



## MIDDLE SCHOOL WINTER WEEKEND INFORMATION

### PURPOSE

The Winter Weekend is a place for students to spend time disconnected from their daily routines and be spiritually encouraged and built up. We are praying for an amazing weekend of friendship, singing together, biblical teaching, group discussion, and making fun memories!

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Gatherings with music & teaching
- Small groups
- A fun adventure on Saturday
- Games
- Sleeping at the church!

## DETAILS

### LOCATION

Highlands Community Church (HCC)

### CHECK-IN AND PICK-UP

Students will check in on January 17th at 6:00 pm in the HCC Family Life Center (FLC). Student pick up is on January 18th at 10:30 pm in the Forum Entrance. Students return at 10:15 am on January 19th for a pancake breakfast and our Sunday gathering.

### EMERGENCY CONTACT

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Middle School Director  
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### DINNER

A hearty snack will be provided after check-in, but students should plan to eat dinner ahead of time.

## PACKING LIST

### WHAT TO BRING

- Bible, pen, and notebook
- Sleeping bag and pillow in clearly labeled garbage bag
- Sleeping pad/small air mattress
- Comfortable and warm outdoor athletic clothes, and modest swimsuit for our Saturday activities
- Toiletries and towel
- Flashlight

### WHAT NOT TO BRING

Things that are easily broken, expensive or hard to replace, or any items for "practical jokes." Drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, smoking/vaping paraphernalia, weapons or fireworks. These items undermine the purpose of Winter Weekend and will not be allowed. Your cooperation in working with your student to ensure this is adhered to is appreciated. Please note that we are not responsible for misplaced, lost or stolen items.

## PACKING LIST CONT.

### CELL PHONES

We understand that most students have cell phones and are active on social media. In fact, it's one of our favorite ways to connect with them and communicate with them. The goal of Winter Weekend is to retreat from the normal flow of life, and we think this includes retreating from our phones. As we all know, our phones can consume a lot of our time and attention. We want to help students spend a couple of days intentionally focusing on their relationships with God and others, so we will be asking students to limit their phone use while they are at Winter Weekend.

### MEDICATIONS

Please check-in prescriptions, special meds, and over the counter meds at the table marked "Medical Staff" when you arrive at Highlands for check-in. All medications must be in their original containers. For safety, students will not carry their own medications so please be sure not to pack them!

### NOTE:

No drugs or alcohol are permitted. If they are found or suspected, parents will be contacted and expected to pick their student up at the church.