

ST MARY'S CONFIRMATION RETREAT PACKING LIST & INFORMATION

GENERAL THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

- Retreat dates are September 23rd – 25th
- **Parents are responsible for transporting teens to and from the retreat center.** We strongly encourage carpools.
- **Teens should arrive between 6:30pm – 7:30pm for check in Friday evening**
- Have your teen pack the night before so you can pick them up right from school the next day. We suggest getting on the road ASAP to avoid traffic then stopping near Santa Rosa to eat
- **Pick Up Time** Sunday, September 25th @ 3pm
- **If you haven't yet, please submit your \$200 payment for retreat. We now offer the option to pay online with credit card or check.** If you are a family blessed to offer a donation, we typically receive some scholarship requests, which we will honor regardless, but humbly ask for your prayerful consideration to contribute to our ministry so that we may continue to serve ALL teens and still maintain a quality program.

PACKING LIST WHAT TO BRING

- Casual, comfortable clothing for 2 days, 2 nights (Layers are good)
- Shoes they won't mind getting dirty. We will be out in a camp-forest environment.
- It gets cold at night.... beanies are good
- Personal toiletries. (Soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, etc...)
- Sleeping bag, pillow and towel.
- If a teen has any prescription medication, they must check it in with us with directions. **(All Medication must come in their original prescription container)**
- A flashlight
- **A snack to share** (Although meals are included beginning Saturday morning, we know teens like to eat in between meals, so please send a snack to share. (Cookies, Chips, Fruit, Bottled Water etc.) We will collect these at check in Friday.
- Please feed teens dinner on the way up.
- Most importantly an open heart, open mind and a good attitude :)

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR MORE INFORMATION

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WHAT NOT TO BRING

Although we've never experienced a problem in the following areas they still warrant mentioning.

- We will NOT tolerate drugs, alcohol or any paraphernalia associated with drug or alcohol use. Anyone caught possessing these items will result in having parents called to come pick up immediately at parent's expense.
- Although cell phones are permitted during down time only (There is no cell service)
- No pornographic material
- No clothing with obscene images, gestures or language or that it revealing.
- WE HAVE ZERO TOLLERANCE REGARDING THESE RULES. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS!

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO

Because there is no cell service at Alliance Redwoods, the best contact number is to call them direct (707) 874-3507 and ask them to get a hold of Doug Talmadge with St. Mary. They will know where I am at all times. Jenna Chandler is our Camp Contact and her extension is 187 If you would like to leave a non-emergency message she will get it to me.

In addition, I will have all my office messages from my desk landline phone 925-962-5806 forwarded immediately to my email, which I can access throughout the day as time permits.

The website for Alliance Redwoods is www.allianceredwoods.com Please check out the site so you can see where your teens will be retreating. Also there are links to information like numbers, maps etc in the event your teen becomes ill or needs to leave for a family emergency.

We will post updates and photos of the retreat on our youth ministry Facebook page at:
Youth Ministry at St. Mary Walnut Creek, CA

We humbly ask you to keep our team, the retreat and our amazing young people in prayer!
Thank you!

God bless you ☺

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