

**Garden in Manhattan**  
**Romans 12:2**  
**Girls Discipleship Retreat**  
**June 10-13th, 2025**

**Director of Youth Auxiliaries:**

**Mrs. Lane Flynt**

**1059 Hwy 532 Mount Olive, Mississippi 39119**

**National GMA website: [www.nationalgma.org](http://www.nationalgma.org)**

**Where? Daniel Springs Baptist Encampment, Gary, Texas**

**When? June 10-13, 2025**

**Register at: [danielspringscamp.com](http://danielspringscamp.com). Early registration until May 21st with a cost of \$190.** Daniel Springs shirts will be included with registration, shirt size is required with registration; this will be for Daniel Springs t-shirts, GMA shirts are extra (see GMA t-shirt order form below). **Late registration starts May 22<sup>rd</sup> at 4pm and ends June 4th at 4pm with a cost of \$225** and does not include the regular Daniel Springs t-shirt. No registration changes will be made after 4pm on **June 4th**. All Chaperones as well as girl campers 18 years and older must complete the mandatory background check before they can attend retreat. This is required **yearly** at the cost of \$10. The Child Abuse Awareness safety video is required every **two years** at the cost of \$4. This is Texas state law! Both the background check and the safety video must be completed for registration to be complete. Follow the instructions for registration as listed on the above website.

**2025 Retreat Theme: Garden in Manhattan**

**Camp Pastor: Jonathan Montgomery**

**Theme Verse: Romans 12:2**

**Theme Song: Garden in Manhattan by Josiah Queen**

**Daily Themes for Retreat:**

Tuesday: River: John 7:38, John 4:13-14

Wednesday: Welcome sign: Matthew 19:14

Thursday: Flower: Isaiah 40:8, John 9:5

Friday: Light in the Darkness: Matthew 5:14-16, Ephesians 5:8

**Project for 2025:**

Please send project money to Mandi Townsend by May 15th.

- **Mandi Townsend:** 6 Broadmoore Drive, Conway, AR 72034  
[mandi.townsend@yahoo.com](mailto:mandi.townsend@yahoo.com)    Cell: 501-697-0823

**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. This form is available on the GMA website under the More tab to Financial

forms tab. Contact Mandi Townsend 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 Mandi Townsend for more information.

In addition, we have a fund available for GMA girls to loan money for mission trips. These funds are available through the **Borrow & Pay Back form**. This form is also available on the GMA website under the More tab. For more information about either of these funds contact Mandi Townsend.

**“AfterGlow”** will be held this year on Tuesday night after services; this is always a fun time. For those who wish to perform during Afterglow, sign-ups will take place during registration. We only have a few spots available so first come first serve!! The national officers are hosting “glow games” this year that are sure to be a blast! Make sure you bring neon to wear and glow sticks!

**Queens’ Day:** Tami Blackburn is planning an exciting day for Queens and any girls in 9th-12th grade on Wednesday. Girls should wear comfortable clothes with socks and shoes. Please be sure to include if your queens will participate on the National GMA Coronation form. She needs to have a number to plan for.

**2025 National GMA Coronation:** If your girls are on their Queen step or higher in the GMA curriculum and want to participate in Coronation Wednesday night, you must send the form located at the end of this letter by **May 15** to:

- **Mrs. Tara Almand** 60 Columbia Road 170 Waldo, AR 71770  
(870) 904-5787 Email: [talmand@outlook.com](mailto:talmand@outlook.com)

**Miss/Jr. Miss GMA Presentation:** State Jr Miss and Miss GMA packets need to be sent to Lisa Rust by **April 15th**. The presentation ceremony will be on Wednesday night of camp on June 11th.

- **Lisa Rust:** P.O. Box 453 Greenbrier, AR 72058, Email: [lisarrust@gmail.com](mailto:lisarrust@gmail.com) Cell: 501-450-0242

**Breakout Sessions:** Breakout Sessions at Retreat have been coordinated for both girls and adults. We will have planned some exciting sessions for counselors and girls. To give our session leaders accurate headcounts, there is a form to sign up for sessions for girls included in this packet. No form is needed for adult sessions this year. We have some great adult sessions planned for ladies this year. This form for girls can be mailed, emailed, or text to Audrey by May 15th. Please understand some of the sessions will have limited numbers so get those forms to Audrey before camp.

- **Audrey Krisell:** 2200 Meadowlake Rd Apt 1513 Conway, AR 72058, Email: [audgejnsn@gmail.com](mailto:audgejnsn@gmail.com) Cell: 903-780-6619

**Program booklets** will be **\$2.00** this year. They will be available at registration.

**Project Fundraising at Retreat this year:** Officer Competition, Grab Bags and the officers have challenged each girl or each GMA group to decorate a watering pot related to them and fill it with money! Be creative! Enlist your church to help fill it with loose change for the National Project! These items will be judged at retreat!

For the silent auction this year, we are asking GMA groups to create a “gift basket” filled with goodies. The basket can be themed such as a “movie basket” or “spa basket” and it can be big or small! Have fun with it!

**Project Nominations:** Please pray about our 2025-2026 National GMA Project! If you have a nomination, please submit it by **1:00pm Wednesday** to Mrs. Lane Flynt. Each nomination should be signed by a counselor and should include the name of the church and the cabin number.

**Retreat T-Shirts** will be sold for **\$15.00**. They will be grey with the camp theme, and Girls Discipleship Retreat on the back and the word Ambassador on the front. This year we will also be offering sweatshirts. They will be gray with the word Ambassador on the front. The cost will be **\$20.00**. These orders are due to **Lane Flynt** by May 15th. Order forms are at the back of this packet.

**Evangelism Area:** Mrs. Valarie Fish and Mrs. Laurie Hicks 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.

#### **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. Campers are required to remain in the cabins after lights out.
6. 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 chaperones)

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. **No leggings.**

4. Dresses, dress pants, dress capris, or jeans without holes 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 upon arrival to camp at registration.

Rules of Eligibility:

- Girls entering 9th grade and who have not graduated from high school nor married may be nominated.
- Nominees must have attended National GMA Retreat at 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 a nominee has a conflicting activity, she should see Mrs. Lane Flynt or Mrs. Katy Nix prior to the meeting or her name will not appear on the ballot.

Nominees will be announced Wednesday before dinner. The vote will be by secret ballot on Thursday afternoon. The announcement will be Thursday evening and the installation will be Friday morning. Officer nominees will eat breakfast with the National GMA Officers Thursday morning. The new officers will meet Thursday 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 9th 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.

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## **Parent, Counselor and Church Consent**

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not elected to your selected office, would you be willing to serve in any of the following positions, should we need to appoint officers to fill vacancies? Check all that apply.

- President
- 1st Vice President
- 2nd Vice President
- Recording Secretary
- Corresponding Secretary
- Historian
- Song Leader
- Instrumentalist

## Girls Discipleship Retreat T-Shirt Order Form

**Retreat T-Shirts** will be sold for **\$15.00**. Shirts will be gray with the camp theme on the back and Ambassador on front. We also will have sweatshirts this year. They will be gray with the word Ambassador on the front. Those will be sold for **\$20.00**. The money raised from shirt sales goes toward our National project. **\*This is a separate shirt from the Daniel Springs registration.** Orders are due **May 15<sup>th</sup>**. Send order forms to: **Lane Flynt 1059 Hwy 532 Mount Olive, MS 39119**

Quantity	Size	Unit Price	Total
	Youth M	\$15.00	
	Youth L	\$15.00	
	Adult Small	\$15.00	
	Adult Medium	\$15.00	
	Adult Large	\$15.00	
	Adult XL	\$15.00	
	Adult 2 XL	\$16.00	
	Adult 3 XL	\$16.00	
Sweatshirts	Youth M	\$20.00	
	Youth L	\$20.00	
	Adult Small	\$20.00	
	Adult Med	\$20.00	
	Adult Large	\$20.00	
	Adult XL	\$20.00	
	Adult XXL	\$21.00	
	Adult XXL	\$21.00	
Total #			Total Due:



Checks should be made to **National GMA**  
 Church \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please note: T-Shirt orders will be available for pick-up at the back of the Tabernacle Tuesday afternoon.

**2025 National GMA Retreat Coronation Registration**

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Send to: Tara Almand 60 Columbia Rd 170 Waldo, AR 71770

[taland@outlook.com](mailto:taland@outlook.com) 870-904-5787

Church \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Number of queens participating in Queens day: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Reigning Queens**

Name	Step Completed
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
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9.	
10.	

**Receiving Awards**

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

Please mail completed form by **May 15** to: **Mrs. Tara Almand (see address above)**



**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? \_\_\_\_\_

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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 canceled, the money will be returned to the National GMA.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mail application to National GMA Treasurer:

- **Mandi Townsend:** 6 Broadmoore Drive, Conway, AR 72034  
[mandi.townsend@yahoo.com](mailto:mandi.townsend@yahoo.com) Cell:501-697-0823

**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.**

## **GMA Borrow & Pay Back Form**

The GMA Borrow & Pay Back Fund was created in order to assist members of the Girls Missionary Auxillary who need assistance in meeting financial obligations for BMA mission trips but will be able to reimburse the GMA Fund prior to going on the mission trip. (For example, need to pay a deposit for a mission trip or flight by a deadline but not enough has been raised by the deadline.) ALL MONEY BORROWED is REQUIRED TO BE REIMBURSED TO THE GMA FUND PRIOR TO GOING ON MISSION TRIP!

**First & Last**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone**

**Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's First and Last**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone**

**Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Church**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Counselor's**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone**

**Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide the following information, and obtain the 3 required recommendations.**

**GMA Step completed in the past year:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dates of Mission**

**Trip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Organization planning mission**

**trip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Team**

**Leader:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Team Leader's phone number or email  
address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Describe what you will be doing on the mission  
trip:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**How is the borrowed money going to be  
used?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Requested to be borrowed & Paid back: \$**\_\_\_\_\_

**Are you going to be able to pay the borrowed money back to the GMA prior to  
leaving on your mission trip, please also explain how you plan to obtain the  
money?** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Reimbursement paid by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

# GMA National Camp Breakout Sessions Sign-Up Form

Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City & State: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please have each girl rank the breakout sessions from most interested to least interested (*#1 being most interested*). Girls will be placed in breakout groups based on the order in which forms are received so be sure to send this form ASAP. We will do our best to ensure each girl gets to attend sessions she has more interest in. **See the next page for a description of each breakout session.**

Name	Grade Completed	Breakout: A	Breakout: B	Breakout: C	Breakout: D	Breakout: E	Breakout: F	Breakout: G
<i>Girl 1 (example)</i>	<i>8<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>6</i>

Please send by May 15<sup>th</sup> to Audrey Krisell; 2200 Meadowlake Rd. Conway, AR 72032

[audgejnsn@gmail.com](mailto:audgejnsn@gmail.com); 903-780-6619

# Breakout Sessions

Name (First and Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Church, State \_\_\_\_\_

Directions: Number the sessions, 1-7, in order of the ones you would prefer to attend. (i.e. 1=1st choice to attend, 2=2nd choice to attend, 3=2nd choice to attend, etc.)

Session Options	Number of preference
<p><b><u>A. Journaling with Purpose:</u></b> Get ready to bring your Bible to life with color, creativity, and fun! In this breakout session, you'll learn how to do Bible journaling—a way to explore God's Word by drawing, doodling, and highlighting verses. It's all about getting closer to the Lord while having a blast with markers, pens, and your imagination. Come ready to create, have fun, and let your faith shine through your art!</p>	
<p><b><u>B. Girls Gone Digital:</u></b> In this breakout session, you'll learn how to use your tech skills to spread God's word and make a difference. From learning how to post inspiring messages on social media to creating flyers for your church and sharing encouraging content, you'll discover how to help your church in new ways. Whether you're a tech pro or just starting out, you'll walk away with simple tools to help your church and GMA group grow and spread joy!</p>	
<p><b><u>C. Skits for the Savior:</u></b> Get ready to shine in the spotlight and bring God's Word to life through acting and skits! In this fun and interactive breakout session, you'll learn how to use acting skills to create exciting performances for your church or VBS programs. Whether you're pretending to be a Bible character, performing funny skits, or telling powerful stories, you'll discover how to use your creativity to inspire others. Get ready to have fun with your friends, learn some acting tricks, and become a star in sharing God's message in the most fun way possible!</p>	
<p><b><u>D. Bible Blitz:</u></b> Think you know the Bible? It's time to put your knowledge to the test in this Bible trivia breakout! Compete with your fellow GMAs as you answer questions about the stories, people, and verses that make God's Word so amazing. Whether you're a trivia pro or just love a good challenge, you'll have a blast racing to see who knows the most while learning new things along the way. Bring your A-game, and get ready for a fun-filled time of faith and friendly competition!</p>	
<p><b><u>E. Crafting Through Inspired Hands:</u></b> Join us for a fun and creative time in this session, where you'll get to make beautiful, meaningful projects while connecting with others! Whether you're a seasoned crafter or a first-timer, we'll guide you step-by-step in creating projects that reflect your faith, creativity, and the beauty of God's creation.</p>	
<p><b><u>F. Escape Through the Word:</u></b> A hidden mystery is waiting to be uncovered... In this Bible themed Escape Room, you will embark on an exciting journey where every puzzle and clue is tied to a story and verse from the Bible. Time is ticking, and to escape, you'll need to unlock secrets, solve riddles, and follow the path laid out in Scripture. Will you be the one to piece together the clues and escape before time runs out? The adventure begins now—are you ready to uncover the truth?</p>	
<p><b><u>G. Faith-Fueled Leadership (Girls grades 9-12 Only):</u></b> Step into your role as a leader and mentor in this exciting breakout session! You'll discover powerful ways to lead, guide, and support others as you learn key skills in mentoring and discipleship. Whether you're helping a friend grow in their faith or leading a group, you'll gain tools and confidence to be a positive influence and a shining example of God's love!</p>	