



## **Greetings, NYI Leaders and Youth Pastors!**

**DISTRICT BLAST** (COMBINED Teen Talent & Sports Blast EVENT) **is only 7 weeks away!!**

We've been praying for each student, planning out details, and are excited to experience this together! We hope you will join us, as well as encourage our district teens to get excited about sharing their God-given gifts and talents for His glory. It is a 2-Day Event, held on Friday evening and Saturday all day, **March 16 AND 17, 2018, in the Falcon Center at Fairmont State University.** (There is no snow make-up day.)

Registration will be on Friday, from 5-6PM, as you enter the main doors. There will be a mandatory coach's meeting at 5:30PM. Then, we will have a worship service from 6-7PM for everyone. Competition will begin from 7:30-11PM, then will resume on Saturday morning at 9AM, with lunch at noon (included with registration fee), and concludes with an Awards Ceremony, and dismissal by 5PM.

### **HOW TO REGISTER:**

#### **For each student:**

- 1) Go to [www.mvnu.edu/BLAST](http://www.mvnu.edu/BLAST). Download and complete the **PRINTABLE REGISTRATION FORM**. *Each student participating must complete this form and turn it in to their Youth Leader or Pastor. For District BLAST, the fee packages on the bottom of the form DO NOT apply yet – **PLEASE DISREGARD.***
- 2) Download and complete the **MEDICAL RELEASE FORM**, *and turn in with the registration form.* (Since both of these forms are in a PDF file, downloading them will allow you to complete the form on your computer, making it easier to complete with a PDF reader. Once completed, you should choose "save as" to store the completed form to access later, as needed). [*Middle School: Grades 6-8; High School: Grades 9-12*] *These forms **must** be sent in with the Church Registration Form and fees, as well as with the Group Registration Form (if participating on a team sport, duet, ensemble, choir, or band).*
- 3) Fill out **ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM**. **This form must be submitted for complete registration.**

#### **For each church:**

- 4) Complete the **GROUP REGISTRATION FORM**. This must be completed by a Youth Leader or Pastor, and sent to the address below, **with the Church Registration Form**. (NOTE: A group consists of 2 or more (teams, duets, ensembles, bands, and choirs) participating together in a Sport or Talent. Go to [www.mvnu.edu/BLAST](http://www.mvnu.edu/BLAST) to refer to the **2018 BLAST Handbook** (Pastors/NYI Leaders, we suggest that you download and print the BLAST Handbook for quick reference).
- 5) Complete the **CHURCH REGISTRATION FORM**. This form needs to have the **Group Registration Form**, and **ONE check, made payable to WVN NYI, notated "District BLAST"**, for all students who are participating (whether or not they are competing).

**ALL COMPLETED FORMS & FEES, must be RECEIVED BY March 2<sup>nd</sup>.**  
**Since we are working with FSU, NO exceptions can be made after this deadline.**

**MAIL ALL COMPLETED FORMS and FEES to:**

**District BLAST Team, c/o Melody Torralba, 52 Harner Run Road, Morgantown, WV 26508**

### **REGISTRATION COST:**

The registration cost is **\$35 per person** (no matter how many events you enter). This includes the competition fee, awards, and Saturday's lunch. Spectators (adults & teens) are welcome, with a cost of **\$5 per person** (covers lunch cost). Indicate the total amount for your group on the Church Registration Form.

### **FOOD, LODGING, HOSPITALITY & PERSONAL CARE:**

Each church should bring their own snacks, water, sports drinks, and personal care items needed for their group. Fairmont First Church & Fairmont Central Church have graciously opened their facilities for overnight lodging, in order to help with expenses. There are also limited rooms blocked off at nearby hotel at a greatly reduced rate. To get info/make arrangement for lodging, please contact Pastor Scott King at **304-**

207-3507 or Pastor Craig Moore at 681-443-0062. Locker rooms and showers are available to all participants at the Falcon Center.

## **RULES & IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

The BLAST Handbook is accessible at [www.mvnu.edu/BLAST](http://www.mvnu.edu/BLAST). **Please make sure that you and your teens are familiar with the rules and any significant changes/clarification updates.**

**SPORTS:** If a student in your church would like to participate on a team sport but does not have enough people to compete with, please indicate this on your registration form. We encourage you to still register, as we will place you on a team (volleyball, basketball, soccer) so that you can be included on a team. Your name will be included on the Group Registration Form of the church team that you will be participating with. Please bring ALL sports and protective gear needed for your event, along with any team shirts, if applicable. Locker rooms and showers are available for our use at the Falcon Center. Bring your own towels and personal care items. We will work together to keep the Locker Rooms clean and orderly, so please have your teens be responsible for their personal items.

**TALENT:** Students can participate in as many Christian Communication events as they want. If they qualify for more than 3 Christian Communication events for Regional BLAST, then they will have to decide that day what event they are not going to participate in so that we can notify the next placed person if they are going to Regional BLAST. If you have any questions, please let me know. Also, you participate in as many Arts & Crafts events as you want, but the student MUST be come to Teen Talent.

**If you have an Instrumental or Vocal solo, duet, or ensemble requiring piano accompaniment please let us know on the registration form so we can prepare for that!**

**NEW: IF YOU ARE PLAYING A PIANO SOLO, YOU MUST CONTACT MELODY ASAP, as we are trying to hold this event FRIDAY EVENING at a different nearby location.**

**FOR ALL CHURCHES: ALL children MUST be supervised and accompanied by an adult at ALL TIMES.**

## **OPEN FIELD EVENTS (Sign Language and Math):**

Although these events “automatically” qualify the participant to move on to Regional (Field) Level, we **highly encourage participants in these events to share their talent at this district level**, to receive the benefits of working out details, and sharing their gifts to encourage others.

We look forward to experiencing God’s greatness with you all in this event! If you have any questions or need help, please don’t hesitate to contact us.

- General questions: NYI President, **Pastor Craig Moore at 681-443-0062 or [steelercpm@yahoo.com](mailto:steelercpm@yahoo.com)**
- Sports related questions: **Jim Davis at 304-365-3113 or [jdavis41@ma.rr.com](mailto:jdavis41@ma.rr.com)**
- Teen Talent related questions: **Melody Torralba at 805-588-5384 or [pierpontpraise@gmail.com](mailto:pierpontpraise@gmail.com)**

Glorifying God and building up His Kingdom,

*The District BLAST Team*

## **ATTACHED:**

- 1) BLAST Promotional Flyer – please make copies & post, hand out to teens, and use as a prayer reminder;
- 2) BLAST Registration Form (to download form, go to [www.mvnu.edu/BLAST](http://www.mvnu.edu/BLAST)) – **Fee packages on the bottom of the Regional BLAST form DO NOT apply to District BLAST, but will apply to those QUALIFYING and planning to attend it in June;**
- 3) BLAST Medical Release Form (this MUST accompany every registration form);
- 4) GROUP REGISTRATION Forms (for sports teams and talent groups, complete one for every team and/or group coming from your church);
- 5) CHURCH REGISTRATION Form (this form must accompany your fees – issued on ONE CHECK).

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