

Overview

The Winter Retreat is a weekend of Bible teaching, group dynamics, and fellowship. The purpose is to strengthen our bond and interaction as a youth group and with fellow believers through teaching, recreation and fellowship. Our theme this year is *Encounters with Jesus*. We will be looking at the different people Jesus encountered in the Gospels and what these encounters show about His character. The goal is to see that Jesus reaches out to all kinds of people and desires to restore our lives for God's glory. Our prayer is that our students will have their own personal encounter with Jesus and return home refreshed, energized, and with a renewed sense of purpose.

Items To Bring

- Clothes (Some time may be spent outdoors)
- Sneakers for the gym, boots (walking paths are often muddy)
- Toiletries (soap, toothbrush, comb, etc.)
- DEODORANT
- Bedding or Sleeping Bag & Pillow
- Towel
- Bible
- Notebook
- Pens/pencils
- Snacks to share with your roommates
- Reusable water bottle
- A good attitude

Behavior

My child and I understand that all who attend this retreat shall (1) maintain a Godly and gracious attitude, and (2) obey all rules and respect the leaders, and (3) leave our accommodations better than we found them. Also, it is understood by myself and my child, that if my child is involved with any of the following items, in any form, I will be contacted by one of the youth group leaders and may have to retrieve or arrange transportation for my child.

- Alcohol and tobacco products are prohibited.
- Sneaking out of the buildings for any reason other than for fire or other building disaster is prohibited.
- There are no circumstances that warrant guys and girls being in each other's sleeping quarters. Guys quarters are off limits to girls. Girls quarters are off limits to guys. There will be NO exceptions to this rule.
- Unauthorized drugs – Please NOTE: because of liability issues the leadership will not dispense prescription medication to your teenager. If they are not mature enough to

take their **own** medications (not having a sibling dispense it) they are not mature enough for this trip (there will be other trips)

- Weapons, explosives, or fireworks.
- Flagrant disrespect toward leaders, church leadership and those in authority, or other students.
- Do not bring inappropriate magazines or other secular literature.
- Modesty must be maintained at all times. Please help your teen maintain modesty and purity (parent and teen will be notified if there is a problem).
- There will be no physical contact between the teens. The sex of the individual does not matter. It will be best if each teen minds their own space and keeps their hands to themselves. Exceptions would be a game requiring contact. (ex three legged race.)
- **NO electronic devices.** (ex. iPad, Nintendo switch, etc.) If you have an extenuating circumstance please feel free to discuss it with Pastor Marcos.
- **Cell Phones will be permitted at the discretion of each churches leadership.** They are to be used for calling home and for taking pictures with friends. They should NOT be used to play games in isolation... text with friends back home, etc. As long as they are being used to facilitate interaction with the rest of the group, phones can be a positive thing.

Please Note: The above guidelines and rules are designed to eliminate distractions and promote safety while facilitating learning and fellowship. If you feel you and your teen have an extenuating circumstance to some of these rules, please feel free to discuss the matter with Pastor Marcos in private before the retreat. Your signature on this form verifies that even though you may not agree with the guidelines and rules, you will abide by them for the duration of the event or activity. Also you and your teens signature also verifies that you understand that severe infractions of these rules may result in YOU having to arrange transportation for your teen to get home. Infractions of an illegal nature **will** initiate a response by local law enforcement.

Please Completely Fill Out and Return

All permission forms are due March 15, 2024

Authorization

While the stated leadership of this event shall take ordinary precautions for the safety of all involved, it is understood that participation is voluntary and at your own risk. My signature below certifies that my child has permission to attend this event and participate in the said events. Furthermore, I release Fleetwood Bible Church, its Board and leadership from any liability or injury resulting from the aforementioned events.

In the event that I cannot be reached, my signature below authorizes emergency medical treatment by competent medical professionals should such treatment be necessary during the aforementioned events.

Participant's/Teens Signature (please print name and sign) _____

Parent's Signature (please print name and sign) _____

Address _____

Phone Number(s) _____

Insurance Company _____

Policy / Group Numbers _____

Please list any allergies, medical conditions or medications that may be relevant to a physician in the event of an emergency. (use extra paper if needed)

T-shirt size: _____