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TEEN VALLEY  
RANCH,  
NORTH CAROLINA  
PARENT GUIDE

RETREAT





## IMPORTANT DATES & DETAILS:

**Retreat Dates:** February 20th-22nd, 2026

**Payment & Forms Due:** Friday, February 6th

**Registration Closes:** February 1st

**Early Bird Discount:** Ends January 5th

**Where:** Teen Valley Ranch - Plumtree, North Carolina

## COST

**Total Cost:** \$250

**Early Bird Discount:** \$200 through January 5th

**Deposit:** A \$50 non-refundable deposit is due at the time of registration to reserve your student's spot. The deposit will be applied to the final cost of the trip.

*(If financial assistance is needed, please contact us at [finance@marshallcc.com](mailto:finance@marshallcc.com))*

**The cost of the trip covers transportation, food, lodging and activities.**

- High school students will be able to rent ski clothing rentals for an additional cost at registration (Ski Helmet \$12, Ski Bib \$12, Ski Jacket \$14). Skis are provided, students cannot bring their own skis or snowboard.
- Students will need to bring money for lunch on the way to the retreat and optional money if they would like to purchase snacks at the retreat location.

**Refund Policy:** No refunds will be given for cancellations after February 13<sup>th</sup>. All deposits are non-refundable.

## DROP OFF/PICK UP:

**DROP OFF:** Please have students at the front of the church by 8:00am on Friday 2/20 for check-in. We will leave promptly at 8:30am. Please plan to arrive at the designated time. Students CANNOT park their vehicle at the church, they must be dropped off. Parents will be notified via text when we have arrived.

**PICK UP:** We currently plan to arrive back at the church around 6:30pm on Sunday 2/22. Parents will be notified via text our eta.

***Due to the distance of the retreat, we do not offer accommodations such as late drop off or early pickup. Students must attend for the entirety of the retreat.***

## GENERAL SCHEDULE:

Throughout the weekend, students will experience worship, teaching sessions, and plenty of high-energy activities designed to build community and deepen their faith. On Saturday, high school students will venture to the slopes for an exciting eight hours of skiing, while our middle school students enjoy snow tubing at Jonas Ridge all in the North Carolina mountains. Students will also have the opportunity to partake in TVR's campus activities such as horseback riding, archery, putt putt, gaga ball, a game room, indoor courts, & more. For any questions, please see our FAQ on the Students Page of the Mars Hill website.



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## PHONE POLICY:

Retreats are a wonderful way for students to unplug and detox from the digital world. In an age where lives are largely surrounded by the distractions of the online realm, it is critical to take time to remove the noise and focus on the Lord.

Because of this, *students will not be allowed to have their phones during the retreat*. We ask, if able, that parents take their child's phone before we leave for the retreat. If students do bring their phone, we will be taking them as they check-in. We will return student's phones after we arrive back to the church on Sunday. *We understand there are medical accommodations and emergencies where a phone is needed and that is perfectly fine! Phones will be kept in the room with leaders in case of any necessary situations.*

## DRESS CODE:

All clothing must meet dress code and be appropriate. We hope it's not an issue, but if it is, an adult will ask your child to change. If in doubt about whether something you're bringing is appropriate, just don't bring it.

### Students are expected to avoid the following:

- Shirts or dresses that reveal one's chest, belly, or back. This includes shirts that have midriff, and see-through or overly tight clothing. This includes t-shirts cut into tank tops.
- Shorts that are too short, too tight, too revealing, or have a short hemline.
- Exposed underwear.
- Hoodies or shirts prevent the visibility of a person's shorts (typically oversized clothing).
- Leggings if the backside is not covered.
- Clothing with logos that represent ungodly themes.

## PACKING LIST

<input type="checkbox"/> Bible	<input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush, Toothpaste, and Soap
<input type="checkbox"/> Journal and Pen	<input type="checkbox"/> Snacks and Drinks
<input type="checkbox"/> Backpack	<input type="checkbox"/> Reusable Water Bottle
<input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight or Headlamp	<input type="checkbox"/> Money for lunch on the way up and Optional Money for TVR Snacks/Coffee Shop
<input type="checkbox"/> Bedding for a Twin Bed	<input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Ski/Tubing Gear (winter jacket, gloves, scarves, ski goggles, ski pants if skiing)
Bedding is not provided, bring a pillow, blankets and sheets, or a sleeping bag.	<input type="checkbox"/> Closed Toed Shoes/Boots
<input type="checkbox"/> Towel	<input type="checkbox"/> Clothes / Extra Underwear and Socks
<input type="checkbox"/> Toiletries	



## BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS AND CONSEQUENCES

We set clear expectations for all students to ensure a safe, respectful, and Christ-centered environment throughout the retreat. Our rules are designed to protect students, maintain order, and create an atmosphere where everyone can grow spiritually and build healthy relationships.

### **Students are expected to follow these guidelines at all times:**

1. Respect all leaders, staff, and fellow students.
2. Stay within designated areas and never wander off alone.
3. No possession or use of alcohol, tobacco, vapes, drugs, or any harmful substances.
4. No romantic or physical contact with other students.
5. Follow all safety instructions during skiing, tubing, recreation, and cabin time.
6. Be on time for all sessions, meals, activities, and lights-out.
7. Remain in assigned cabins after lights-out and never enter another cabin.
8. Use respectful language and avoid inappropriate joking or behavior.
9. Participate fully in sessions, small groups, and scheduled activities.

## IF A STUDENT BREAKS THE RULES

We take rule violations seriously because they affect the safety & experience of the entire group. Our leaders address issues promptly with the goal of correcting behavior & helping students grow.

### **Depending on the severity of the incident, the following steps may be taken:**

#### **1. Verbal Warning and Conversation**

- For minor issues leaders will talk with the student, remind them of expectations, and help redirect their behavior.

#### **2. Leader or Staff Intervention**

- If the behavior continues or is more disruptive a staff member will meet with the student to establish clear next steps and boundaries.

#### **3. Parent Notification**

- If behavior becomes a recurring issue or involves disrespect, safety concerns, or harmful choices, we will contact parents to inform them and discuss the situation.

#### **4. Removal From Activities**

- For more serious or repeated violations students may be removed from skiing tubing or other major activities for safety reasons.

#### **5. Early Pick-Up From the Retreat**

- If a student violates major rules such as possession of prohibited substances, leaving designated areas, inappropriate physical contact, or any behavior that places them or others at risk, parents will be contacted and required to pick up their student early at their own expense.

## OUR COMMITMENT

Our leaders are committed to shepherding students with grace truth and firmness. We view discipline as an opportunity for growth and restoration not punishment. Our priority is maintaining a safe environment where every student can thrive and enjoy the retreat.