

WINTERFEST 2020

Youth Rally Information – Parents, PLEASE KEEP this sheet for your reference!!

Overview

www.winterfest.org

This youth rally is held in Gatlinburg, TN and is attended by 10,000+ teens each year. The teens will be staying in a cabin with adult chaperones. The teens will participate in classes, devos, worship, keynote addresses, activities and many other fun things over the course of the weekend.

Location

Gatlinburg Convention Center: the activities of the youth rally will be held at this location.

800-343-1475

www.gatlinburg-tennessee.com/cc/convcntr.htm

Dates

February 14-16, 2020

*we will be leaving the building at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, February 14

*we will return Sunday in the evening, February 16

Lodging

We will be lodged this year at the **BIG BEAR VIEWS LODGE**. It is a 5 bedroom, 5 bath, 4900 sq-ft cabin located just 2 miles outside Gatlinburg. You can find out more about the property at this website:

<https://www.cabinsforyou.com/big-bear-lodge-cabin.htm>

Costs..... \$125/person total

Registration.....\$40

Lodging/Transportation/2 Meals.....\$70

T-Shirt \$15

4 meals out.....Pocket \$\$ as needed

***We will eat at the cabin Friday for dinner and Saturday & Sunday for breakfast.*

***The charge in registration & t-shirt pricing is set by Winterfest*

*****Checks for the combined total of registration /tshirt + lodging/transportation costs should be made to 'Mitchell Church of Christ' and returned to the Church Office by Feb. 5. We also accept cash and online payments at pushpay.com/mitchellchurch***

Schedule (see attached schedule)

There will be sessions of worship, keynote addresses, concerts, entertainment and group free time. The teens can pass their free time in the shops of Gatlinburg in groups with a chaperone. Extra spending money will be needed if a teen plans to need it for their free time.

School Absence

Please inform your school office that you will be absent on Friday, February 14, and complete any necessary steps pertaining to your absence.

Please contact Daniel Lee if you have any questions.

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Winterfest 2020 // Late Session Schedule

FRIDAY

- 7:30 Leave building for Gatlinburg
- 4:00(ish) Arrive at cabin
- 5:30 Dinner at the cabin
- 7:30 Drive to convention center
- 8:00 Doors Open
- 8:30 **Session 1:** The Sandman Cometh
 - Bean & Bailey
 - Watershed Worship
 - Jeff Walling
- 10:30 Return to Cabin
- 11:00 Group Devo & Prayer Groups
- 12:00 Bed time

SATURDAY

- 8:00 Breakfast at Cabin
- 11:30 Doors Open
- 12:00 **Session 2:** Hoss Ridgeway "Wake Up, Winterfest!"
 - Watershed Worship
 - David Skidmore
- 2:00 Free Time and Meals (lunch/dinner)
- 7:30 Doors Open
- 8:00 **Session 3:** Music and Drama from the book of Daniel
 - Watershed Worship
 - Phil Brookman
- 10:00 Return to Cabin
- 11:00 Group Devotional
- 12:00 Bed time

SUNDAY

- 7:30 Breakfast at the cabin + clean up, pack up, check out
- 8:45 Doors Open
- 9:00 **Session 4:** Watershed Worship
 - Communion & Contribution
 - Mitch Wilburn
- 10:30 Brunch at Log Cabin Pancakes
- 12:00(ish) Head Home

WINTERFEST RULES & INFO

- Convention Center Security prohibits bags (purses, backpacks, etc.) from being carried into the conference. Bags can be left in the parked vans and retrieved during free time.
- Modest/Appropriate Clothing Please...dress appropriately for the weather forecast.
 - For common areas in the cabin we will observe SMBC dress code – finger-tip length shorts, no sleeveless tees or tanks.
- Cell phones are allowed, but are not to be used during any scheduled part of the conference. If you use your phone for the Bible app, then it must be turned on Airplane Mode. (reception is horrible in the convention center anyway, so...) This also includes any group devotional time.
- No Public Displays of Affection (PDA) other than hand holding between couples. This is a youth group trip, not a couples' retreat.
- You may bring snacks TO SHARE in the van and cabin. The only drink allowed on the van is bottled water.
- Everyone must attend all scheduled events
- You must remain with a chaperone at all times, especially in town or at the convention center
- We will observe the following curfew at the cabin:
 - ...in rooms by 12:00am ...lights out at 12:30am
- Bring money for your 4 meals (won't all be fast food) and any spending money you want
- No purchasing of weapons is allowed on the trip; this includes fake or decorative weapons such as air guns, knives, swords, etc.
- No new piercings, tattoos or body modifications of any type are allowed to be purchased or done in any form on church-sanctioned trips.
- As on any trip, remember that you're representing your Church family along with yourself
- When wondering what to do in any situation, choose to act like Jesus.

CABIN RULES

KEYS: Chaperones will be in possession of cabin keys/key codes.

NOISE: No outside noise or loud music that would disturb anyone else after 9PM

COMMON AREAS: SMBC dress code will be followed in all common areas. No excessive PDA will be condoned. Boys are not allowed in girls' rooms and vice versa. During group devotional times, all students must be present and actively engaged.

HOT TUB: There is a hot tub. We will not be using the hot tub (except for baptisms). Do not even open the hot tub or mess with the controls of the hot tub. Ignore the hot tub. Pretend like it's not even there. You won't hurt its feelings.

SAFETY: Water pistols, water guns, pellet guns, dart guns, paintball guns, water balloons, shaving cream fights, etc, are not allowed.

RESPONSIBILITY: Any damage done by the group will be charged to group bill. There will be charges for missing linens, towels, pillows, etc.

CURFEW: A nightly curfew of 12:00AM will be observed. At this time boys and girls should be in their respective floors/rooms getting ready for bed. All lights will be out by 12:30AM.

****** It is YOUR responsibility to keep up with YOUR things. If you don't want it to get lost, broken, or stolen, then don't bring it. On Saturday, you must have everything with you that you will need for the day, because we will not be returning to the cabin until after all evening activities. ******

WHAT TO BRING

- Pillow and sleeping bag (an air mattress or two would be good)
- Towel and toiletries
- Weather-appropriate clothing – dress for the weather, it could be snowy or icy or rainy. Might not hurt to pack a little extra in case we get cold and wet.
- Bible (or Bible app)
- Phone charger
- Money for 4 meals + snacks & souvenirs
- Snacks for the van and cabin (optional)