

**Challenge 2020
Parent's Guide**



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Congratulations! Your student is on their way to an awesome week at our Challenge 2020 conference! I am so excited for your student to experience the fun and deeply meaningful aspects that this week has in store. I understand that, as a parent, you need as many details as possible! Behold the holy grail of information about Challenge 2020. In the following you will find all the information you should need to get your student involved in this life-changing event. If you still have questions, please just let me know and I will be glad to help!

At your service,

Stephen Baxley

What is this event all about?

Challenge is a national gathering for students entering 9th grade through completion of 12th grade. It has proven to be a catalytic environment challenging students to live on mission with Jesus every day, everywhere and with everyone. For more information check out the [Challenge Website](#).

When do I drop off and pick up my student?

Drop off at Atlantic E Free Church, Monday July 13, 12p

Pick up at Atlantic E Free Church, Saturday July 18, I will send out a message through remind with our ETA that morning.

If you need to make alternate arrangements, we can work with you. Simply let the leadership team know in advance!

How much does this event cost and when do I need to pay?

Challenge is \$250 per student. Cost includes food, lodging, worship, and an amazing t-shirt.

Students will need to bring money for one meal on the way back (Please eat lunch before coming on July 13). Optionally, they can bring money for snacks and other merchandise at the conference.

Please [register online](#) ASAP, as hotels fill up quickly.

The Speaker- <https://www.challengeconference.org/challenge-2020/speakers/>

Theme: RESTLESS: LONGING AND BELONGING

A universal piece of the human experience is to long for more. This longing seems built-in; it's part of what it means to be alive. But where does the longing come from? And what can truly satisfy us?

Perhaps now more than ever, students have the world at their fingertips. They have access to more information, more entertainment, more of the world than ever before. And yet, it doesn't seem to fill the void. In the midst of that longing, they face increased pressure to perform, while social media makes it nearly impossible to avoid comparison. Add all of it up and the weight of expectations can be crushing.

The good news is that Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." It is in Christ alone that our restless

hearts find rest, and in his Church that our longing turns to belonging. At Challenge 2020, we will point students to the power of the gospel as the only thing that can fill the void. We will send them in the power of the Spirit to the mission of inviting their friends into true Rest.

What will my student need to bring?

The Essentials:

- Clothing for 6 days (no tube tops, muscle shirts, spaghetti strap tops, or short shorts)
- 1 work day outfit** (clothes that can get dirt for our ministry project)
- Hoodie or light jacket
- Bathing suit (no bikinis or speedos)
- Closed toe shoes for ministry excursion (in the past we've sometimes helped clean areas with broken glass)
- Modest sleeping attire
- Toiletries: toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, contact solutions, deodorant, etc. Towels provided by hotel.
- Water bottle (preferably non-breakable)
- Cell phone charger
- Bible and Pen**
- Necessary medication (please let Pastor Stephen know what is to be taken and when)
- Sunglasses and sunblock
- Money for food, books, t-shirts, ect. (OPTIONAL)
- Snacks (optional)
- A heart and mind ready to learn, serve, and grow

Recommended:

- Small backpack
- Plastic garbage bag (or two) for dirty clothing

DO NOT bring the following items:

- Weapons, such as knives or any other item or weapon designed to hurt someone
- Personal electronic devices (your student may bring their cell phone).
- Items to be used for pranks
- Anything that is irreplaceable or very valuable

What do I do in case of an emergency?

Your student may have their cell phone on them at Challenge. You can contact them directly or Pastor Stephen

If your student or the leadership team needs to contact you for any reason we will contact the person(s) indicated as the students' emergency contact.

Student Ministry Contacts-

Pastor Stephen (972) 810-1022

Wait, I still have more questions!

We know how important your student is to you! If you have any questions about the event please contact your Student Pastor, Stephen Baxley at stephen@atlanticfreechurch.com.