

2023 Winter Retreat Youth Leadership Information

Basic Information:

Date: February 24th-26th

Who: 6th-12th Graders

Where: Camp Cedar Crest

Physical Address: 33325 Green Valley Lake Rd. Running Springs, CA 92382

Phone: 909-867-2531

Cost: \$140

-1 Deposit of \$50 due Dec 4th-Dec 11th , 2nd Deposit of \$90 due January 8th-15th

*-Please make checks payable to **Calvary Chapel Santa Clarita***

Physical Address: 26111 Bouquet Canyon Road Suite G6, Santa Clarita, CA 91350

Phone: 661-888-1373

Theme: BETTER – Psalm 63:3

Web-Site: livingwatercorona.com/BETTER

Purpose:

The heart at this year's RETREAT, is to challenge, encourage and equip those who attend, to live a life that would know, understand and LIVE OUT, that a life with CHRIST is BETTER than anything and everything else in the world.

Many Christian Youth and Adults, I believe struggle with Living a life wholly surrendered to the Lord. To often or not, we struggle with believing that GOD and all that HE has for us, is the BEST THING for our LIVES (both here on earth & for eternity).

In Psalms 63, King David was at a low point in his life. His family and kingdom were in shambles and he were in the wilderness. Here at this point in his life, David could have cried out to the Lord, to restore his: kingdom, family, popularity, riches, etc. However, David finds satisfaction, joy and comfort in praising God. David realizes that BETTER THAN LIFE itself is God and His love and kindness.

I pray that this weekend, we would see a GENERATION realize that JESUS is BETTER than anything and everything, including LIFE itself. And that this generation would live every moment on earth, in that truth.

Your Role Before & During the Retreat:

1. Pray: Please pray daily for your youth & those who will attend

- For their walk w/ the Lord, for faithfulness to home & school, finances

-For them to INVITE people to JESUS, BELIEVE in JESUS, & a heart to SERVE JESUS through the HOLY SPIRIT

2. Invite & Inform: Please contact & talk to youth as well as parents

- Be challenged to not only inform your Youth Group, but take an active role personally, to let the Parents know what is going on.

3. Lead & Serve: Be watchful over all the youth... not as a hireling... but a shepherd who loves the sheep

- Keep an eye on your youth, and make sure their "environment" at the Retreat is one that isn't distracting to what God wants to do and speak to them.

-Be watchful for all the Youth that attend, not just your own.

- See ways in which you can pour into these youth so that they can BELIEVE in JESUS through your life. We need to exemplify & live out this theme of FOR THE GLORY before the Retreat starts!

What is Needed Before the Retreat from your church:

1. Prayer

2. Funds Collected

-Cost of Retreat is \$140

- We **STRONGLY ENCOURAGE**, to collect all your groups funds, and just write one check out **to Calvary Chapel**

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3. Shirt Sizes must be turned in by Jan 16th through our **ONLINE FORM**

-Shirts will be ordered in Girls & Guys cut. Please indicate which you prefer, per shirt

4. Team Break-Up:

-Please split your group into 4 equal teams (including all leaders) if your church has 15 or more attending. If less than 15, please split your Group into 2 equal teams.

-This year's colors are **GREEN, BLUE, RED and YELLOW**. Please encourage your youth to buy (or your church can provide), something to **REPRESENT** their **TEAM** (bandanas, shirts, beanies, hats, etc)

5. Ensure that all leaders attending have passed a Background Check

6. Certificate of Liability Insurance: contact your church insurance and send a copy to

akemi.deherrera@gmail.com

7. All participant 17 & younger must fill out **MEDIAL RELEASE FORM- ONLINE FORM**

8. Arrive @ Retreat on Time:

- make best possible arrangements to be at Camp Cedar Crest **NO LATER** than 6pm (dinner will be served @ this time.) 1st Session will begin promptly @ 7pm. Suggested arrival time is 5pm.

What is Needed Once Youth Group Arrive at the Retreat:

1. Once your group arrives, we ask that you send a Group Leader to the "registration tables", where you will receive your Cabin Location, Retreat Shirts, & Retreat Badges
2. Please turn in: FINAL count of your Group, & Final balance of Deposits
3. Unload & head to Dinning Hall

RETREAT ABSOLUES:

The following ABSOLUTES are cause for immediate removal from the camp. In extreme cases we may call local law enforcement as well:

- NO DRUGS
- NO ALCOHOL
- NO VULGAR LANGUAGE
- NO FIRE of any KIND
- NO WEAPONS of any KIND
- NO PUBLIC DISPLAY of AFFETION (NBC RULE)
- NO GUYS in the GIRLS DORM or GIRLS in the GUYS DORM
- NO PRACTICAL JOKES
- NO STEALING
- NO DESTRUCTION of CAMP PROPERTY
- NO FOOD DELIVERY

Medication & Food:

If any child needs a special diet, please let us know before the retreat, so we can make proper arrangements.

We will have a few medical supplies for any injuries, that should help stabilize anyone, if any injury occurs, until the Ambulance/Parents can arrive at Camp Cedar Crest.

If any of your Youth have a problem and need medicine, they will need to come with their youth leader to receive any over the counter medication. Please ensure that they are not allergic to the medicine. (Have a list of any over the counter medicine your youth may be allergic too)

2023 Winter Retreat Schedule

Friday 2/24

5:00-5:50 Arrive/Registration/Unpack
6:00-7:00 Dinner
7:00-8:30 1st Session (*General Session*): **BETTER Satisfaction -Psalm 63:1-2**
Teacher: IN SANCTUARY
8:30-11:00 Shower/Cabin Time/Devotions/Free Time
11:30 Lights Out

Saturday 2/25

7:15-7:45 Wake Up/Devotions/Morning Worship
-Worship by
8:00-8:45 Breakfast
9:00-9:45 1st Breakout Session (*Split Session*)
9:50-10:35 2nd Breakout Session (*Split Session*)
10:45-11:45 Q&A
Girls: Sanctuary
Boys: Auditorium
11:45-12:00 Group Picture
12:00-1:00 Lunch
1:00-1:30 Group Game
1:30-4:45 **FREE TIME/Tournaments/Talent Show Try-Outs**
5:00-5:45 Dinner/TALENT SHOW
6:00-8:30 2nd Session (*General Session*): **BETTER Life -Psalm 63:3-5**
Teacher:
8:30-11:00 Shower/Cabin Time/Devotions/Free Time
11:30 Lights Out

Sunday 2/26

7:15-7:45 Wake Up/Devotions/Morning Worship
-Worship by
8:00-8:45 Breakfast
9:30-11:00 3rd Session (*General Session*): **BETTER Help -Psalm 63:6-8**
Teacher:
11:00-12:00 Pack-Clean-Pick Up-Leave Camp Cedar Crest

2023 Breakout Sessions Breakdown

Between 9:00- 10:30, we will be holding 4 Breakout Sessions, in which all participants will have the chance to pick 2 Breakout Sessions to attend. The heart of these Breakout Sessions is to see how we can truly live a life that is BETTER because of Christ, in all that we do. These Sessions will focus on certain aspects:

1st Breakout Topic: BETTER Hope & Peace:

-looking at the aspect that in Christ, we have a greater expectation for the certainty of not just this life, but for eternity.

2nd Breakout Topic: BETTER Love:

-looking at the aspect that in Christ, we understand that all "LOVE" is not equal ("Love is Love"). That in Christ we can know, experience, and have AGAPE LOVE

3rd Breakout Topic: BETTER Joy:

-looking at the aspect that in Christ, we have the fullness of joy.