

# VENTURE OF FAITH CAMP

Winter  
YOUTH RETREAT



## GUIDELINES & INFORMATION

REGISTER ONLINE: [VENTUREOFFAITH.ORG/WINTER-RETREAT](https://ventureoffaith.org/winter-retreat)

### REGISTRATION & COST

Winter Youth Retreat is for middle, high, college students, and counselors. The event fee is all-inclusive and includes services, activities, lodging, and 5 meals. Extra cash is needed for souvenirs and canteen.

**REGISTRATION:** \$75 per attendee. Registration form is due by December 14, 2023. The individual registration form should be completed online for every retreat attendee. One check is requested for each group. If an online payment option is requested, a 3% charge will be added to cover credit card expenses.

### ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

**CHECK-IN** is on Thursday 3:00-5:00 PM. **CHECK-OUT** is on Saturday 11:00 AM.

All personal items should be removed from dorms and taken with you. Any lost and found items will be available for pick-up or shipment [at your expense] until February 24, 2024. After 02/24/24, any remaining lost and found items will be donated.

### SAMPLE ITINERARY FOR THE WEEKEND

**THURSDAY:** 3:00-5:00 PM — Registration, 6:00 PM — Dinner, 7:00 PM — Choir Practice, 8:00 PM — Service, 10:00 PM — Canteen, 10:30 PM — Activities, 11:30 PM — Lights Out.

**FRIDAY:** 8:00 AM — Breakfast, 9:00 AM — Service, 10:00 AM — Activities, 12:00 PM — Lunch, 1:00 PM — Activities, 5:00 PM — Get Ready, 6:00 PM — Dinner, 8:00 PM — Service, 10:00 PM — Canteen, 10:30 PM — Activities, 11:30 PM — Lights Out.

**FRIDAY:** 8:00 AM — Breakfast, 9:00 AM — Devotions and send off, 10:00 AM — pack, 11:00 AM — Checkout

### DRESS CODE POLICY

The dress code policy is made at the discretion of each individual group leader. We ask that, at a minimum, you adhere to the following:

**AM SERVICES & ACTIVITIES:** Boys & Girls - shirt & knee-length loose fitting shorts

**PM SERVICES:** Boys - collared shirt & pants  
Girls - shirt & knee-length skirt or knee-length dress

**SWIMMING:** Boys - knee length swim trunks [a t-shirt and swim trunks are required to and from the pool]  
Girls - modest one piece or tankini [activity dress code is required to and from pool over swimsuit]

**GENERAL DRESS CODE GUIDELINES FOR PACKING:** Minimum of 2 outfits for evening services; Minimum of 2 outfits for activities; Socks and tennis shoes are needed for some activities; something to sleep in; a light jacket for the cool nights/tabernacle. Please do not bring clothing with slogans or images printed in bad taste. Please no tank tops, cut-off shirts, spaghetti straps, crop tops, low cut, tight, or see-through clothing.

### WHAT TO BRING

Bible, clothing, swimsuit, pillow, twin sheets for bunk bed, blanket or sleeping bag, towels, washcloths, personal hygiene items, bug spray, sunscreen, cash for canteen/souvenirs.

### QUIET HOURS POLICY

Camp quiet hours are from 11:30 PM - 6:30 AM. All dorm room lights should be minimal when quiet hours are in effect. No talking, no cell phone use, no loud noises, etc. All attendees should be in their assigned dorm room during quiet hours.



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### RETREAT PACKING TIPS

- Label All Bags – Include your first and last name on as many belongings as possible.
- Bring Layers – Winters in Lake Park can still get fairly hot but the air conditioned buildings and evenings can be chilly.
- Pack Some Extra Ziplock or Plastic Bags – Clothes and shoes can get muddy or ruined so pack some spare bags for any drenched clothes. This will also help your camper's bag or trunk stay nice and dry.
- Contact Your Group's Counselors Regarding Medications – If your camper needs to take medication daily or has allergies make sure your group's counselors know. The counselor will need to keep all medication and be responsible for giving your camper their daily dose.

### RETREAT PACKING LIST

- Bible
- Notebook/Journal
- Pen/Pencil
- Pillow
- Sleeping Bag or Blanket
- Twin Sheet
- Bath Towels and Washcloths
- Hygiene Items – shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, etc.
- Clothing (enough for 3 nights & 2 days)
  - Pajamas
  - Underclothing, Socks
  - Activity/Morning Service Clothing
  - Evening Service Clothing
  - Shoes – church shoes, tennis shoes (not your new ones for the next school year), close-toed water shoes (for canoeing, etc), flip flops (for shower and pool)
  - Light Jacket or Sweatshirt
- Swimsuit
  - trunks (boys)
  - one-piece or tankini (girls)
- Pool Towel
- Goggles (if desired)
- Rain jacket (poncho)
- Bug Spray
- Sunscreen
- Flashlight
- Spending money for camp store & canteen (if desired)
- Reusable Water Bottle
- Bag for dirty laundry
- Medication (if prescribed)
- Bring tackle for fishing (if desired)

