

Charlotte Mason Education Conference June 8-11, 2011

General Information

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Registration Periods and Fees	
1 March 2011 – 30 April 2011	\$99 per person \$89 for a group (3 or more)
1 May 2011 – 27 May 2011	\$119 per person \$109 for a group (3 or more)
28 May 2011 until conference	\$129 per person or family: no group rates (NO lodging or meals available)
For spouse attending conference For student attending conference	\$25 per person \$25 per person
One Day Only Registration	
Thursday	\$59
Friday	\$59.
Saturday	\$49
Apartment Lodging (Adults and Children 12+)	\$25.00 per person per night
Apartment Lodging for Children	
Ages 0-2	free
Ages 3-11	\$12.50
Meals (Adults and Children 12+)	
Whole conference meal ticket Wed. dinner to Sat. lunch	\$54
Meals for Children	
Ages 0-2	free
Ages 3-11	\$27.00

Conference and Registration Fees

Note the 3 registration periods and prices. Please register early and save money. We offer early registration to keep the conference accessible to as many people as possible.

Payment options

Please send in completed registration form to Gardner Webb University, Box 7301, Boiling Springs, NC 28017 and choose payment option. Once registration form and payment have been received, you should receive an email confirming your conference registration and payment.

1. **Check** made out to ChildlightUSA. This is the easiest method of payment for us to process.

2. **Credit card**

Call ChildLightUSA office at 704-406-3913 and leave a message. Someone will call you back and take your credit card number.

3. **Pay Pal**

PayPal button is on the ChildLightUSA website, but you must add a service fee of \$4 for each \$100 (\$1-100 = \$4, \$101-\$199 = \$8, \$200-\$299 = \$12)

We cannot offer meal tickets or guarantee apartment availability after May 27, 2011.

Walk-ins welcomed at the late registration fee of \$129.00. (NO lodging or meal tickets; individual meals may be purchased at the cafeteria for a higher price.)

Conference questions can be directed to childlightusa@gardner-webb.edu.

Additional Conference Information

No childcare will be provided at the conference, but children are welcome on campus as long as they are under adult supervision at all times. **Please do not leave unsupervised or unattended children in the halls outside classrooms.** We ask that only nursing babies accompany their parents to a session and if the baby cries, please take the child out to avoid interference with recording. Please remember that **each child must have his own registration form for security/insurance purposes.** The campus has lots of areas to walk. There is a small playground across Main Street, to the right of the cemetery, behind the Communications Building.

Please keep in mind that auditorium seating is for registered conference participants only.

Those interested in continuing education credits, please check CEU box on registration form

We will enjoy entertainment throughout the conference.

Directions to Broad River Greenway: From Gardner Webb University, turn right on Main Street (south on route 150) and go approximately 3 miles. Turn left and then take the immediate right into the parking lot. If you miss the left turn, you will go on the bridge over the Broad River.

On Campus Lodging

We are offering apartment options only this year at \$25 per night per person. Please note that university policy requires lodging fees per person per night and graduating fees for different children's ages

After early registration is closed on May 27, we cannot offer apartments.

The university offers lodging for summer 2011 in apartments, which have 4 bedrooms and 2 baths with a living area in the middle. Most apartments have double beds, a refrigerator, stove, and washer/dryer. These will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. The remaining apartments have single beds, a refrigerator, and a microwave. **Please bring your own bed linens, pillow, and towels. You will be notified if you need to bring single sheets.**

Please indicate your roommate preference or we will assign one. This is usually not a problem for a conference like ours because you meet interesting, like-minded people. For apartment mates, we try to put friends on one side of apartment, sharing a bath. Since you pay per person per night for the apartment, a married couple can have "their side" of an apartment with two rooms and one bath. If we have to put two couples in an apartment, each couple will have a private bath. Fire code allows only 6 persons per apartment.

Off Campus Lodging

If you prefer staying off campus, there is an AmericInn about .8 of a mile away from the conference site. For rooms with two queen beds or a king bed, the AmericInn offers a conference rate of \$79.90 plus tax. Families with multiple children may find this cheaper than staying on campus. The rate includes an enhanced continental breakfast and use of the indoor pool and hot tub. Children under 12 are free. To take advantage of this rate, you must call the hotel directly at 704.434.9996 and ask for the Charlotte Mason/Gardner Webb conference rate. This rate is not available through on-line registration.

Other traditional accommodations such as Holiday Inn Express are a 15-20 minute drive away. At all of these ask for the Gardner-Webb/Charlotte Mason Conference rate. You can also see the link on this website for other choices.

On Campus Meals

Meals are served in the university cafeteria "The Caf." We consider the conversations shared around a meal to be a vital part of the conference and therefore encourage people to eat together on campus. We offer informal "Eat and Meet" discussions at meal times with conference speakers in the Bailey Dining Room (next to The Caf) that seats 35 and in the Conference Room down the hall that seats 15.

We offer only full conference meal ticket at \$54 for Wed. dinner through Sat. lunch.

We ask that you consider carefully your decision about purchasing a meal ticket because there are no refunds for meal tickets, even if you do not use your card. The Caf plans and purchases food days before the conference begins and these costs must be covered.

Transportation Information

If you are flying into Charlotte and need a ride to/from the airport, please consider that we are offering a shuttle at 12:00 & 3:00 on Wednesday 6/8/11 from the airport to conference and at 1:00 on Saturday 6/11/11 from conference to airport. Conference to airport is approximately a one hour drive. Van has 12 seats and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. You will receive an email upon receipt of your registration, confirming your seat on the van. We ask you to consider these shuttle times when purchasing your plane ticket, as the conference cannot offer any other transportation.

If you have special circumstances you can contact Bonnie Buckingham at KBuckingham@carolina.rr.com BEFORE you purchase ticket to see if special accommodations can be arranged. Make sure your cell phone number is clearly written on your registration. A few days before the conference you should receive an email with your van driver's cell phone number.

Weather Related Information

Bring a raincoat and a light jacket for cool evenings. You might want to check www.weather.com before coming. Sometimes it is hot and sometimes it is cool.

Refund Policy

To obtain a refund, you must have registered before 15 May 2011. After 20 May there will be no refunds except for documented emergencies.

There is a \$25 fee for lost keys. Sadly, this includes keys you may mail back to us the day after you leave. This is due to the arrival of hundreds of youth campers the day after our conference ends. All keys must be returned upon check-out; otherwise, the \$25 fee applies.