

**“The Bread of Life”
National GMA Retreat
June 15-18, 2022**

Director of Youth Auxiliaries:

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National GMA website: www.nationalgma.org

Location: Daniel Springs Baptist Encampment, Gary, Texas

Register at: danielspringscamp.com. Click on the tabs at the top to find the registration information, camp chaperone details as well as the required medical release forms that every camper must complete! **Early registration which begins April 15 is \$150** and includes DSBC t-shirt; after **May 28 the cost is \$165 and does not include DSBC t-shirt.** Shirt size is required with registration; this will be for camp t-shirts, GMA shirts are extra (see GMA t-shirt order form). All Chaperones must complete the mandatory background check before they can attend retreat: this is **yearly** and must be done at least one week prior to camp; cost is \$6. The safety video is every **two years** and the cost is \$10. This is Texas state law! To find this information, click on the **Camp Chaperone** link. Shot records are no longer required for camp. However, there is a place on the **Medical Release** form to mark if the camper is up to date on immunizations. This form is located under **Registration**. **Release forms are to be notarized for all campers that are under 18.**

2022 Retreat Theme: “The Bread of Life”

Camp Pastor: Gavin Roberts, Morgan Grace Fellowship - Utah

Theme Verse: John 6:35 “Jesus said to them, I am the bread of life, whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall not thirst.”

Theme Song: Living Water by Gateway Worship

Daily Themes for Retreat:

Wednesday: **Water** > Jesus is the Living Water John 4:10, John 7:37-38

Thursday: **Yeast** > Our Growth as Believers in Christ 2Peter 3:18

Friday: **Wheat** > Wheat never grows alone/Lean on other believers Ecclesiastes 4:10, Proverbs 11:14

Saturday: **Salt** > We're called to be the salt of Christ on earth (different) Matthew 5:13, Colossians 4:6

Project for 2022 *Morgan Grace Fellowship, Gavin Roberts, Utah Mission.* The goal for this year is **\$10,000**. Please send project money by **May 15** to our National GMA Treasurer:

- **Kristin Herring:** 12 Spring Drive, Maumelle, AR 72113
krisherr12573@gmail.com (501)425-4780

New Camper Fund: We can help! If you are a new GMA group and would like to attend camp for the first time, we have funds available to help with part of the registration. Contact Kristin Herring as soon as possible if you would like more information.

Mission Trip Fund: If you have a GMA girl that will be making a BMAA affiliated mission trip this year, we still have funds available to help with expenses. Girls should apply as soon as possible! The application is included at the end of this letter. Contact Kristin Herring for more information.

“AfterGlow” will be held this year on Thursday night after services; this is always a fun time. All of these activities will be led by Hannah Brister, National GMA Song Leader and Emily Gentry, National Instrumentalist. These girls will post information for you to have prepared for this fun and exciting time. Watch the website for information TBA!

Shining Stars: A special time for all girls in the Maiden through Princess Steps is planned for Thursday morning after the breakout sessions. This will be a great time of fun songs and worship.

Queens’ Day: Laura Hazzard and Kim Cade are planning an exciting time for Queens on Thursday beginning after the breakout sessions.

2022 National GMA Coronation: If your girls want to participate in the Coronation Thursday night, you must send the form located at the end of this letter by **May 15** to:

- **Charlotte Johnson 1044 S. Mimosa Rd, Gilmer, TX 75644, 903-790-1385**

Miss/Jr. Miss GMA Presentation: State Promoters: Please send your state's Miss and Jr. Miss GMA participant's folders as soon as possible or before **May 10th** to our National GMA Promoter:

- **Lane Flynt** 1059 Hwy. 532, Mount Olive, MS 39119; (601) 641-1475
lane.flynt98@gmail.com

Forward Step Classes/Breakout Sessions: Mrs. Lisa Rust has worked hard to prepare for breakout sessions at camp! These sessions are planned for Thursday and

Friday mornings. Attached are forms for breakout session registration. All girls will need to be registered for breakout sessions. Please send by May 15th.

- Lisa Rust PO Box 453 Greenbrier, AR 72058; lisarrust@gmail.com phone: 501-450-0242

Silent Auction: This is one of our most popular project promotions at Retreat! Please bring several items to place in the auction. Enlist your WMA or church members to donate items! Bring special items you think would appeal to either counselors or to girls.

Program booklets will again be **\$2.00** this year. Programs may be purchased at a table located by the camp registration area when you register on Wednesday afternoon.

Sunbeams:, Sandra Kizer, National Sunbeam Promoter, will speak about the Sunbeam program during one of the counselor sessions and be available to answer questions.

Project Fundraising at Retreat this year: Silent Auction, Officer Competition, Candy Grams and Grab Bags. Rylee Johnson, 1st Vice President, has challenged each girl or each GMA group to either decorate an apron or bakery box that carries out our camp theme. We want to encourage our church members to fill the pockets of the apron or the box with money to go toward the project on the Sunday prior to camp. Be creative! Bring these to camp! These items will be judged at retreat!

Project Nominations: Please pray about our 2022-23 National GMA Project! If you have a nomination, please submit it by **1:30 Wednesday afternoon** to Mrs. Laurie Hicks. Each nomination should be signed by a counselor and should include the name of the church and the cabin number. Someone will need to be prepared to speak concerning the nomination.

Retreat T-Shirts will be sold for **\$15.00**. Shirts will be pink with the GMA Camp 2022 theme and logo. Order forms are at the back of this packet and will be due **May 15th**. Send order forms to: **Mandi Townsend 6 Broadmoor Dr., Conway, AR 72034 (501)697-0823** mandi.townsend@yahoo.com

Evangelism Area: Mrs. Nicki Prickett Downs and Mrs. Valarie Fish will have Evangelism tips and activities, so we encourage girls and counselors to stop by their area! We will also need ladies to serve as counselors during the invitation times at retreat. There will be a meeting Tuesday night at 6:30 for those who feel led to serve as invitation counselors.

GMA Photo Booth – fun props and theme decorations will be available for individual or group pictures!

GMA Project “Special Prize” –The National GMA Officers would like to recognize girls who go above and beyond to raise money for the National project this year...so if you

have individual girls in your GMA group who work very hard to raise a significant amount of money for the project, please let us know!

Rule Reminders:

1. The camp does not permit fireworks, firearms, water pistols, balloons, alcoholic drinks, drugs for abuse, or tobacco in any form.
2. No one is allowed to remain in the cabins during services or class time. Anyone who is sick will be in the hospital during this time.
3. A counselor must go with any girl who must leave the tabernacle during a service.
4. The dress codes are important. Please insist that all abide by these codes at all times.
5. Medical release forms for each person should be turned in with registration. (Insurance covers accidents and illnesses while on camp grounds up to \$3,000. This does not include pre-existing accidents or illnesses.)
6. Campers are required to remain in the cabins after lights out.
7. It is mandatory that a counselor be at the pool with your girls during their swimming session!

National GMA Retreat Dress Code: (Applies to campers and sponsors)

1. Clean, neat pants or knee length shorts may be worn until after supper.
2. Appropriate shirts should be modest, no tank tops or sleeveless shirts, showing no cleavage, and no inappropriate messages.
3. Appropriate short length is measured by the girl's palm width above her knee. Skirt length (including slits) should be knee length.
4. Dresses, dress pants or dress capris are to be worn for all night services, unless otherwise announced by the Advisory Council. On Tuesday night, t-shirts and jeans or capris may be worn, but no shorts. (Wear GMA t-shirts: local, district, state, or national.)
5. Bathing suits are to be modest, one piece suits or a two piece covered by a **non-white** t-shirt. A cover-up for bathing suits is to be worn when going to and from the pool. Not just a towel. (a robe or sundress or long t-shirt would be appropriate.)
6. Sundresses may be worn, but t-shirts must be worn under spaghetti strap and sleeveless dresses.

NATIONAL GMA OFFICER NOMINEES: Girls should prayerfully consider serving as a National GMA Officer! Those who want to be nominated must have the approval of their family, counselor, and pastor before coming to retreat! Nomination Forms should be turned in by **7:00 P. M. Wednesday evening to Mrs. Laurie Hicks or Mrs. Katy Nix**

Rules of Eligibility:

- Girls entering 10th grade and who have not graduated from high school nor married may be nominated.
- Nominees must have attended National GMA Retreat a least once before the year she is nominated, but should be faithful in attendance to all levels of GMA meetings.
- Nominees must have completed a forward step or YLA objective during the past year.
- Nominees must be present at this Retreat to be eligible for election and must be willing to fulfill the duties of the office for which she is nominated.
- Nominees must be willing to attend two National GMA Officer Planning meetings.
- Nominees are asked to meet in the Tabernacle with members of the Advisory Council on Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 P.M. If nominee has a conflicting activity, she should see Mrs. Laurie Hicks or Mrs. Katy Nix prior to the meeting or her name will not appear on the ballot.

Nominees will be announced Thursday afternoon at the business meeting. The vote will be by ballot on Friday afternoon. The announcement will be Friday evening and the installation will be Saturday morning. Officer nominees will eat breakfast with the National GMA Officers Friday morning. The new officers will meet Friday night with the outgoing officers.

NATIONAL GMA OFFICER NOMINATION SURVEY

Office you feel God would have you serve_____

Please complete the following survey if you are interested in serving as a national GMA officer. This will help the National GMA Advisory Council Nomination Committee determine if you are qualified and trained for the office for which you wish to serve. Each office requires that you participate in planning meetings and correspondence during the year. Please, prayerfully consider the duties of the office for which you are to be nominated.

"All girl officers shall be elected from girls who will be in at least the 10th grade next year and who have not graduated from high school nor married."

Name_____Grade ____Age ____

City State_____Zip_____

Telephone_____E-mail_____

Parents or Guardian's Name_____

Home Church_____

Pastor's Name_____

Counselor's Name_____

Last step completed_____

Number of years you have been in GMA_____

How many National GMA retreats have you attended? _____

Rate yourself for attendance in GMA with 10 being at all meetings:

Local_____District_____State_____National_____

Please tell us about your abilities, talents, experiences, leadership opportunities, artistic and musical abilities, etc.

Parent, Counselor and Church Consent

1. She should be present at all planning meetings during the year. She will have duties to perform during the year. Some of those duties are dictated by the office, others will be assigned to her by the president or advisory personnel.
2. Travel expenses to officers' meetings are not provided. If the officers take a trip together during the year, those expenses are not provided. An adult officer will plan the trip and supervise the girls.
3. She will need support to help her in fulfilling the duties of her office with letters, postage, meeting and mailing deadlines.

We the parents/guardian(s) of _____ do support her as she seeks to be elected as a National GMA officer.

Signed by Parent _____ Date _____

I/we her Counselor and Pastor pledge to support her as she seeks to be elected as a National GMA Officer.

Signed by her Counselor _____ Date _____

Signed by Pastor _____ Date _____

National GMA T-Shirt Order Form

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mandi.townsend@yahoo.com

Quantity	Size	Unit Price	Total
	Youth 10-12	\$15.00	
	Youth 14-16	\$15.00	
	Adult Small	\$15.00	
	Adult Medium	\$15.00	
	Adult Large	\$15.00	
	Adult XL	\$15.00	
	Adult 2 XL	\$15.00	
	Adult 3 XL	\$15.00	
Total #			Total Due:

Checks should be made to: National GMA

Church _____ City _____ State _____

Contact Name _____ Phone number _____

E-Mail _____

Please note: T-Shirt orders will be available for pick-up at camp on Wednesday.

2022 National GMA Retreat Coronation Registration

Send to: Mrs. Charlotte Johnson 1044 S. Mimosa Rd, Gilmer, TX 75644

903-790-1385

Church _____ City _____

State _____ District _____

Contact Person _____ Phone _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

Reigning Queens

Name	Step Completed
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
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10.	

Receiving Awards

Name	Award Receiving	Award Bearer
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

Please send information completed form by **May 15**

National GMA Funds
Summer Student Missionary Trip Application

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ E-mail _____

Phone _____ Birthdate _____ Church _____

Church Address _____ City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Church Phone _____

Year you started in GMA _____ Step completed _____

Are you still active in GMA at all levels? _____

What country or state are you planning to serve this summer? _____

What BMAA church or group are you traveling with? _____

List the person in charge of the trip _____

Parent or guardian names _____

Address _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Why do you want to go to a mission field? _____

Signatures: Parent _____

Pastor _____

Counselor _____

If funds are granted, I understand in accepting these funds, that if I do not go on the mission trip or the trip is cancelled, the money will be returned to the National GMA.

Signature _____

Date _____

Mail application to National GMA Asst. Treasurer:

- **Kristin Herring: 12 Spring Drive, Maumelle, AR 72113**
krisherr12573@gmail.com (501)425-4780

Guidelines for applying for funds:

1. **Girls must be in grades 7-12 to apply or may apply for summer after graduation from high school.**
2. **Girls must be active at all levels of GMA work.**
3. **Girls must have completed a Forward Step in the year they apply.**
4. **Girls must be going on a BMAA-affiliated mission trip to apply.**
5. **Receipt of funds will depend on funds available.**
6. **Girls should apply for funds as early as possible.**

Please send by May 15th to

Lisa Rust
 PO Box 453
 Greenbrier, AR 72058
 or email to
lisarrust@gmail.com

2022 Breakout Sessions

Breakout	Name	Description
A	What's Next?	<p>Designed for girls in 11th – 12th grades.</p> <p>Being in GMAs has taught us a lot about being committed to Christ in our daily lives, but what does that really look like when we are on our own for the first time? For girls who will be going to college soon or just getting ready to begin “adulting,” this session will help you be more prepared for the future by teaching you ways to stay devoted to following Christ.</p>
B	Mission: Possible	<p>Designed for ALL grades.</p> <p>Have you ever wondered what life on the mission field looks like? Do you wish you knew more practical ways to be a missionary right where you are? Then this session is for YOU! Experience missionary life in this “Missions Bootcamp.”</p>
C	Abiding in Christ	<p>Designed for the older grades.</p> <p>As maturing believers, we are called to store up the Word of God in our hearts and to be devoted to praying. But sometimes it can be hard to really dive into God’s Word or commit to a life of prayer. In this session, tips on studying the Bible, defending your faith, and understanding the power of prayer will be shared so that you can better abide.</p>

D	Rhythm of Worship	<p>Designed for ALL grades.</p> <p>Worship can look different for each individual believer. In fact, no two people worship in the exact same way. This session will explore worship around the world and incorporate rhythm and songs.</p>
E	Spiritual Leadership	<p>Designed for ALL grades.</p> <p>Have you ever thought “I could never be a leader?” Well, the truth is whether you like it or not, whether you are a brand-new believer or you accepted Christ at a young age, every Christian is a leader. There is always someone watching you. This session will explore what it looks like to be a spiritual leader and give practical ways to lead every day.</p>
F	“Hands and Feet”	<p>Designed for ALL grades.</p> <p>“BE the church.” It is something we have all heard time and time again. But what does that look like? How can we actually BE the church? This session will emphasize that having a heart for God will cause us to truly have a heart for people – a heart to SERVE. Girls will learn how to be the “hands and feet” of Christ by participating in a service project!</p>
G	Mind Your Manners	<p>Designed for girls in the younger grades.</p> <p>“Excuse me,” “Please,” and “Thank you” are small phrases that can go a very long way! Being polite and having basic etiquette are very important for young ladies. This fun interactive session will teach manners, etiquette, and may even include a yummy treat!</p>