



Spring 2023

# Building Youth Groups



BYG's are a program of Agapé that bring elementary and middle school youth groups to spend a weekend at Agapé growing in community with each other and connecting spiritually with God.

For more information, please reach out to David at [adventure@agapekurebeach.org](mailto:adventure@agapekurebeach.org) or 919-552-9421

This packet should act as a “Frequently Asked Questions” for you, and if you need further clarification or information, don’t hesitate to contact David!

#### FAQ’s:

- What is Agapé?
  - Agapé is a Summer Camp and Retreat facility in Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina. We are situated on 400 acres of beautiful rolling hills, have plenty of hiking trails, and have modern buildings! We strive to help every child who steps onto our property feel loved and cherished as a child of God, and we aim to continue Jesus’ ministry in the world today.
- What is BYG?
  - BYG stands for Building Youth Groups. This program offers a weekend retreat for you and your elementary youth (3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>). We worship, play games, do crafts, and give you time as a youth group to build relationships with one another.
- What is BYG-er?
  - BYG-er is similar to BYG but this program is for Middle School Youth!
- Why is BYG (and BYG-er) important?
  - We believe that this uninterrupted time together can help youth groups grow bonds that last long beyond their time here at camp. This time allows the kids to also grow closer to God and to take an active role in their faith. Beyond these, time away from the hustle and bustle of life, that youth can spend in the outdoors, is something that is much needed these days!
- How does BYG work?
  - To start, a representative from your congregation will register your kids for a weekend on the [agapekurebeach.org](http://agapekurebeach.org) website. Once you arrive onsite on Friday evening, you and your youth group will unpack and get ready for the weekend! We ask that adult leaders (one per every 7 kids) come prepared to sleep in a separate room adjacent to the youth you are bringing. For more information about the layout of the Lodge please reach out to David. You will spend all of Saturday with your youth, and trained Agapé staff will lead them in team building, crafts, Bible Studies, and games! There will be a 2-hour period in the afternoon that will be for just you and your group to spend together and you can make that whatever you want it to be! There will be worships, campfires, and morning devotionals led by our staff as well. On Sunday, we will have some morning activities and then you will head out after lunch!

- How do I sign up?
  - Here is the link to the registration: <https://zfrmz.com/EZ6CP8k38NUTC4uPNfrx>
  - The dates are as follows:
    - BYG: March 10-12, April 14-16
    - BYG-er: March 24-26
  - Pricing for 2023 BYG's is as follows:
    - BYG: \$160 per camper
    - BYG-er, High School Retreat: \$175 per camper
    - Deposit: \$65 per camper, two months before the event

Thank you for your interest in our program! We truly believe that our young people are the future of the church. And for them to carry out Jesus' call in the world, it is up to us to teach them. BYG's provide a chance for us to teach our youth how to live a Christian life in a Christian community. We know how hectic life gets, so finding a time away for them and for you, can be so refreshing, life-giving, and healing. We hope to see you soon for an AMAZING BYG weekend! And remember, if you have any questions, concerns, comments, hopes, fears, dreams, don't hesitate to reach out to David at [adventure@agapekurebeach.org](mailto:adventure@agapekurebeach.org) or 919-552-9421