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Dear Church Leader,

How do you build up the young leaders around you? The Northwest Conference has a solution.

Adventures in Leadership (AIL) is a leadership camp for high school students organized by the Northwest Conference. The camp aims to help students develop and improve their leadership skills. The experience focuses on providing student leaders with a strong foundation in biblical teachings and a framework for leadership. Through this camp, students are encouraged to discover their own abilities and gifts and learn how to lead in a Christian context. Past participants have found this week to be transformative in their leadership development growth.

This year's date for AIL is **June 15-22, 2024** (Saturday to Saturday). The cost is **\$485 per person**. The camp is held at Adventurous Christians located on the Gunflint Trail near Grand Marais, MN.

You and your church leadership have the unique opportunity to recommend one or two students, currently in 9th - 11th grade, for application to this leadership camp. We can only accept **two applications per church** in order to grant this opportunity to more of our churches. We would encourage you to discuss this possibility with potential nominees and their families (program flyer included) before they pursue applying. We make a tremendous investment in this program. We want to be sure that those selected are committed to full participation and to the program's purpose. *If for some reason a student cannot commit to the full program dates, they should not apply.* You also need to know that there are a maximum number of 28 participants, so all who apply may not necessarily be selected. Preference will be given to older students if space is limited.

In addition, we want to challenge you as a church to invest directly in this leadership training experience for your students. In past years, AIL students have received partial to full **financial assistance** from their home church to participate. Please consider ways that you can invest in this life-changing adventure with your student(s) this year.

To nominate students from your church you must go to our website and download the appropriate forms or contact the conference office and request an application packet. Completed applications with \$100 deposits must be postmarked by **Monday, April 15, 2024**. The planning team will meet in April to consider applications and finalize details for the program. Applicants will be notified by Tuesday, April 30, 2024. We seek your prayers as we make decisions regarding this year's group and plan for this summer's AIL.

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