

Dear Parents and PreTeens!

We are so excited for Pre-Teen Retreat 2020! We KNOW that God has BIG plans for this Preteen Retreat, so please pray for us and your Preteen as we prepare our hearts to hear from God, worship him, and experience Him through his Word. We're praying that every one of our PreTeens and chaperones will experience a powerful touch from God, and they will never forget their experience with Him and with new friends and role models in their lives. Thank you for allowing your PreTeen to go!



## INFORMATION ABOUT DEPARTURE AND RETURN.

*\*Note, Mrs. Tracy, worship team, drama team and cooking team will be going on Friday to set everything up.*

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- Please label all bags, bedding and pillows with your first and last name. All Chaperones and Preteens must report to the check in table before loading bags onto the bus. There will be color-coded luggage storage for each transportation vehicle based on one's sleeping arrangement.

7:15 AM Sign In-Breakfast, Load Luggage-**Café (please be on time)**  
Look for table with your child's GRADE on it. Register at that table.  
PreTeens will eat a quick breakfast in the café will parents register in the GYM.  
Then luggage will be marked with blue or pink Duct tape and take to Welcome Center for loading. Girls luggage will go in one area. Boys luggage in another area of the Welcome Center.

### MUST HAVES:

- Luggage- Did you double check your packing list?
- Registration form signed by parent/guardian.
- Medication **in bag with name and instructions**. This is CRUCIAL!
- **Money in Ziplock bag with name clearly marked**. \$10-12 for fast food stop on the way home. All other meals/snacks are covered.
- Any balance owed. We will take up remaining balances at check-in. See Debbie Hale.

7:45 AM Pray & Load vehicles for Jimmie Davis State Park

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

2:30 PM Parents Pick up @ PBC (If we'll be earlier, we will text everyone and let them know.)

# What to Pack-What to Bring-What to Wear

## AT CHECK-IN:

- Please make sure your child's name is in his/her Bible. Please make sure your child can understand the Bible version they're bringing. If your child needs a more understandable version, please ask Mrs. Tracy. I always have extra! 318-229-7506
- You must have completed the online consent form NO LATER Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. Deville Location: [go to PBCministry.com/philadelphia-baptist-church/children](http://go.to/PBCministry.com/philadelphia-baptist-church/children). Scroll to the bottom. We must have this for EACH participant—including chaperones.

## FOR RETREAT:

- Bible. Please make sure your child's name is in his/her Bible and that your child can understand the Bible version they're bringing. If your child needs a more understandable version, please ask Mrs. Tracy. I always have extra! 318-229-7506
- Pillow, Sleeping Bag, or Twin Bedding for Bunk Beds (ALL twin beds this year)
- Towels and washcloths
- Flashlight
- Umbrella (optional)
- Jacket, Coat, Hoodie, Rain Poncho (you will want to stay warm and dry)
- Older Shoes in case it is muddy. Bring an extra pair of shoes! **Rain Boots.** (*Depending on weather*) Doesn't hurt to pack an extra pair. We will get muddy if it rains.
- Change of Clothes for Sunday and Monday (dress in layers it will be cold in the morning and warm up as the day goes on). NOTE: It may be good to have at least 2 changes of clothing and extra pair of socks for Monday.
- PJ's and Robe (Please make sure all PJ's are modest-sleeves, no spaghetti straps, please)
- If it is warm enough for **shorts**, they MUST be PAST fingertip length. If you're in doubt, wear jeans or wear sliders underneath. Reason? We're doing a lot of ACTIVE stuff, and we want to err on the side of modesty. When we sit on the floor, pray, bend over for games etc., we want to be modest.
- Toothbrush, Toothpaste, **Deodorant**, other toiletries. **Moms of PreTeen boys**, please instruct your guys on proper hygiene and ample use of deodorant. Thank you SO MUCH!
- Bring any needed Medicine labeled and in a plastic bag with your name and directions for taking it! Please turn in all medicines in at Check In. We will give them to your child's adult chaperone.
- All food, drinks & snacks are provided but you can bring snacks if you like. Remember, we have kids with peanut butter allergies so please stick to the "safe snack" list.
- Please put a reasonable amount of money for the fast food stop on the way home **in a small Ziplock bag or envelope with your child's name on it.** \$10 is recommended.
- You may bring electronic games, phones, & iPods for the van/bus use **only**. (There is very limited cell & internet service at the retreat areas." **Christian music only**, no violent games, no arguing with adults over use. Your child will be able to call/text you in the morning before breakfast & in the evening. If you do not want to send a phone with your child, any of our chaperones will allow them to use theirs.
- **Chaperones**, we will be "unplugging" from our technology as well. As often as possible, we want to be off our phones so that we can connect with God as well. Pictures are a must, though! :)
- Please DO NOT BRING games, pranks, knives, noisemakers, or items that may cause you problems or get you into trouble...if you have a question ask Mrs. Tracy or Mrs. Debbie.

*Parents-Please remind your child that this retreat is a chance for them to grow friendships, connect with God in worship, and to learn about His plan for their lives and futures.*

## Rules: Parents please review with your PreTeen

- #1-Expect to HEAR from God.
- #2-Don't do ANYTHING that will distract someone else from hearing from God.
- #3-Grumbling and complaining is not acceptable.
- #4-Obey right away-all the way-with a happy heart!
- #5-For your safety, please stay out of the lake. It is too cold to swim-even "by accident."
- #6 Say please and thank you and be helpful to everyone.

### Important:

A. Boy/Girl relationships (dating, going out, "talking", etc.) are not allowed and discussion of such is discouraged on all PBC events, trips. The reason? We want to focus on our relationship with God and not "center" our focus on another person. It also causes unnecessary distraction and drama.

B. **Absolutely NO bullying.** Speak kind words to each other. Please do not use your words, gestures, or facial expressions to make another person feel left out or "less than." We are family, and Jesus said we are to love God and love others. If you are having a hard time using your words in a loving way, please come see a chaperone and we will pray together and ask God to help you.

### Consequence:

Choosing to disobey the above two rules could result in being sent home. Parents, please go over these rules with your child. Thank you!!!!

## Contact Information

- Tracy Orr-(318)-229-7506 (Children's Director—Deville Location)
- Debbie Hale-(318)-253-7509 (Children's Director—Horseshoe Drive Location)
- Danette Porter (318-481-8288) (Retreat Director)
- Mary Jo Brennan (318-541-6984) Children's Ministry Assistant
- Andrew Orr-(318-613-0457)
- D.K. Lemmons-(318-729-9501)
- Jimmie Davis State Park-(318-249-2595)

\*\*Feel free to call the church office during work hours for an Emergency if you are unable to contact chaperones or the State Park\*\*

### MEAL SCHEDULE:

#### SATURDAY:

Breakfast: in Café before we leave—Pastries and juice  
Lunch: Chicken tenders/Homemade Mac & Cheese  
Supper: Hamburgers/French fries

#### SUNDAY:

Breakfast: PJ's and Pancakes! Bacon/Eggs/Juice/Milk  
Lunch: Spaghetti and Meatballs/Garlic-Cheese Bread/Green Beans  
Supper: Mexican fiesta—lots of options

\*\*Snacks will be primarily fruit/veggies/ranch dip and salty snacks. Less sugar this year! ☺

# PreTeen Retreat 2020—Tentative

\*\*Weather can always change times/activities\*\*




## SATURDAY – February 22, 2020

7:15 AM	Sign In—Load Luggage (1 hr/40 min driving time) Light Breakfast for kids in café while adults sign-in/Gym
7:40 AM	Pray & Load Up (Welcome Center)
9:30 AM	Find your bunk/Park your stuff
<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Orientation:</b> Theme Song, Skit, Rules, Intro: Bro. Jacob
11:15 AM	Explore <b>with Chaperones</b>
12:00 PM	Lunch—Grub Hub! Chicken Nuggets, Macaroni & Cheese
1:00 PM	Team Obstacle Course: Outside If weather is bad: Games inside: Worship
2:00 PM	Light Snack
<b>2:30PM</b>	<b>Worship/Bible Study: Session #1 Elijah</b> (Skits, worship, message)
3:45PM	Explore, fish, play games, gather wood, etc. (Must have a chaperone present)
5:00PM	Supper—Grub Hub! Hamburgers & French Fries
5:45PM	Clean Up & Get Ready for Worship
<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Worship/Bible Study—Session #2 King Jehoshaphat</b>
7:15 PM	Late Night Activity! Carry the Torch (Wear closed shoes)
8:30 PM	Campfire and Smores!
9:30 PM	Head to rooms.
10:00 PM	Lights out

## SUNDAY – February 23, 2020

<b>6:15 AM</b>	<b>Coffee Time!</b> Chaperones only
7:00AM	Rise & Shine. Small Group Devotion. PJ's & Pancakes
7:45AM	Breakfast—Grub Hub
8:45 AM	Get Dressed!
9:00AM	Explore, go on a nature walk, get ready to meet with God!
<b>9:30AM</b>	<b>Pre-Worship Game</b>
	<b>Worship—Session #3-Jesus' death</b>
11:00AM	Nature Walk, Outside Games & Inside Board Games
12:00PM	Lunch—Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Green beans & Salad
1:00PM	<b>Activity Rotation:</b> (40 min each/5 min travel time in between) Snack Break at 2:30 PM then resume
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Small Group Bible Study</li><li>2. Outdoor Recreation (Or Indoor—weather permitting)</li><li>3. Arts &amp; Crafts</li></ol>
4:00 PM	Clean Up for Supper/Worship
5:00PM	Supper—Grub Hub—Taco Bar!
<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Worship Session #4 Jesus' Resurrection</b>
7:45 PM	Movie Night! Snack Bar—Popcorn & Theatre Candy <i>Overcomer, Frozen 2, Abominable, Breakthrough, God's Not Dead, Monster Truck</i>
9:15 PM	Head to Cabins – Showers, Prayer <b>(TRACY &amp; DANETTE—Do some simple "debrief" questions for the chaperones to close out the day.</b>
10:00PM	Lights Out!

ALL I NEED  
TODAY IS A LITTLE  
BIT OF  
 Coffee  
AND A WHOLE LOT OF  
Jesus!

## MONDAY – February 24, 2020

7:30 AM	Rise & Shine/Grab & Go Breakfast/Quiet Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wear PT Retreat T-shirt!</li></ul>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Take Retreat Photo</b>
<b>9:00</b>	<b>Last drama scene/Affirmation/Sharing Activity</b>
9:45 AM	Load luggage. Clean rooms, worship area and kitchen
11:00 AM	Leave the Park
<b>11:45 PM</b>	<b>Lunch at Johnny's—Call ahead and order--?? Buffett? (Keith)</b>
2:00 PM	Parents Pick—up at PBC!

