

Icon Student Ministry Winter Retreat

Hey everyone,

We have begun to plan for our annual winter retreat and we cannot wait to tell you all about it! This year we are heading to Pine Creek Retreat Center, VA! We are super excited for this trip! We will be growing deeper in our faith as a group by digging into scripture together.

The winter retreat has become one of our favorite events. It is a great time to get away from the busyness of our everyday schedules and to spend time building relationships with one another while studying God's word together. We will have a lot of fun playing games, relaxing, and worshipping together. You are not going to want to miss this year's winter retreat!

Sign up now by filling out the attached forms and turning in your money. **The final day to register is January 12th.** Please be sure to get everything turned in before then!! If you have any questions or concerns email me at butlerforchrist@gmail.com.

Thanks,

Jordan Butler

Winter Retreat Information:

When: January 17-19 – Drop off is 6pm on Friday the 17 **at the retreat center.** Pick up is 6-8pm on Sunday the 19th.

Where: 1794 Back Creek Road, Gore VA 22637

Who: All of our middle and high school students are encouraged to attend our winter retreat this year. We would love it if all of our regular students could make it! Please do whatever you can to make this a part of your schedule this year!

What: This long weekend retreat is designed for students and leaders to develop and facilitate a closer community. I still share many sweet memories and stories with friends and leaders from when I was attending winter retreats. This year's location was my favorite spot to visit as a youth group! I want to do my best to facilitate lasting relationships between students and leaders in our youth ministry that will hopefully benefit their relationship with Christ.

Pricing: The price for this year is \$100 per student. The price includes an Icon hoodie, stay, and food. If your student would like to attend and coming up with the money is not possible, please let Jordan know as soon as possible. We want to do whatever it takes so that your student can experience this trip.

Sign up: The deadline for sign up is January 12th!!! When you return the attached forms with a \$25 deposit your student will have a guaranteed spot. The rest of the money is due on January 17th. Think fast because our retreats fill up quickly every year!

Icon Youth Ministries 2020 Universal Permission Form

STUDENT INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Grade: _____ DOB: _____

Male/Female: _____ School: _____

Primary Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Hoodie Size: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Relation: _____

PARENTAL CONSENT:

The undersigned does hereby give permission for my child _____
(**Participants name**), to attend and participate in any Icon youth ministry activities, events, retreats and childcare during the period of January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020.

LIABILITY RELEASE: In consideration of Connections Community Church allowing the Participant to participate in children/youth ministry (Sunday worship, Sunday meeting, Activities, Events, Retreats, Lock-Ins, Trips and childcare) I, the undersigned, do hereby release, forever discharge and agree to hold harmless Connections Community Church its pastors, directors, employees, volunteers and teachers (collectively herein the "Church") from any and all liability, claims or demands for accidental personal injury, sickness or death, as well as property damage and expenses, of any nature whatsoever which may be incurred by the undersigned and the Participant while involved in the children/youth activities and childcare. I the parent or legal guardian of this Participant hereby grants my permission for the Participant to participate fully in Icon children/youth ministry activities and child care, including trips away from the church premises. Furthermore, I, on behalf of my minor Participant, hereby assume all risk of accidental personal injury, sickness, death, damage and expense as a result of participation in recreation and work activities involved therein, including any and all transportation to and from church activities. The undersigned further hereby agrees to hold harmless and indemnify said Church for any liability sustained by said Church as the result of the negligent, willful or intentional acts of said Participant, including expenses incurred attendant thereto.

EARLY RETURN HOME POLICY: Should it be necessary for my child or youth to return home due to medical reasons, disciplinary action or otherwise, the undersigned shall assume all transportation costs and responsibility.

TRANSPORTATION PERMISSION: The undersigned does also hereby give permission for my child/youth to ride in any vehicle driven by an approved and licensed ADULT chaperone while attending and participating in activities sponsored by Connections Community Church. My child/youth and I understand that SEAT BELTS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES during transportation.

X _____	X _____	X _____
Name of youth participant	Signature of youth participant	Date
X _____	X _____	X _____
Name of parent/guardian	Signature of parent/guardian	Date

MEDICAL INFORMATION:

Over-the-Counter Medication Permission: Do you give permission for your child/youth to be given over-the-counter medication as needed and as directed on the label, to treat non-emergency medical conditions that do not require a doctor or hospital visit such as a minor headache, stomachache, or allergic reaction (i.e. Tylenol, Advil, antacids, Benadryl) while at a youth ministry event?

- No.** Contact me or get medical help if my child has any minor medical concerns.
- Yes.** I give permission for an adult youth leader to give my child approved over-the counter medications as directed on an as needed basis to treat non-emergency medical conditions.

MEDICAL CONDITIONS: Please answer in detail if applicable or write N/ A. Attach additional pages if necessary.

1. List any medical conditions you have (asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, etc.): _____
2. LIST ANY ALLERGIES (drug/medicine, food, and/or environmental) and the severity and type of reaction: _____
3. Please explain any other pertinent information about the participant (i.e. physical, behavioral, or emotional) that would be important for the adult leaders to know. Any liability sustained by said Church as the result of the negligent, willful or intentional acts of said Participant, including expenses incurred attendant thereto.

MEDICAL TREATMENT PERMISSION: I authorize an adult, in whose care the minor has been entrusted, to consent to any emergency x-ray examination, anesthetic, medical, surgical or dental diagnosis or treatment and hospital care, to be rendered to the minor under the general or special supervision and on the advice of any physician or dentist licensed under the provisions of the Medical Practice Act on the medical staff of a licensed hospital or emergency care facility. The undersigned shall be liable and agrees to pay all costs and expenses incurred in connection with such medical and dental services rendered to the aforementioned child or youth pursuant to this authorization.

Parent Signature: _____

Connections Community Church Icon Youth Ministry

Covenant of Community Expectations

The following rules and guidelines are equally binding on adult leaders/chaperones and youth.

NON-NEGOTIABLE RULES

- Any participant failing to abide by these rules will be sent home immediately at personal/family expense.
- No use of illicit drugs or alcohol.
- Presence at and full participation in all group activities, including adherence to curfews and other time-related instructions.
- No sexual misconduct (defined as exposure, touching, or inappropriate reference to body areas normally covered by undergarments).
- Must be in assigned rooms/meeting location by designated time.
- Coed visitation only in assigned community room.
- Smoking and the use of tobacco products are not allowed to, from, or during any trip.
- Will not break any American laws in the United States or any other country.

GUIDELINES FOR LIVING IN CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

- Adults and youth will be equally responsible for performing assigned tasks in a timely and cooperative manner.
 - Participants will be respectful, encouraging, and will maintain a positive attitude toward others at all times, recognizing Christ's presence in each other.
- Participants will be respectful of both common living spaces and the property of others. Participants will avoid the use of foul language, cursing, or any speech (including "humor") which puts down, makes fun of, or stereotypes other persons or groups.
- Sleeping areas for males and females will be separate.

Youth Participant's (or Adult Leader's) Statement:

"By signing this form, I pledge to honor God and respect others during this activity by following the rules and guidelines printed above. I understand that I cannot participate in the activity unless this completed form is on file."

X _____ X _____
Youth Participant's Signature **Date**

Parent/Guardian's Statement:

"By signing this form, I agree to support the Covenant of Community Expectations printed above, and will accept responsibility for the payment of my child's return transportation should s/he break one of the non-negotiable rules."

X _____ X _____
Parent/Guardian's Signature **Date**