

# Middler Classes

## Entering grades 7-9

**Core Classes:** *All Middler conferees must enroll in the following two core classes:*

**Middler Choir** (Victor Johnson)

Choir rehearses twice daily to prepare for singing in worship and the Friday concert. A music packet, the cost of which is included in the registration fee, is distributed on-site during check-in.

**Middler Small Groups**

Middle School and High School Youth will meet in small groups twice daily. Small groups are designed to give youth a smaller group of conferees to connect with! Small group curriculum will focus on fellowship and the exploration of scriptural themes from the conference through art, games, and guided conversations. The goal? To learn more about God and one another in a space that is safe and fun.

**Electives:** *Middlers may choose up to two electives.*

**Drama: ACT UP! ACT OUT! ACT ON!** (Mark and Cheryl Goodman-Morris)

A play-based workshop for middle school youth to explore integrating dramatic arts into worship in imaginative, fun, and meaningful ways. Students will learn skills through theater games, improv, mime, movement, and centering exercises that will open up new worlds of creativity.

**Social Justice Seminar: Can I Get a Witness?** (Elizabeth Kirkpatrick)

Come join us as we explore those making a difference in their communities from biblical times through the present day. How can we today be a witness to the power of God at work in the world through our own acts of compassion and justice? We will also have a hands-on service project to make our own compassionate witness.

**Fun and Games** (Montreat Staff)

Games and other activities in the outdoor beauty of Montreat.

**Beginner/Intermediate Handbells** (David Harris)

This combined-level handbell class is offered for Middlers with or without previous handbell experience. A music packet must be purchased from the on-site Jeffers Handbell Supply store. Ringers must provide their own gloves and music folders. A limited supply will be available for purchase on-site.

**Intermediate/Advanced Handbells** (David Harris)

This combined-level handbell class is offered for Middlers with previous handbell experience who can confidently read and perform mid-to-upper-level handbell music. A music packet must be purchased from the on-site Jeffers Handbell Supply store. Ringers must provide their own gloves and music folders. A limited supply will be available for purchase on-site.

**Middler Instrumental Ensembles** (Mark Britt and Jim Kilgus)

Orchestra, band, or other instrumentalists will rehearse once daily and may play for conference events. An on-site interview for ensemble placement is required during check-in.

**Photography: Seeing is Believing** (Scott Neely)

These days, it is more common to share images of our "perfect" life on social media rather than our crooked, adventurous, and fulfilling walk with God. We are constantly drowned with pictures that can build us up, tear us down, or plain confuse us. Additionally, experts estimate that the modern person is exposed to around 4,000 to 10,000 advertisements each day. It's exhausting just thinking about it! TOGETHER we will explore the power of photography in shaping our lives. TOGETHER we will find avenues to shape negative images into positive ones. TOGETHER we will discover how to craft a picture of God's love to share with the world!

*Middlers do not have 4:30 pm classes.*