

Middle School Retreat FAQ

What is the Middle School Retreat?

- The Middle School Retreat is an opportunity for 6th- 8th Graders to spend a weekend in fellowship with their small group, to grow closer in their faith and to have fun with fun experiences specifically designed for Middle Schoolers.

What is the Theme this year?

- The theme for this year is “Abide” and students will walk through John 15 with messages being taught by Christian Hall, the Student Life Teaching Pastor, and Student Life Interns. The term Abide (act in accordance) in conjunction with Scripture in John 15: 1-27 will allow students to learn how to abide in Jesus and maintain a close personal relationship with Him to live a more fruitful, spiritual life.

When is it?

- December 13th – 15th, 2024. Typically, this retreat takes place in September. Students will check in at Mount Pisgah at 5:30pm on Friday and return to Mount Pisgah between 1-1:15PM on Sunday.

Where is it?

- Camp Lighthouse (126 Lighthouse Wy, Talking Rock, GA 30175) in Talking Rock, GA, about an hour away from Mount Pisgah.

What does it cost?

- \$180

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, a credit can be issued for a future retreat!

What meals will be offered?

- Meals will be prepared by Michelle Gray and a team of Student Life Interns. Those with allergies and dietary restrictions will be accommodated. Students should eat dinner Friday before checking in and will be back before lunchtime on Sunday.

What is the ratio of students to adults?

- Each grade and gender will be led by at least 1 adult and 1 intern. The ratio is a max of 6 students per leader.

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 play an icebreaker game, spend time alone with scripture and questions, listen to a message and split into small groups for discussion. We have a total of 4 sessions, one Friday, two on Saturday and one on Sunday.

- After session, we will dismiss students to bed. Students will sleep with other students of their age and gender, with a High School Intern in their room and adults in rooms next door.

- Saturday, we will start the morning off with a group game led by the interns before our morning session. After lunch, we will continue with group games followed by freetime, where students can choose from a variety of activities at camp. We will have a third session after dinner and do one final group game before bed.
- On Sunday, we will have the last session and then pack up and head home.