



## **RETREAT LEADER INFORMATION**

We are excited that your group is coming to the 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat at Crestfield. We have lots of fun planned and are looking forward to being together.

Please **carefully read all the information**. If there is any issue or concern not addressed, call Becky for any additional information (724-794-4022).

### **GROUP INFORMATION**

#### **Planning Arrival & Departure**

Registration begins at 10:00 am on Saturday. We will begin games and mixers at 10:30 am in the recreation hall. Please plan to arrive on time so that all can be together from the start and get the retreat off to a wonderful start. The retreat will end with lunch at noon on Sunday.

#### **Registration & Medical Waiver Form**

As the group leader, you are responsible for collecting all money, registrations and medical waiver forms prior to the retreat. On the website are two medical waiver forms – one for the youth and one for the adults attending the retreat. Please have these forms completed and bring them with you to provide to us at registration. We will make a copy of your group's forms and give you back the originals.

When you arrive, one adult leader should report to the office to check in. ***Bring 1 check, if possible, made payable to Pittsburgh Presbytery.*** Also, bring a **roster of youth and leaders** and a signed medical waiver form for each youth (under 18). You will be directed to your lodging to get settled. Mixers begin at 10:30 am in the Rec Hall. Make sure your group reports to the first activity on time. You will be given a packet with the schedule and activities,

discussion questions, and other important information. All of the group leaders will meet at 11:15 am on Saturday for further information and orientation.

### **Group Leaders/Chaperone Responsibilities**

All chaperones are responsible for making sure youth follow the schedule and are not off on their own. Chaperones are expected to participate in the activities of the weekend and lead the small group and cabin times for your own group. The speakers will provide discussion questions. Guidelines and sample questions will be available when you arrive. Your most important role is to spend time getting to know your youth and where they are in their faith journey.

### **Lodging**

The Cabin area is divided into two separate areas for males and females. A warm, centralized bath house in each area serves the cabins for bathing facilities. There are three cabins on each side with 2 rooms, 6 bunks in each room. **Your group may be housed with another group.** If you would like to be housed as your own group, please let me know as soon as possible.

It is important to remember that boys are blue and girls are pink, and we do not want any purpling! Therefore, boys don't go on the girls cabin side, and girls don't go on the boys cabin side.

### **Meals**

Meals will be served in the Dining Hall. Lunch will be at 12:30 pm and dinner will be at 5:30 pm on Saturday. Sunday meal times are 8:30 am for breakfast and 12:00 noon for lunch.

### **Activities & Leader Participation**

**Leaders and youth will have an opportunity to participate in Swamp Ball and other outdoor activities, weather permitting.** Be sure to bring old clothes that you can trash after the games or a large, sturdy plastic bag if you plan on taking them home. Swamp Ball is the game of kick ball in the mud and is a Crestfield favorite. Participation in swamp ball is purely optional!

### **Camp Store**

We will do have a Crestfield Camp Store with various items (shirts, hats, sweatshirts, etc.) Let your youth know to bring additional money in case they want to purchase something.

### **Cell Phones/Electronics**

***Please do not bring radios, iPods, cell phones, CD players, gameboys, knives, candy, chewing gum, or other "junk food". If you do bring these items, they will be held for you until the end of camp.*** In order for youth to experience retreat, we have a no cell phone or electronic policy for the campers. If your youth bring a cell phone or other electronics, we ask that you collect them upon arrival and we will put them in a box for your youth group and lock them in an office. We will give them back when you are ready to leave.

We will see you soon! If you need any additional information, please call or email Becky Little at Crestfield (724-794-4022 or [becky@crestfield.net](mailto:becky@crestfield.net)).