

“SEND”
National GMA Retreat
June 13-16,2017

Director of Youth Auxiliaries:

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Where? Daniel Springs Baptist Encampment, Gary, Texas

When? June 13-16,2017

Cost? \$140.00 same fee for all accommodations

Register at: danielspringscamp.com. Click on the **Overview Link** at the top of the site. Then, click on **Registration Details** on the right-hand side. Here you will find the registration information as well as the required medical release forms that every camper must complete! Registration begins May 1st. All chaperones must complete the mandatory background check before they can attend retreat. This is Texas state law! To find this information, click on the **Camp Chaperone** link. Remember, every adult in your group must undergo the background check every two years!

Camp Pastor: Bro. John Herring, Missionary in Nixa, MO

2017 Retreat Theme: “SEND”

Theme Verses: “Then said Jesus to them again, ‘Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.’ ” John 20:21 KJV

Theme Song: “I Will Follow” by Chris Tomlin

Daily Themes for Retreat:

Tuesday “Service” John 12:26

Wednesday “Evangelize” Mark 16:25

Thursday “Nations” Isaiah 6:8

Friday “Disciple” Matthew 28:19

Project for 2017: 90% HOME orphanage in Ocucaje, Inca, Peru, 10% GMA General Fund. The goal for this year is **\$25,000.00**. Please send project money by **May 15** to our National GMA Treasurer:

- **Ruby Poteet, 8303 Middle Warren Rd., Pine Bluff, AR 71603**
870-879-1378 rubypoteet@gmail.com

New Camper Fund: We can help! If you are a new GMA group and would like to attend camp for the first time, we have funds available to help with part of the registration. Contact Mandi Townsend as soon as possible if you would like more information.

Mission Trip Fund: If you have a GMA girl that will be making a BMAA affiliated mission trip this year, we still have funds available to help with expenses. Girls should apply as soon as possible! The application is included at the end of this letter. Contact Mandi Townsend for more information.

GMA Pin Trading: We will again have a time to trade pins or buttons at retreat on Tuesday afternoon during recreation. Bring pins or buttons from your state. You might also want to bring a towel, scarf, lanyard or notebook for displaying your pins!

“AfterGlow” will be held again this year on Wednesday night after services; this is always a fun time. Any girls who might want to present a special song or talent at camp needs to have all props, music, and instruments plus be prepared and see Anna Beth Townsend, National GMA Song Leader. The plan is for these to be “commercials” during **AfterGlow**. The National Officers are asking everyone to wear a white or neon colored shirt to **AfterGlow** because there will actually be black lights, glow sticks, etc. Glow sticks and bracelets will be available for purchase at the project promotion tables near the silent auction area.

Shining Stars: A special time for all girls in the Maiden through Princess Steps is planned for Wednesday morning of our retreat.

Queens’ Day: Makaye Key and Caitlin Dalrymple are planning an exciting day for Queens on Wednesday. Girls should wear comfortable clothes and shoes.

2017 National GMA Coronation: If your girls want to participate in the Coronation Wednesday night, you must send the form located at the end of this letter by May 15 to:

- **Mrs. Teel Witt, P.O Box 503 Palmer, TX 75152**
twitt98@yahoo.com (972)935-2473

Miss/Jr. Miss GMA Presentation: State Promoters: Please send your state's Miss and Jr. Miss GMA participant's folders as soon as possible or before April 15 to our National GMA Promoter:

- **Jayna Williams, P.O. Box 321, Mineola, TX 75773**
903-258-0284 jaynaw@gmail.com

Forward Step Classes: We want to encourage ladies to teach Forward Step classes at Retreat! If you are willing to teach a forward step class this year, please call or send your name and address as soon as possible.

- Becky Farmer 464 Churchwell Rd., Hattisburg, MS 39401
becky@southforrest.org

Silent Auction: This is one of our most popular project promotions at Retreat! Please bring several items to place in this auction. Enlist your WMA or church members to donate items! Bring special items you think would appeal to either counselors or to girls.

Program booklets will again be **\$2.00** this year. The information that is usually in the Counselor's will be in the program. Programs may purchased at the Hospitality Center located by the camp office when you register Tuesday afternoon. Information for Cabin Captains and Cabin Spiritual Leaders will be included in the booklets!

Counselor's Workshops will be held from 9:00 – 10:30 and from 11:00 – 12:00 on Wednesday and 10:30-12:00 Thursday.

Sunbeam Counselor's Workshops: Mrs. Sherry Laminack, National Sunbeam Promoter, and Mrs. Sandra Kizer, Asst. Sunbeam Promoter will conduct workshops for Sunbeam Counselors on Wednesday and Thursday mornings in the west room of the Tabernacle.

Project Fund Raising at Retreat this year: Silent Auction, Officer Competition, Candy Grams, Grab Bags, and Buttons. Abigail Verhelle, 1st Vice President, has challenged each girl or each GMA group to decorate a "Peruvian or travel/missions themed item that can contain money/change collected for our theme(box or suitcase w/ Peruvian flag, a globe, etc.) and fill it with money! Be creative! Enlist your church to help fill it with loose change for the National Project! These items will be judged at retreat for originality/creativity.

You may also "sell" or distribute child cut outs for any donation given. This promotion we are calling, "Helping hands in building the Ocucaje Orphanage in Peru."

Project Nominations: Please pray about our 2017 National GMA Project! If you have a nomination, please submit it by **1:30 Wednesday afternoon** to Mrs. Mandi Townsend. Each nomination should be signed by a counselor and should include the name of the church and the cabin number.

Retreat T-Shirts will be ordered when you complete your camp registration. We are attempting something new so bare with us please. New for us but this is what camp has been doing with the other camps for the last few years. They will be maroon with a white globe and lettering on front with the theme verse on the back. You should be able to see a sample of the shirt at the state GMA meetings! We will have it on the website soon as well.

Evangelism Table: Mrs. Valarie Fish and Mrs. Carolyn Meade will have Evangelism tips and activities, so we encourage girls and counselors to stop by the table! We will also need ladies to serve as counselors during the invitation times at retreat. There will be a meeting Tuesday night at 6:30 for those who feel led to serve as invitation counselors.

Thursday GMA Travel Around the World. This will be a time of games and fun with the officers.

Please remember these important things about camp:

1. The camp does not permit fireworks, firearms, water pistols, balloons, alcoholic drinks, drugs for abuse, or tobacco in any form.
2. No electronic devices are allowed.
3. No one is allowed to remain in the cabins during services or class time. Anyone who is sick will be in the hospital during this time.
4. A counselor must go with any girl who must leave the tabernacle during a service.
5. The dress codes are important. Please insist that all abide by these codes at all times.
6. Medical release forms for each person should be turned in with registration. (Insurance covers accidents and illnesses while on camp grounds up to \$3,000. This does not include pre-existing accidents or illnesses.)
7. Campers are required to remain in the cabins after lights out.
8. It is mandatory that a counselor be at the pool with your girls during their swimming session!

National GMA Retreat Dress Code: (Applies to campers and sponsors)

1. Clean, neat pants or knee length shorts may be worn until after supper.
2. Appropriate shirts should be modest with at least 1 inch straps, showing no cleavage, and with no inappropriate messages.
3. Appropriate skirt and short length is measured by the girl's palm width above her knee. Skirt slits should be no higher than the knee when seated.
4. Dresses, dress pants or dress capris are to be worn for all night services, unless otherwise announced by the Advisory Council.
On Tuesday night, t-shirts and jeans or capris may be worn, but no shorts.
(Wear GMA t-shirts: local, district, state, or national.)

5. Bathing suits are to be modest, one piece suits or a two piece covered by a t-shirt. A cover-up for bathing suits is to be worn when going to and from the pool.
6. Sundresses may be worn. (T-shirts must be worn with spaghetti strap dresses or a simple jacket or shirt to cover the shoulders).

NATIONAL GMA OFFICER NOMINEES: Girls should prayerfully consider serving as a National GMA Officer! Those who want to be nominated must have the approval of their family, counselor, and Pastor before coming to retreat! Nomination Forms should be turned in by **7:00 P. M. Tuesday evening to Mrs. Mandi Townsend.**

Rules of Eligibility:

- Girls entering 10th grade and who have not graduated from high school nor married may be nominated.
- Nominees must have attended National GMA Retreat a least once before the year she is nominated, but should be faithful in attendance to all levels of GMA meetings.
- Nominees must have completed a forward step or YLA objective during the past year.
- Nominees must be present at this Retreat to be eligible for election and must be willing to fulfill the duties of the office for which she is nominated.
- Nominees must be willing to attend two National GMA Officer Planning meetings.
- Nominees are asked to meet in the Tabernacle with members of the Advisory Council on Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 P.M. If nominee has a conflicting activity, she should see Mrs. Mandi Townsend prior to the meeting or her name will not appear on the ballot.

Nominees will be announced Wednesday afternoon at the business meeting. The vote will be by secret ballot on Thursday afternoon. The announcement will be Thursday evening and the installation will be Friday morning. Officer nominees will eat breakfast with the National GMA Officers Thursday morning. The new officers will meet Thursday night with the outgoing officers.

NATIONAL GMA OFFICER NOMINATION SURVEY

Office you feel God would have you serve: _____

Please complete the following survey if you are interested in serving as an Officer of National GMA. This survey will help the National GMA Advisory Council Nomination Committee determine if you are qualified and trained for the office for which you wish to serve. Each office requires that you participate in planning meetings and correspondence during the year. Please consider the duties of the office for which you are to be nominated.

"All girl officers shall be elected from girls who will be in at least the 10th grade next year and who have not graduated from high school nor married."

Name _____ Grade ____ Age ____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Parents or Guardian's Name _____

Home
Church _____

Pastor's
Name _____

Counselor's
Name _____

Last step
completed _____

Number of years you have been in GMA _____

How many National GMA retreats have you attended? _____

Rate yourself for attendance in GMA with 10 being at all meetings:

Local _____ District _____ State _____ National _____

Please tell us about your abilities, talents, experiences, leadership opportunities, artistic and musical abilities, etc.

Parent, Counselor and Church Consent

1. She should be present at all planning meetings during the year. She will have duties to perform during the year. Some of those duties are dictated by the office, others will be assigned to her by the president or advisory personnel.
2. Travel expenses to officers meetings are not provided. If the officers take a trip together during the year, those expenses are not provided. An adult officer will plan the trip and supervise the girls. She will need support to help her in fulfilling the duties of her office with letters, postage, meeting and mailing deadlines.

We the parents/guardian(s) of _____ do support her as she seeks to be elected as a National GMA officer.

Signed by Parent _____ Date _____

I/we her Counselor and Pastor pledge to support her as she seeks to be elected as a National GMA Officer.

Signed by her Counselor _____ Date _____

Signed by Pastor _____ Date _____

2017 National GMA Retreat Coronation Registration

Wednesday, June 14, 2017

Director: Mrs. Teel Witt

P.O.Box 503 Palmer, TX 75152

twitt98@yahoo.com

Church _____ City _____
State _____ District _____
Contact Person _____ Phone _____
Address _____ E-mail _____

Reigning Queens

Name	Step Completed
1.	
2.	
3.	
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10.	

Receiving Awards

Name	Award Receiving	Award Bearer
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

Pease mail completed form by **May 15** to: **Mrs. Teel Witt (address above)**

National GMA Funds
Summer Student Missionary Trip Application

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ E-mail _____

Phone _____ Birthdate _____ Church _____

Church Address _____ City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Church Phone _____

Year you started in GMA _____ Step completed _____

Are you still active in GMA at all levels? _____

What country or state are you planning to serve this summer? _____

What BMAA church or group are you traveling with? _____

List the person in charge of the trip _____

Parent or guardian names _____

Address _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Why do you want to go to a mission field? _____

Signatures: Parent _____

Pastor _____

Counselor _____

If funds are granted, I understand in accepting these funds, that if I do not go on the mission trip or the trip is cancelled, the money will be returned to the National GMA.

Signature _____

Date _____

Mail application to National GMA Treasurer:

Mrs. Ruby Poteet
8303 Middle Warren Rd.
Pine Bluff, AR 71603
870-879-1378

Guidelines for applying for funds:

1. **Girls must be in grades 7-12 to apply or may apply for summer after graduation from high school.**
2. **Girls must be active at all levels of GMA work.**
3. **Girls must have completed a Forward Step in the year they apply.**
4. **Girls must be going on a BMAA-affiliated mission trip to apply.**
5. **Receipt of funds will depend on funds available.**
6. **Girls should apply for funds as early as possible.**