



Greetings,

BLAST will be here soon!! This is the time to begin preparing your students. Several changes have been made this year in order to help streamline the event. BLAST will be held in Bowling Green, Missouri- this change of venue will allow our district to connect with a school district that is eager to cooperate. The event will be held only on Saturday- this will cut costs for traveling churches and hopefully encourage more participation.

The focus for BLAST is realizing that we have been called to a mission that is possible through the saving grace of Jesus. If students do not accept the mission that has been set before them the kingdom will stagnate. 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.
- *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.
- ▶ Brackets and team arrangements will be published on www.monyi.org/blast prior to the event.

BLAST this year we will challenge students to accept the Mission ~~Im~~ Possible and build the Kingdom of God here and now. 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

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

Feb 8th- 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 19th – This is the recommended date for all completed forms to be submitted to you the Youth Pastor/NYI Leader.

Feb 20th – Your packets must be post-marked by this date. Please cooperate with this deadline. **Packets received with postmarks after the 20th will not be processed.**

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

Mar 10th – Registration begins at 8am. There will be a coaches meeting promptly at 8:15. The opening service will begin promptly at 8:30.

•A published schedule will be provided in the BLAST packet at registration. All talent contestants and athletes are expected to be present and prepared at the time allotted.

DRAMA Teams- Dramas will be a part of our worship service again this year. Their impact in past years has been 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.

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