



## 2012 National Youth Gathering July 24-28, 2012

[www.abhms-immense2012.org](http://www.abhms-immense2012.org)

Join youth from across the nation for a week long gathering that is...  
Spiritual...Missional...Reflective...Connective...Experiential...and Fun!!!

Immerse, the National Gathering of American Baptist Youth, is a 5-day event for high school and college-age youth that will feature high-energy and transformative worship coupled with hands-on mission experiences. Washington, D.C. will provide youth with opportunities to do mission work and to experience the energy of our nation's capital.

Our region is putting a group together to go to Immerse. In addition to attending Immerse we will also spend additional time in Washington D.C. And New York City! Begin planning for youth from your church to participate by thinking creatively about fundraising and by praying that God will use Immerse to change lives!

### Highlights....

July 22 - Travel from L.A. to D.C.

July 23-24 - Visit highlights of D.C. on Sunday & Monday - (White House, Capital Building, Washington Monument, Mall & More)

July 24-28 - Immerse Conference

July 28 - Travel to New York City (Stay in a local church to save on hotel costs)

July 29-30 - see highlights of NYC - Times Square, Ellis Island, Statue of Liberty, 9/11 Memorial & more!!!

July 31 - Travel to L.A.

### What Will it Cost?

Approximately \$1000\*\*

\$399 for Immerse (lodging, meals, program)

\$450 - Flight (price subject to change)

\$150 - Extra nights in D.C./NYC - NYC transportation, breakfasts, bus trip to NYC,

**Not Included:** Meals while not attending conference in D.C. & NYC, tours

### Payment Calendar

March 15th—\$350 non-refundable Deposit to cover most of flight

April 16th—\$100 - Immerse Registration Deposit

May 8th—\$299 - Immerse Conference Fee

June 29th—Final Payment - Remaining Flight Cost & D.C. & NYC

\*\*Actual Costs will be determined by flight prices and scholarships that are available\*\*



## Fundraising Ideas

### The National Gathering of American Baptist Youth

American University, Washington D.C

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1. Take advantage of the many holidays to come between now and July. Designate a special offering of your congregation as scholarship money for the youth who will attend Immerse. Have your students ask family members to contribute to their trip to Immerse instead of giving other gifts this year. Host a Valentine's dinner at the church to fundraise for the trip. Leap Year Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Arbor Day and Earth Day are all good days to set up fundraising events.
2. Partner with local businesses to fundraise. Some restaurants will offer a percentage of its sales from one night of business.
3. Invite members of the congregation to contribute \$50 monthly for the next eight months to help finance one young person's trip to Immerse. Between now and Immerse, set up events--such as dinners and game nights--in which youth can meet and greet congregants of other ages.
4. Prepare a fundraising plan over the next eight months to keep your congregation informed about how it can support the trip to Immerse. Provide the congregation with a variety of events, by which they can financially support the trip.
5. Bake sales, car wash, candy sales, etc.
6. Get paid to go to T.V. Show Tapings - visit <http://ocatv.com/> or call (818) 880-8200 and <http://tvtickets.com/groups.htm> or call **818.260.0041 ext. 7321** - both of these television audience groups pay money to your group for attending television tapings.

Visit the Immerse Website & Do a Google Search for more fundraising ideas!