

# Step Up BLAST 2011 March 11-12



Greetings,

BLAST is right around the corner! –March 11- 12, 2011. Though it seems like an event far in the future, now is the time to prepare the students in your church's youth group. BLAST can be a great outreach opportunity for your church. Through consistent attendance and practices, students who are new to your church can build relationships that will last beyond the excitement of BLAST.

The focus for BLAST is recognizing and using the talents that God has given each of us and how we can use them to Step Up and help build the Kingdom of God. It is vital that our students realize they can use their talents now. We can help them to discover that by equipping and empowering our young people to lead.

Every student can participate in some form or another at BLAST. There is a standing tradition of including students of all talents and range of abilities. We encourage friendly competition that will allow all students to enjoy their activity and the time of fellowship.

### What can you do now?-

- \* Develop athletic teams. -Begin practices now (Basketball, Volleyball, Football, Soccer, Dodgeball)
- \*Develop a drama team. -Pick a drama or skit that could be used for a Sunday morning.
- \*Encourage musician and vocalists. -Help them find a song, give them an opportunity to play on a Sunday morning, help them to work out an ensemble.
- \*Encourage technically creative students. – Let students know they can submit a video for BLAST, maybe they don't want to be in front of the camera but their work is valuable and important.
- \*Talk it up!- Let your students know what is coming and what is possible. We as Youth Pastors and Youth Leaders need to help our students find a place to get involved. If you are excited to be a part of BLAST your enthusiasm will rub off.

### Please Note:

- ▶ All talent scoring sheets will be made available for students to consult as part of their preparation. Scoring sheets may be viewed at [www.monyi.org/blast](http://www.monyi.org/blast)
- ▶ Junior high boys basketball will have a specific bracket. All other sports and talent will be combined.

BLAST this year we will challenge students to Step Up and use their gifts to build the kingdom. We want to glorify God in all we do, and we can do that best when we use all of the talents God has given us as leaders.

Pastor Robby Patton  
Youth Pastor  
Harvester Church of the Nazarene

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and able in the faith  
need to step in and lend a hand  
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and not just do what is most convenient for us.  
Strength is for service, not status.**

If you have any questions please email them to [BLAST@harvesternazarene.com](mailto:BLAST@harvesternazarene.com).  
All forms and rules can be found at <http://www.monyi.org/blast/>

### **Housing Information:**

North County Christian School has made a limited number of rooms available

Cost \$7 per person.

Bring: bedding, blow up mattresses, towels, toiletries. (Limited mattresses)

Showers are provided.

Breakfast items will be available to purchase in gym concession

**All groups must have adult supervision.**

For more information and reservations contact Sheryl Dampf at 314-605-9359.

### **Timeline:**

**Feb 9<sup>th</sup>** - This is the last date the visitors can begin attending your church regularly in order to compete with your churches team at BLAST; this is to meet the required 30 day participation guideline. This is simply to encourage visitors to connect with your church. If this is looked at as an opportunity to build relationships it will be far more productive in the long run.

**Feb 13<sup>th</sup>** – This is the recommended date for all completed forms to be submitted to you the Youth Pastor/NYI Leader.

**Feb 14<sup>th</sup>** – Your packets must be post-marked by this date.

– Please make sure that this mailing includes all complete team rosters.

**Mar 11<sup>th</sup>** – Registration begins at 4pm. There will be a coaches meeting promptly at 5:30. The opening service will begin promptly at 6. Last year we got behind schedule from the beginning which affected the remainder of the activities on Friday.

**Mar 12<sup>th</sup>** – All talent contests will begin at 8am. A published schedule will be provided in the BLAST packet at registration. All talent contestants are expected to be present and prepared at the time allotted.

**DRAMA Teams**- Dramas will be a part of our opening service again this year. Their impact last year was phenomenal; the hope is that this medium will connect with our students again this year.

•Dramas/ mimes will be allowed to rehearse on the platform. If you would like to arrange a time for your students to rehearse please contact Pastor Robby at [BLAST@HarvesterNazarene.com](mailto:BLAST@HarvesterNazarene.com). The allotted time for practices is from 3pm to 5 pm.

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