

What is an ARISE Weekend?

ARISE is a Christian renewal movement based in the beliefs of the Presbyterian Church. An ARISE retreat is an encounter with Christ in which the participants become part of a community abounding in God's grace. It is a weekend based on faith building and strengthening of relationships both with Christ and other youth. ARISE is a God centered community, in which a wide variety of youth grow together in fun, fellowship and worship of Jesus Christ. On your journey of faith, ARISE is a stepping stone that can give you an awareness of your responsibilities as a Christian.

What do you do on an ARISE weekend?

During the three days of an ARISE weekend, youth and adults come together from all over North Carolina to grow in their faith. They hear thirteen talks, five given by ordained ministers, the rest by youth just like themselves, who have previously attended this weekend. The talks encompass many aspects of the Christian walk: faith, growth, God's blessings, and many more.

Guests sit with the same small group for the whole weekend and discuss themes, as well as their own reactions to the talks they hear. Sitting in these small groups is a very important aspect of the weekend; guests develop strong Christian friendships with those sitting at their table. Guests also participate in various services of cleansing and renewal in order to restore and grow in their relationships with Christ. The weekend also includes chapel and communion each day, prayer, music, singing, and of course laughter.

Who may go to an ARISE weekend?

The weekend is open to young men and women ages fifteen and up from any denominational background. An ARISE weekend is not meant to convert anyone to Christianity; it is meant for those who have committed to Christ already. It is a weekend aimed at encouraging Christians to grow in faith, and increase their awareness and desire to serve the Lord. Adults are welcome and encouraged to get involved as well; they are a vital part of the community and should attend as a guest before serving on a team.

Those present at the weekend who have attended a previous ARISE are called "the team". Their responsibility is to serve the guests in every way.



How much does it cost?

The weekend costs \$100, which covers food, lodging, and the supplies for the weekend. Scholarships are available for those who cannot afford to pay the entire amount of the weekend.

When & How do I get to an ARISE weekend?

ARISE holds three weekends a year, one on Martin Luther King weekend in January and two on Labor Day weekend in September. ARISE uses camps in western, central, and eastern parts of North Carolina. Weekends for guests start ~9AM Saturday morning and conclude ~3PM Monday afternoon.

To attend a weekend you should talk to your pastor or youth leader and you will need a sponsor. The sponsor is an ARISE member who has previously attended a weekend and can help you with the application and prepare you for the weekend.

What happens after an ARISE weekend?

One of the hopes of ARISE is to rise up youth to set examples and become leaders within the ARISE community, as well as at home, in their schools, churches, and local communities. Youth are given multiple opportunities to return and become involved, as well as to continue to grow as leaders in both faith and responsibility as a Christian.

A few weeks after each weekend the entire ARISE community gets together at a central location just south of Greensboro for Community Day, where we connect with Risers (that's all of us who have made a weekend), have a chance to form reunion groups, share a meal together, and worship together.

What do others have to say about ARISE?

"ARISE is my sunshine after the rain, the best thing that has ever happened to me."

~Jennifer Adams, Clayton, NC

"As a young Christian I was hungry to experience more of God, a hunger ARISE helped to fill. ARISE was the sunshine of grace that God used to cultivate me into a flower of Christian leadership."

~Andrew Ruth, Fayetteville, NC

"God is love. ARISE is one of the many manifestations of his love, but one of the few that is so pure that the message cannot be missed."

~Lily Gervasi, Greensboro, NC

"ARISE encourages people who already know about Christ to allow Christ into their lives. To have Jesus as a Best Friend. To give their life over to God's amazing purpose."

~Emily Robinson, Greensboro, NC



How do I get more information & contact someone about attending an ARISE weekend?

See any youth or adult that has attended a weekend. This brochure was left here by:



Or contact the ARISE registrar:

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A weekend of Faith building

Raising up youth to become leaders