

# MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT 2024

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

ALL STUDENTS FROM 6<sup>TH</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

## WHY SHOULD I ATTEND?

MS RETREAT IS AN INTENTIONAL TIME SET ASIDE FOR GREAT WORSHIP, AWESOME SESSIONS, TASTY FOOD, FUN GAMES, EXCITING FREE TIME, A TIME TO BUILD NEW AND CONTINUED RELATIONSHIPS WITH FRIENDS AND LEADERS...AND MOST IMPORTANTLY WITH GOD.

## WHEN IS THE RETREAT?

DEPARTURE – PLEASE ARRIVE AT THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> BY 5:00 P.M. WE WILL DEPART FROM CENTRAL @5:30PM IN CHURCH VANS. LEADERS WILL DRIVE.

RETURN - WE WILL RETURN TO CENTRAL AT THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> @ 12:00 P.M. – RIGHT AROUND WHEN SUNDAY MORNING LIFE GROUPS END.

## WHERE IS THE RETREAT?

THE RETREAT WILL BE HELD AT MESSIAH'S RANCH WHICH IS ABOUT 30 MINUTES AWAY FROM CENTRAL. THE ADDRESS IS 10061 TAYLOR ROAD, BRYAN, TX. WE WILL BE ON THE GROUNDS OF THE CAMP THE WHOLE WEEKEND. WE WILL STAY IN AIR-CONDITIONED CABINS. VISIT

<https://www.messiahsranch.org/> FOR MORE INFO ABOUT THE CAMPSITE.

## WHAT IS THE COST OF THE RETREAT?

THE RETREAT IS \$80 PER STUDENT IF STUDENTS SIGN UP BY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1. THE PRICE WILL INCREASE TO \$100 PER STUDENT AFTER THAT. THERE ARE ALSO SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE ON AN "AS NEEDED" BASIS. PLEASE EMAIL [STUDENTS@CENTRALBCS.ORG](mailto:STUDENTS@CENTRALBCS.ORG) FOR MORE INFO ABOUT SCHOLARSHIPS.

## WHO WILL LEAD THE RETREAT?

ALL OF THE CENTRAL STUDENT STAFF WILL BE ON SITE FOR THE RETREAT AND LEADING THE EVENTS. OUR COLLEGE & YOUNG ADULT ZEAL LEADERS WILL LEAD BREAKOUT SESSIONS WITH THEIR STUDENTS. WE WILL ALSO HAVE PARENTS SERVING AS KITCHEN CREW, CHAPERONES, AND AS THE RETREAT NURSE.

## HOW DO I REGISTER MY STUDENT?

YOU CAN REGISTER AND PAY ONLINE AT [WWW.CENTRALBCS.ORG/STUDENTS](http://WWW.CENTRALBCS.ORG/STUDENTS). ALL STUDENTS WILL ALSO NEED AN UPDATED "MEDICAL RELEASE FORM" COMPLETED PRIOR TO THE RETREAT. THIS FORM CAN BE PICKED UP AT CENTRAL OR DOWNLOADED ONLINE. REGISTRATION PACKETS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE IN THE YOUTH WING OR THE YOUTH OFFICE TO BE PICKED UP AND THEN RETURNED TO THE YOUTH STAFF.

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## WHAT SHOULD I BRING?

- CASUAL CLOTHES FOR 3 DAYS (FRIDAY EVENING, SATURDAY ALL DAY, SUNDAY MORNING). REMEMBER IT WILL LIKELY BE VERY HOT!!!
- MODEST SWIMSUIT (1 PIECE FOR GIRLS), SLIDES/FLIP FLOPS/SANDALS, TOWEL (THERE IS A POOL AND A LAKE)
- SOCKS & TENNIS SHOES FOR RECREATION
- TOWEL AND TOILETRIES
- SLEEPING BAG AND/OR SHEETS, AND PILLOW
- BIBLE, JOURNAL, AND PEN
- BUG SPRAY AND SUNSCREEN
- FLASHLIGHT
- FISHING GEAR IF YOU WANT TO FISH
- SPORTS BALLS, BOARD GAMES, CARD DECKS, ECT...
- SNACKS

## WHAT SHOULD I LEAVE AT HOME?

- CELL PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONICS -> NO PHONES, GAMING CONSOLES, I PADS, ETC...
- ANYTHING OF SPECIAL VALUE; JEWELRY, ETC.
- ALL PRANK ITEMS AND ANY WEAPONS INCLUDING POCKET KNIVES
- ANY MEDICATION THAT IS NOT PRESCRIBED
- MONEY (EVERYTHING WILL BE PROVIDED)
- A BAD ATTITUDE

## ARE YOU REALLY ASKING STUDENTS NOT TO BRING PHONES?

YES! WE HAVE SEEN SO MANY TIMES, PHONES AND ELECTRONICS SERVE AS A MAJOR DISTRACTION. THIS MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR STUDENTS TO FOCUS ON GROWING IN RELATIONSHIP WITH FRIENDS, LEADERS AND MOST IMPORTANTLY WITH GOD. WE ASK THAT IF PARENTS NEED TO GET A HOLD OF THEIR STUDENT, THEY DO SO THROUGH THE YOUTH LEADERS. PLEASE REACH OUT TO CONNOR OVER TEXT OR AT [CLINDSEY@BCS.ORG](mailto:CLINDSEY@BCS.ORG) IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

## WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT?

THIS IS GOING TO BE A GREAT WEEKEND FILLED WITH FRIENDS, LOADS OF FUN, WORSHIP, AND TIME TO LEARN AND GROW IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD. STUDENTS SHOULD EXPECT TO BE CHALLENGED TO LIVE OUT THEIR FAITH AS THEY HEAD BACK TO DAILY LIFE.

## WHAT IF I HAVE A SCHEDULE CONFLICT?

CONTACT ANY OF THE YOUTH GROUP STAFF OR THE YOUTH OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY OTHER EVENTS DURING THE WEEKEND AND MIGHT NEED TO ARRIVE LATE OR LEAVE EARLY. AND THE YOUTH STAFF WOULD BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO WORK WITH YOU TO ARRANGE A PLAN FOR YOU TO STILL PARTICIPATE IN THE RETREAT!!!

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## RULES AND GUIDELINES

- COME READY TO HEAR FROM THE LORD
- SET ASIDE ALL DISTRACTIONS
- DO NOT BE A DISTRACTION TO YOURSELF OR TO OTHERS DURING WORSHIP, SESSIONS, AND BREAKOUT TIME
- COME READY TO MEET NEW PEOPLE AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS
- LISTEN TO YOUR LEADERS AT ALL TIMES
- EVERY STUDENT MUST BE WITH ONE OF THEIR LEADERS AT ALL TIMES
- DO NOT DAMAGE THE CAMP PROPERTY -> YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE
- STUDENTS CAN ONLY BE IN THEIR BUNK ROOMS
- STUDENTS MUST TAKE SHOWERS, CHANGE CLOTHES, WHEN ASKED...MS BOYS THIS ONE IS ESPECIALLY FOR YOU
- THE GOLDEN RULE IS IN EFFECT:
  - “SO WHATEVER YOU WISH THAT OTHERS WOULD DO TO YOU , DO ALSO TO THEM...” (MATTHEW 7:12A)
- THE STUPID RULE IS IN EFFECT:
  - “IF IT’S STUPID DON’T DO IT”
  - “IF YOU’RE NOT SURE IF IT’S STUPID, IT IS...DON’T DO IT”

# MS RETREAT "ROUGH" SCHEDULE 2024

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

5:00 PM	CHECK-IN
5:30 PM	DEPART FOR MESSIAH'S RANCH!!
6:00 PM	ARRIVE & SETTLE IN CABINS
6:30 PM	DINNER
7:30 PM	SESSION 1
8:30 PM	SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS
9:00 PM	LATE NITE SNACK
9:15 PM	LATE NITE
10:15 PM	GET READY FOR BED
10:45 PM	IN CABIN ROOMS
11:00 PM	LIGHTS OUT

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

8:00 AM	BREAKFAST
8:30 AM	DEVOTIONAL
9:00 AM	RECREATION
10:00 AM	SESSION 2
11:00 AM	SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION
12:00 PM	LUNCH
1:00 PM	GRADE TIME
2:00PM	FREE TIME
6:00 PM	DINNER
7:00 PM	SESSION 3
8:00 PM	SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION
8:30 PM	LATE NITE SNACK
8:45 PM	LATE NITE
9:45 PM	GET READY FOR BED
10:15 PM	IN CABIN ROOMS
10:30 PM	LIGHTS OUT

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

**8:00 AM**

**BREAKFAST**

**8:30 AM**

**DEVOTIONAL**

**9:00 AM**

**PACK UP**

**9:45 AM**

**SESSION 4**

**10:45 AM**

**SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION**

**11:15 AM**

**DEPART**

**12:00 PM**

**ARRIVE & UNLOAD @ CHURCH**