

Winter Retreat FAQ

What is the Winter Weekend Retreat?

- The Winter Weekend Retreat is a retreat opportunity in the spring for all students (6th-12th grade). It is a unique trip as it is from Friday-Monday, during President's Day weekend in February. This retreat is centered around serving a local community and experiencing a standard retreat, all in one! Students will get to spend time in fellowship with their small group as well as time getting to serve with other students of other ages in local service projects.

What is the Theme this year?

- Students will be guided through Matthew 9 throughout the weekend as our guest speaker teaches students about the ministry of Jesus. The messages will encompass how Jesus teaches us to serve and be compassionate as well as how believers should follow His call to serve and spread the gospel.

When is it?

- February 14th-17th, 2025. Students will check in at Mount Pisgah at 5:30pm on Friday and return to Mount Pisgah between 1-1:15PM on Monday.

Where is it?

- Camp Grace (2559 Walkers Chapel Rd, Roberta, GA 31078) in Roberta, GA about 2 hours and 30 minutes from Mount Pisgah Church.

How will students be travelling?

- Students will travel in 15 passenger vans with their small group and small group leaders. Each van will have 2 adults who have had Motor Vehicle Report checks.

What does it cost?

- \$280

Are there scholarships available?

- Yes! For first-time guests, we would love to offer your first trip with us for free. For others needing scholarships, email the Student Life Administrative Pastor (ntorres@mountpisgah.org)

What is the Cancellation Policy?

- Registration is final. If you become unable to attend, you can find someone to take your spot and be reimbursed or a credit can be issued for a future retreat!

What meals will be offered?

- Students should eat dinner Friday before checking in. We will be back before lunchtime on Monday. All snacks and meals will be covered by Student Life and Camp Grace. Students are welcome to bring extra snacks for themselves but please, NO energy drinks or excessive amounts of candy.

What is the ratio of students to adults?

- The ratio is a max of 6 students per leader, for each grade and gender.

What does an average weekend look like?

- Friday, upon arrival, we will settle into cabins and unpack. Then we will go to our first session.

“Sessions” are when all students and leaders join to spend time alone with scripture and questions before service begins, listen to a message and split into small groups for discussion. We have a total of 4 sessions, one per day.

- After session, we will dismiss students to bed. Students will sleep with other students of their age and gender, with two leaders in each room.
- Saturday is our service day! We will randomize student groups (new students will stay with their friend) and they will ride in vans with 2 adult leaders, to local organizations in the Columbus, Warner Robins and Macon area. They will eat lunch there and head back to camp for some free time and to get ready for dinner.
- Saturday night we will have a session and then dismiss students to bed.
- Sunday, we get to attend a church in the local community. Then, we will head to camp for lunch and enjoy free time activities at Camp Grace. We will have dinner then session and then end our retreat with a crowd favorite, lip sync battle. After the battle, we will head to bed.
- Monday will include one more session and then we will all head back to Mount Pisgah.

What is Lip Sync Battle?

- Lip Sync Battle is a 4-year tradition that includes each small group performing and “lip syncing” to a popular song. Participation is completely optional, but most students love to participate! Songs for each group are chosen at random, a few weeks before at The House.

Why do attend a local church's service on Sunday?

- Winter Weekend is dedicated to giving students an opportunity to serve in other communities that are not their own. Our goal is that it would drive students to serve no matter where they are or where they live. Similarly, we want students to have a drive to attend a church, no matter where they are or where they live. Going to different churches/services allows students to experience something different and see what they prefer, especially for when they need to church "shop" when they go to college.