St. Charles, IL

Merge Conference is a Monday through Friday gathering of 500-1,000 teenagers with a unique blend of student leadership training for youth, separate training for leaders, powerful worship, and service opportunities that involve home repair and community service.

What's Unique About Merge Conference?

- Students will receive a leadership certificate in partnership with Kenny & Elle Campbell, co-founders of GROW Curriculum
- Students will also receive a community service certificate after 25 hours of service
- Leaders will learn key strategies to strengthen their youth ministry in partnership with Ministry Architects
- Your choice of lodging and dining (not included in registration fee); Lunches are provided Tuesday - Friday

The Area

Located an hour from downtown Chicago, St. Charles sits on what was a Native American community for the chief of the Potawatomi tribe.

Named one of the regions “Top 10” by the Chicago Tribune, downtown St. Charles is home to shopping, live events, and endless dining options.

You’ll get to experience the area through your service projects and take in all that St. Charles has to offer.

Projects

Projects might include providing meals for the homeless, helping lead a day camp, sorting food and clothing at a distribution center, working with children in low income neighborhoods, or light home repairs.

Lodging Information

You will choose and book your own accommodations. Here are some suggestionsð call local churches within your denomination to see if you can use their facility or look at the specific Merge location youôre interested in and search for hotels within close proximity. You could also look into camping options in the area and create a fun experience with your youth. We arenôt affiliated with any hotels but are always available to answer questions.

Once you register, a trip advisor will provide you with specific details on the conference location so you can book your accommodations accordingly.

Area Activities

Take in the history of St. Charles through several museums; ride the trolley cars to see all St. Charles has to offer.

Otter Cove Aquatic Park is a great place to have some fun in the sun with its lazy river, water slides, pool and diving boards.

With just a 40-mile drive into Chicago, the possibilities are endless for fun. Museums, aquariums, bus tours, river and lake cruises, and dinner shows await your group.

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