

Youth Retreats at Good Earth Village:

Frequently Asked Questions

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Where do campers stay?

- Campers stay in our Hilltop Cabins - the cabins located closest to Barr Lodge (our dining facility). Our cabins are bunkhouses (sleeping either 18 or 10 a piece) and are fully winterized with heat. A shower-house is located directly across the street from the cabins. Our college-age counselors stay in each cabin with the campers. Campers will need to bring their own linens including sleeping bags and towels.

What meals does the weekend include?

- Included in the cost of the weekend is a snack on Friday evening as well as breakfast, lunch and a snack on Saturday. Please eat dinner before arriving on Friday.

Will all of the grades be together?

- We will include all grades for some elements of the retreat. Worship, meals, and optional activities will be a mixture of all our grades. For our small group learning times, we typically divide by up by age. Our housing is also often divided amongst ages of students, but you may request a friend to house with.

Where do we go when we arrive for drop off and pick up?

- Friday evening registration will be at Barr Lodge (our dining facility). There is a parking lot adjacent to the building that we use for loading and unloading bags. Parents are welcome to see their student's cabin before leaving if they'd like. On Saturday we end with a closing worship at 4:00pm. All are welcome to attend this closing worship led in part by the students from the weekend.

What should we pack for the weekend?

- Please bring weather appropriate clothing (jackets/hats/rain coats/etc), shoes for running/hiking, toiletries, linens (sleeping bag/pillow/towel), water bottle and bible.

Are adults invited to this retreat? Where do they sleep?

- Adults are invited to attend Youth Blasts as chaperones! Good Earth Village provides our fantastic college age counselors to be the facilitators of the small groups, lead activities, and plan worship. Youth leaders, Pastors or Caring Adults are all welcome to come and enjoy their students. Adults will sleep in the Hilltop cabins with the youth.

Do Adults pay for the weekend?

- Adults are not required to pay the \$55/person fee. We like to recommend a suggested donation of \$25 for adults. This fee is optional.

How do campers register?

- Online
 - Registration is available online at GoodEarthVillage.org/register
- Print & Mail:
 - Print the registration form included in this e-mail or visit GoodEarthVillage.org/register to print registration forms for your participants.

Sample Schedule: *(Details may change based on age groups, weather, and theme of the retreat)*

Friday:

7:00pm-8:00pm: Registration, Check-in & Games

8:00pm: Welcoming Worship

8:30pm: Small Group Break Out

9:15pm: Evening Snack

9:30pm: Campfire Worship (indoor or outdoor)

Saturday:

8:00am: Breakfast

8:30am: Pack Up Cabins

9:00am: Worship

9:30am: Small Group Break Out

10:30am: Outdoor Large Group Games

11:30am: Theme Activity

12:00pm: Lunch

1:00pm: Afternoon Options (Games, Crafts, Hike, etc)

2:30pm: Small Group Break Out

3:30pm: Afternoon Snack

4:00pm: Closing Worship

4:30pm: Go in Peace