

5th & 6th grade Retreat Parent Packet:

What to expect:

Hello families of 5th & 6th graders! Your child is invited to participate in our annual 5th & 6th grade youth group retreat at St. John. Since this is many student's first overnight retreat, we keep the retreat location on campus here at St. John so the environment is familiar to them. The retreat starts Friday night, students sleep over, and then it ends after lunch on Saturday. Activities at the retreat will include a campfire, small group sessions, prayer, crafts, live music, and loads of play time and community building. This retreat is a huge highlight of the year and we hope that you are interested in attending! Any questions can be directed to Chelsea Wilde. Please see the contact information in the footer of this packet

To Register:

In order to register you must turn the following items in to the parish office or to your child's catechists no later than **December 1, 2021.**

1. Signed Permission slip (2 pages!)
2. Payment (remember, contact Chelsea if you are in need of financial aid/scholarship)
Any checks can be made out to St. John the Baptist

Location:

We will be staying at St. John the Baptist and sleeping in the classrooms in the McMullen center ☺

Schedule :

Friday Dec 10th: 7:00pm Parents drop students off at St. John's youth room

Saturday Dec 11th: 12:00pm Parents pick students up from McMullen Center

Note: Parents, we will not be officially serving dinner on Friday as part of the retreat, BUT, we will have snacks. Please have dinner before attending. ☺

-We will be serving breakfast and lunch on Saturday day as well as having snacks Saturday night around the campfire.

Cost & Permission Slips:

Permission slips are due no later than **December 1st**. They can be turned in at the Parish office or at youth group. The cost of this retreat is \$30* and checks can be made out to "St. John The Baptist".

* If this cost is difficult for you to cover, please contact Chelsea Wilde, the Pastoral Assistant for Youth Faith Formation to discuss scholarship information and opportunities!

Chaperones:

The retreat is chaperoned/led by parents of students attending as well as by Chelsea Wilde, the pastoral Assistant for Youth Faith Formation. Contact Chelsea with any questions using the contact information located in the footer of this entire packet.

Parents, if you are interested in chaperoning or helping with meals, we always need all of the help we can get 😊 Let Chelsea know asap and she will orient you to the process!

Sleeping arrangements:

Boys and Girls will be sleeping in separate classrooms with an adult classroom next door. Students will be sleeping on the floor so should bring an air mattress and sleeping bag as well as a pillow. If you are in need of an air mattress, let Chelsea know as she has a limited number available to borrow.

We will not be showering since this is just a one night retreat. Please bring a tooth brush and tooth paste, though, and any other night time bathroom needs you might have. We will be using the bathrooms in the McMullen center.

Packing List:

- A change of clothes
- Pajamas
- Sweater
- Warm coat, hat, and gloves for our outdoor campfire
- Closed-toe shoes
- Toiletries: tooth brush, toothpaste, any contact solution needs, etc.

- Air Mattress
- Pillow
- Sleeping bag
- Reusable water bottle or tumbler (mandatory)
- Any prescription medication needed. (This must be given to Chelsea at the beginning of the retreat and recorded on the permission slip.)

What to leave at home:

- Computers, tablets, or any non-smartphone gaming devices
- Homework
- Any games or items dealing with the occult, horror stories, fortune telling, or summoning of spirits (ex: Ouija boards, tarot cards, etc)
- Bad attitudes

Special needs:

Please contact Chelsea with any special needs your child might have. It is our goal to be able to integrate every student into the classroom and into extra activities like retreats! If your child has any special needs that we should be considering, we would love to meet with you to best plan how to meet these needs ☺ The kingdom of God is not complete without your child!