

Hello, parents of High School Retreat youth!

I thought you might like a little information regarding our Trinity High School Retreat in July! All youth from 9th through 12th grades are welcome. We are including incoming 9th graders in this group.

We will be leaving from the church at around 1:00 PM on July 17th, which is a Friday. By leaving at this time, we hope to avoid the majority of the Friday evening traffic. We will be returning Sunday evening, July 19th. We are unable to give an exact time, so we will be calling everyone while enroute to let you know our estimated time of arrival back at the church.

All parents sending their youth to the retreat need to fill out a retreat form. Forms are now available; we would like to have payment included with the form if possible. If not, please let me know so I can make other arrangements.

The theme of our high school retreat is:

"You can "talk" it, but can you "live" it?"

This theme is intended to challenge your youth in their faith journey; they may know all the correct answers to the questions, but living their faith instead of speaking about it is a different matter! Activities and studies are planned to engage your youth in discussion and contemplation of this issue. Retreats and camps for younger kids are filled with fun and games, and while we DO have some activities and relaxation time planned, our high school retreat is intended to deepen faith and seriously address living in Christ. Your high-schooler is ready!

I will be sending out a list of items your youth may wish to bring to the retreat soon; I will get that information to everyone who turns in a registration form.

Activities while in Big Bear will include Bible study, contemplation and journaling time. It will also include boating on the lake, a trip to the Moon Ridge Wild Animal Sanctuary, an outdoor Sunday service, a trip to Big Bear Village, and will involve other thought-provoking presentations. Any questions regarding the details of the program will be happily answered to the best of my ability.

We intend to stop at Starbuck's following our outdoor service; since prices vary greatly, I ask that you provide your youth with a few dollars to choose their own beverages at that time. Everything else will be provided.

Cell phones will be allowed at the retreat, but will be turned off during study and discussion time. **No electronic games or ipods will be allowed.** If your youth brings a cell phone, they are responsible for it. If you think your youth may lose these items, it may be best to keep them at home. **The youth leaders cannot be responsible for these items.**

Ricky Reaser and I will be your youth leaders for this event.

If you have any questions, please see me at the Lighthouse on Wednesday evenings, or contact me at the following number: **(310) 713-6199.**

Thank you for allowing your youth to be a part of this special event!

Cathe Erickson