

HOST HOME TRAINING

FALL RETREAT 2023
NOVEMBER 10-12, 2023



WELCOME

Thank you for volunteering to be a Host Home for one of the most important weekends of the year for students! Fall Retreat cultivates an atmosphere where students can have a life changing encounter with Jesus. That is why we are thankful for your help to make this weekend so powerful!



HOST HOME RESPONSIBILITIES

- **Set House Rules with Leaders and Students**
 - Set rules on Friday night once leaders and students arrive at your home.
 - Secure and lock any firearms/weapons.
 - We suggest putting away your TV remotes/computers.
- **Provide a Clean Welcoming Home**
- **Provide a Place to Sleep and Shower**
- **Provide Snacks and Drinks**
 - Friday night
 - Saturday night
- **Provide Breakfast**
 - Saturday morning
 - Sunday morning
- **Provide Dinner**
 - Saturday evening (if you choose, we can provide this meal for you)
- **Pray for Leaders and Students Throughout Weekend**
 - Students will have an open heart
 - Students will encounter God
 - Students will build friendships
 - Students will connect with their leaders
 - Safety
 - Continued relationship with God and spiritual family after Fall Retreat



ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF A SMALL GROUP LEADER

- Ensure the safety of the group
- Small group leaders act as mentors and confidants, not the student's parents.
- Small group leaders are expected to participate in worship, activities, & take notes (leaders go first!)
- Small group leaders are expected to connect to the students in their group relationally.
- Set a goal to have a personal, spiritual conversation with each student in the group at some point in the weekend (during meal times, rec time, devo time, etc)
- Be ON TIME and follow the schedule.
- Small group leaders are expected to have FUN and help students have FUN as well!
- Help students take NEXT STEPS (baptism, serving, be part of a small group, etc...)

PRAYER POINTS

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- Continued connection with God and church after Fall Retreat

CONTACT INFO

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COMMUNICATION

SMALL GROUP LEADERS

- We will send you a list of the leaders / students and your group the week of Fall Retreat. When you receive this list, please text the small group leaders and introduce yourself as the host home
 - Let them know in advance about any house rules, sleeping arrangements, and other details to help them prepare

DURING THE WEEKEND

- We will communicate with you during the weekend using **GroupMe**. We will use this to send important information, as well as celebrate wins and share stories of how God is moving during the weekend.



FALL RETREAT

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Today



November 2023



Month

FRI
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- 5pm Small Group Leaders Arrive
- 6:30pm Check-In Begins
- 7:30pm Session 1
- 9:15pm Groups Depart for Host Homes
- 10pm Host Home Huddle
- 10:15pm Small Group Time
- 12am Lights Out

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- 7am Wake Up / Eat Breakfast
- 7:30am Devo
- 8:30am Groups Arrive at Milestone
- 9am Session 2
- 10:15am Small Group Time
- 11am Comfort Break before Session 3
- 11:15am Session 3 (Breakouts)
- 12pm Lunch & Small Group Time
- 1pm Small Groups Leave for Activity
- 1:30-3:30pm Afternoon Activity
- 3:30pm Load Buses / Back to Milestone
- 4pm Groups Head to Host Homes
- 5:30pm Dinner at Host Homes
- 7pm Groups Arrive at Milestone
- 7:30pm Session 4
- 9:15pm Depart for Host Homes
- 10pm Small Group Time
- 12am Lights Out

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HIGH SCHOOL

- 6:30am Wake Up / Breakfast / Pack / Clean
- 7:30am Devo
- 8:30am Arrive at Milestone
- 9am Attend Milestone Service
- 10:15am Parent Pick Up

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 8:15am Wake Up / Breakfast / Pack / Clean
- 9:15am Devo
- 10:30am Arrive at Milestone
- 11am Attend Milestone Service
- 12:15pm Parent Pick Up