each student will write a statement of faith, will be obligated to complete three hours of church service, attend seven worship services, meet with a confirmation mentor and have a one-on-one meeting with the youth pastor to discuss their faith statement and intention to be confirmed. Both courses require registration and a parent's signature.

FAQ:

- **What grade is Confirmation?** Freshman year (9th grade) or older. The Wilderness course is scheduled each year around the first week of August prior to the start of ninth grade—with other course components happening during the school year. The Classroom course runs Sunday mornings during the school year. While confirmation is generally a course taken as a high school Freshman, older teens are welcome to enroll, too.
- **Is registration required?** Yes
- **When is registration?** Registration starts in the spring. Registration for the Wilderness course closes June 15. For the Classroom course, Registration continues until the first class in September. For late registration, contact Katie Lancaster klancaster@kuc.org.
- **Why do you ask about baptism on my registration form?** Confirmation is a rite conferring full church membership on already-baptized individuals. Non-baptized students may register, but plans for baptism prior to confirmation should be discussed with the minister. Please contact Katie Lancaster.
- **When are classes?** The wilderness course runs around the first week of August each year and includes classwork periods each day, so that there are no other compulsory classroom sessions to attend after the trip, except for confirmation rehearsal in April. The classroom course classes meet at 10:20 am on Sunday mornings according to the class schedule.
- **Who teaches the classes?** The Wilderness Course instructors in 2018–19 are lay leaders, Silvi Pirn, Ben Graham, and parent volunteer, Glenn Trout. The Classroom Course instructor is the Rev. Dr. Katie Lancaster.
- **Why do I need a mentor?** Having relationships with non-related adult church members is an important part of the faith journey. Also these relationships constitute a healthy church family.
- **Someone asked me to be their mentor? What do I do?** There is a mentor information link on the website. You will find more information about what being a mentor is about there.
- **Is there a fee?** Yes. The wilderness course cost is generally between \$1,200–1,300 and includes a week-long wilderness trip. The Classroom course cost is \$250–300 and covers a mini retreat and field trip, along with other incidentals.
- **What if it is too expensive for me?** As with all Kenilworth Union Youth programs, cost should never be a barrier to participation. Please contact Katie Lancaster for scholarship support..
- **When is confirmation?** All qualifying confirmands from both courses are confirmed on Confirmation Sunday at the 10:30 am worship service on Sunday in April 28, 2019.

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