

# Lads-to-Leaders Event Information

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## Convention Themes

**Overall Theme:** We'll Work 'til Jesus Come

**Pearls Study Series:** *Called*

**Debate:** Resolved: Baptism- immersion in water- is essential for salvation.

## ART SAYS IT

**Purpose:** To offer students an opportunity to use their talents, skills, and the tools of drawing, painting, and other art media to communicate a Biblical message.

**Participation:** Open to all students grades K-12. Students in K-2nd grade may submit artwork for display only. Participants do not have to attend convention. There are four categories: Painting, Drawing/Sketching, Photography and Posters. The Artwork should reflect the annual convention theme.

**Awards:** Awards are given to first, second, and third place winners in each grade division of each category. When there are more than 24 entries in a category in a grade division, they will be separated into multiple groups for judging. The top three entries from each of those groups will be called to the stage. Any student not receiving first, second or third will receive a Finalist ribbon.

**Reference:** Official Convention Rules page 7-13.

## ORAL BIBLE READING

**Purpose:** To emphasize the fundamental importance of Bible reading and to strengthen the foundation for public speaking. Bible reading is an important skill for young people to develop -- the younger the better. Beyond the fundamental importance of reading the Bible, the skill of oral Bible reading is also a foundation for other public speaking.

**Participation:** Students in kindergarten through sixth grade may participate. Students in third through sixth grade will be rated A, AA, or AAA.

**Reference:** Official Convention Rules page 20.

## CENTURION OF SCRIPTURE

**Purpose:** To encourage memorization of God's word. In Acts 10, a centurion commanded 100 soldiers. The Centurion of Scripture commands 100 scriptures to memory.

**Participation:** Open to all students and adults, whether attending convention or not.

Participants recite verses to team leaders or other volunteers from their home congregations.

**Awards:** Participants are recognized with an award at convention based on how many verses are recited per sitting.

**Reference:** Official Convention Rules page 24.

## DEBATE

**Purpose:** To promote a deeper study of the scripture as it relates to life's issues.

**Participation:** Boys and girls in grades 9-12 participate separately on teams of two. The debate topic is announced each year.

**Awards:** Trophies are given to the first, second and third place teams, as well as the top three individuals.

**Reference:** Official Convention Rules page 25.

## GOOD SAMARITAN

**Purpose:** To reach out to others by going the extra mile. To teach the importance of showing people other than family the love of Jesus.

**Participation:** Open to all students and adults, attending convention or not. Examples of service include sending cards, visiting the sick and shut-in, conducting home Bible studies, performing service projects, etc.

**Awards:** Participants are recognized with a medal at convention based on the number of points accumulated.

**Reference:** Official Convention Rules page 31.

## Know the Books

**Purpose:** To teach the books of the Bible and their themes.

**Participation:** Level One – Children through Grade 2. Level Two – Grades 3-6. Level Three – Grades 7-adults.

**Requirements:** Level One – to recite or sing the books of the Bible in order. Level Two – to recite the books of the Bible in order. Level Three – to recite the books of the Bible with their themes in order. Participants do not have to attend convention to participate. Participation in this study is on a local level

**Awards:** Bronze – for reciting the New Testament books. Silver – for reciting the Old Testament books. Gold – for reciting both the Old and New Testament books.

**Reference:** Official Convention Rules page 38.

## MASS MEDIA

**Purpose:** To train Christians to use the media effectively.

**Participation:** Students in grades 3-12 participate either individually or as a team. Categories are: Article/Editorial, Storyline, Website, Audio Presentation and Video Presentation. Participants do not have to attend convention.

**Awards:** Awards are given to first, second and third place winners in each grade division of each category.

**Reference:** Official Convention Rules page 40-45.

## MUSIC COMPOSITION

**Purpose:** To encourage those talented in music composition to develop and use their talents for God.

**Participation:** Open to students in grades 3-12. Original pieces are judged in the categories of lyrics, melody and harmony.

**Awards:** Awards are given to first, second and third place winners in each grade division of each category.

**Reference:** Official Convention Rules page 48.

## PARADE OF WINNERS

**Purpose:** To encourage students and adults to read the Scriptures.

**Participation:** Open to all students and adults. Participants do not have to attend convention.

**Awards:** Participants are recognized with a medal at convention based on how many times they read the Old or New Testament in a 12-month period.

**Reference:** Official Convention Rules page 51.

## PEARLS

**Purpose:** A thirteen-lesson study that digs deeper into the Bible Bowl book and theme for the year. This is excellent material for Bible School classes or individual study.

**Participation:** Open to students grades 3-12. Participants do not have to attend convention. The study guide changes annually. Participants may take a written test.

**Awards:** Awards are given to the top ten test scorers in each grade division.

**Reference:** Official Convention Rules page 52.

## PUPPET THEATER

**Purpose:** To train students in a creative way using puppets and for the participants to learn valuable team-building skills in their preparation and presentation.

**Participation:** Boys and girls in grades K-12 participate together in teams of up to twelve students. Puppet shows relate to the annual convention theme and last no longer than twelve minutes.

**Awards:** Awards are given to first, second and third place teams in each grade division.

**Reference:** Official Convention Rules page 53.

## SCRAPBOOK

**Purpose:** To serve as a record of activities and growth of students and groups.

**Participation:** Individual participation is open to students in grades 3-12.

**Awards:** Awards given to first, second and third place individuals in each grade division. When there are more than 12 entries in a grade division, they will be separated into multiple groups for judging. The top three entries from each of those groups will be called to the stage. Any student not receiving first, second or third will receive a Finalist ribbon.

**Reference:** Official Convention Rules page 59-61.

## SECOND LANGUAGE

**Purpose:** To promote and increase the ability of men and women to be able to communicate basic information and also to teach the gospel of Jesus Christ in a foreign language and/or sign language.

**Participation:** Open to participants from kindergarten through adults. Participants do not have to attend convention. Demonstration of these skills will be done on a local level.

**Awards:** Bronze, Silver, and Gold awards will be given at convention according to the participants meeting the individual requirements as set forth in the rules book.

**Reference:** Official Convention Rules page 62.

## SONG LEADING

**Purpose:** To train young men to lead singing in appropriate situations.

**Participation:** Boys and girls in grades 3-12 participate separately. Students in kindergarten through second grade may lead but will not be judged. Songs are selected by the participant.

**Awards:** Trophies are given to finalists, first, second and third place winners in each grade division.

**Reference:** Official Convention Rules page 64-66.

## SONGS OF PRAISE

**Purpose:** To train young ladies to lead singing in appropriate situations.

**Participation:** Boys and girls in grades 3-12 participate separately. Students in kindergarten through second grade may lead but will not be judged. Songs are selected by the participant. *No males are allowed in the room while the girls are leading singing at convention.*

**Awards:** Trophies are given to finalists, first, second and third place winners in each grade division.

**Reference:** Official Convention Rules page 69-71.

## SPEECH

**Purpose:** To provide a challenge to students to excel in public speaking and encourage high standards in speech content, organization, and delivery.

**Participation:** Boys and girls in grades 3-12 participate separately.

K-2nd graders may speak, but will not be judged. Speeches relate to the annual convention theme and range in length from three to six minutes. Requirements differ by age. Men are not allowed in the rooms when the girls are speaking at convention.

**Awards:** Awards are given to finalists, first, second and third place winners in each grade division.

**Reference:** Official Convention Rules page 74-77.