



INspire! Youth Ministry 2014 Winter Retreat

Dear Parents & Guardians,

We excitedly enter the final stages of our preparation for our Winter Retreat. The students all seem very eager, and we are looking forward to sharing with them from the Word of God, and building relationships through the activities we have planned.

Our theme this year is TLG. It's a play on the acronym "TLC", but stands for "Trusting the Love of God". This theme will be based on 1 John 4:16 "And we have known and believed the love that God has for us." We pray that it will help our young people build trust in their faith for the Father who loves us unconditionally, and to know that no matter what we're going through, He will never leave nor forsake us.

We will be staying at Camp Ichthus Camp & Retreat Center. The lodge and meeting facilities are all heated and fully furnished, and we will conduct all of our teaching sessions and team building activities at this facility. Food will be provided, so you do not need to send any food or snacks with your children, but if they have a favorite snack, they are certainly welcome to bring it along, assuming they're willing to share.

Part of our retreat will include a trip to the Blue Mountain Ski Resort for a 3-hour session of tubing. We are asking that you fill out the liability release forms (there are 2) from Blue Mountain Resorts, in addition to our activity participation form, in order for your son or daughter to be permitted to participate in the tubing activity.

Attached to this letter is an emergency contact form that has all of the phone numbers



and the street address for the camp that you would need if for some reason you need to get in contact with us or your student.

We will be asking students to leave their “devices” stored in their rooms during the day, so that our sole focus is on discovering who God is, how much He loves us, and realizing how dependable His love for us is. We will permit them to check in with you in the evenings before bedtime. If you need to get in touch with them during the daytime, please use the numbers provided on the emergency contact form. We will be happy to connect you with your child if there is a need.

PRICING:

\$ 79.00 (food/lodging) *(Families with multiple students can take \$15 off the 2nd student, \$25 off for each add'l.)*

\$ 20.00 (Tubing at Blue Mountain)

\$ 10.00 (T-Shirt)

\$109.00 (total)

If you have any questions whatsoever, please use the numbers on the emergency contact form to contact myself or my wife Jen. We'd be happy to provide you with any additional information and answer any and all questions you might have about this winter retreat.

In His grip,

Jae & Jen Heme