



**PNEC Sleep Out For Homelessness 2017**  
**At St. John's UCC, Laurys Station**  
**1415 Rising Sun Road, Laurys Station 18059**  
**Saturday, Sep 23 at 6pm – Sunday, Sep 24 at 8:30am**

**The idea:**

**To be the eyes, hands, and heart of Jesus in our community and the world.**

**To spend a night learning about what it might be like to be homeless.**

**To raise money for VALLEY YOUTH HOUSE which helps abandoned, abused and homeless youth.**

**Schedule:**

Arrive at 6pm (eat supper at home), participate in various activities from 6pm-12 midnight to learn about homelessness and poverty. (Yeah, it's fun too, no worries.) We will try to stay outside all night, weather permitting. However, if people need to go inside to sleep that will be arranged. Our goal is to raise awareness and money, not to get everyone sick.

12 Midnight Sleep/Settle In

7:30am Wake Up, Get Dressed, Tear Down, and Clean up

7:45am Breakfast

8:30am (or earlier) goodbyes and leave for home church to can your own congregation.\*\*

Dress warmly, bring a coat or extra clothing (hat and gloves). You are allowed to bring a sleeping bag. No pillow! Personal toiletries (meds), and pajamas (for outside, remember), flashlight. This year, NO Ipods/music or cell phones! No money or food is needed.

Cardboard boxes should be brought to St John's the night of the sleep out from your own church. Cardboard boxes will be used to create a sleeping area. No food will be served during the night. (If you have health or medical needs, please bring your own food/drink.) You will be allowed to go inside the church to use the bathroom and to warm up when needed (beverages provided).

***If you want to attend the Sleepout:***

***YOUTH: GRADES 7TH-12TH Complete and return the enclosed covenant to your youth leader no later than Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Collect money from sponsors and bring your sponsor form and ALL money to the Sleepout.***

***Try to raise at least \$25.***

***ADULT LEADERS: Hold onto paperwork and bring it to the event. Email/call Patty Rehrig at the PNEC office with names, grades and gender of youth and adults no later than Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>.***

***ADULT CHAPERONES:*** There must be at least 1-2 adults attending from each church, with at least 1 per every 10 youth; more are welcome. You need to sign up now or as soon as possible. We need adult chaperones from 7pm- midnight as well as overnight. **All adult chaperones must complete the PNEC Safe Child Disclosure form. Those who are sleeping over must apply for and provide copies of PA Child Abuse and Criminal Background checks.** You may bring an air mattress and other comforts to sleep or you may volunteer to sleep inside.

For Information and Registration: Patty Rehrig [patty@pneec.org](mailto:patty@pneec.org) 610-826-3113

Host Church Contact: Beth Sloan [sloanonthego@ptd.net](mailto:sloanonthego@ptd.net) 610-730-5945

**\*\*It is requested that all church youth groups plan on returning to their home congregations, if at all possible, on Sunday, September 24th to "can" the congregation at their morning worship for additional donations for Synergy Project. Churches should send any additional donations from Sunday morning directly to Valley Youth House and write "PNEC Sleepout for Homelessness" in memo area so Valley Youth House can track the total donations from this event. Please email Beth Sloan with your totals from Sunday Morning collections to [sloanonthego@ptd.net](mailto:sloanonthego@ptd.net) .**

**RETURN FORM NOW—no later than Sept. 22nd**

**YOUTH LEADERS contact the PNEC Office no later than September 22nd with your list of participants. Bring all forms to the Sleepout with you.**

**Covenant for Sleepout for Homelessness**

Youth and Adults:

Because God calls us to be a community of faith and leaders in Christ's church, I covenant with God and the group to conduct our life together at the event in a manner that promotes a community of faith.

- I will participate in all activities, working together to learn and grow from my experience.
- I will treat all people with dignity and respect, both in actions and language.
- I will respect the property of all people.
- I will use the facilities made available to us with care. If I hurt or accidentally damage property, I will take responsibility for the damage done and inform an adult advisor right away.
- I will not bring or use tobacco products, alcohol, and/or illicit drugs. Prescribed drugs must be made known in writing and adult leaders will negotiate plan for administering.
- I will share only music and media that is appropriate and I will only take/post pictures of others with their consent.
- I will not engage in sexual activity.
- I will observe the guidelines for visiting members of the opposite sex.
- I will be mindful of others' rights to privacy and sleep.
- I will honor the curfew for lights out and I will be in my bed for lights out and remain there (except to use bathroom) until wake up call. I will not leave the assigned group area during the night.
- I will not travel alone. When I am not with the group I will be with 2 or more other participants. During free time I will do only that which is permitted.
- I realize that violation of this covenant could mean apologizing to the group, congregation, or Consistory in writing. It may mean phoning parents and/or returning home before the event's conclusion.

Participant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

We/I accept this covenant and expect our child/ren to follow it. I give my child permission to attend this event.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check \_\_\_ I allow pictures to be taken of my child for the purposes of display and promotion in fliers, church/conference website, Facebook page, and / or the local newspaper.

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list a number where you can be reached at all times during this event.

EMERGENCY NAME//PHONE (IF you can't be reached) \_\_\_\_\_

Your church name and town: \_\_\_\_\_

These are special needs of my child: (medical, food/diet, allergies, prescription/non-prescription meds bringing along) ALSO List here any schedule conflicts – will you be arriving at a different time, will you need to leave for part of the event, etc.

\_\_\_ I am an adult who can chaperone from 7pm-12midnight.\*

\_\_\_ I am an adult who can chaperone the whole event/or sleepover.\*

**\*All Adult Chaperones must provide copies of PA Child Abuse and Criminal Background checks to PNEC prior to September 22nd.**



**SPONSOR FORM**  
**PNEC “Sleepout For Homelessness”**  
*Please help me raise at least \$25.*

**At this event I will:**

- ~ spend a night learning about what it might be like to be homeless.
- ~ raise money for VALLEY YOUTH HOUSE SYNERGY PROJECT which helps local homeless youth.
- ~ learn more about being the eyes, hands, and heart of Jesus in our community and world.

Valley Youth House has been helping youth and families since 1973. They seek to provide prevention and intervention services, counseling, life skills and behavioral health services. They have services in Bucks, Carbon, Chester, Delaware, Lancaster, Lehigh, Luzerne, Montgomery, Northampton, and Philadelphia Counties. Check out their website [www.valleyyouthhouse.org](http://www.valleyyouthhouse.org)

PARTICIPANT NAME : \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSOR NAME	AMOUNT PAID
TOTAL	\$

**CASH OR CHECKS, make checks payable to: St. John’s UCC, Laurys.**

**THANK YOU for your support.**

All sponsorship money must be turned in at the time of the event on September 23rd.

*Additional sponsors/amounts can be listed on the back page.*