

FAQ for preteen retreat:

Q: Who should be considered a preteen?

A: Local church models vary. Some consider 5th/6th grade students as preteens while other churches consider 4th/5th grade students as preteens. We leave this up to local leaders to decide.

Q: Where is the retreat center located?

A: Heit's Point Conference Center near Lincoln Missouri (a little more than 2 hours from the KC area).

Address: 28345 Heit's Point Avenue, Lincoln, MO 65338

Q: What does the registration fee cover?

A: 2 nights lodging, 4 meals, t-shirt, use of indoor pool, recreational equipment for lake, leadership adventure course, snacks, supplies and all aspects of a retreat.

Q: Do sponsors pay the full registration fee?

A: Yes. This retreat functions without subsidy therefore, each participant covers their cost. That being said, we encourage local churches to consider covering the cost for their sponsors.

Q: Can our church send students if we do not send sponsors?

A: Any church planning to send students should also plan to send sponsors. For example: if you bring girls, a female counselor should accompany. If you bring boys, a male counselor should accompany.

Q: Why preteen retreat?

A: Preteen retreat is planned during the early fall as new students are transitioning into the preteen group. Going away as a group, for a whole weekend creates great space for students to get acquainted. This time also affords an opportunity for Children's Pastors and Children's Leaders to play, worship, run, sing, discover and wonder with students from their local church.

Q: Who leads the retreat?

A: This is a multi church effort. Children's Pastors and Leaders from various churches help plan, organize and execute the retreat. Some bring the word during chapel services, some lead worship through singing, some tend to registration and administration, some plan games and activities. With all of us working together, we are able to offer a great retreat for churches of all sizes.

Q: What is my role if I come as a sponsor?

A: As volunteer staff we are signing on to "hang" with kids. We will not only supervise for their safety but also seek to nurture relationships. If kids are at the lake, a couple of us need to be at the lake; if kids want to hike, put on your hiking shoes. Plan to listen, interact, laugh, pray, cry, sing and simply "be" with kids.

Q: Do we travel to the conference center as a group?

A: While we do not organize transportation to the event, it may be possible to coordinate with another church. You can check with the registrar to learn what other churches are participating.

Q: How do we register? (not sure if this one is accurate since our process is changing.)

A: Go to www.kcdistrict.org, find Childrens, find preteen retreat, click register now. We will take it from there.

Q: Anything else I should I do to prepare?

A: Pray, pray and pray. Posture yourself in such a way that God could move in and even surprise you. There is no telling what he wants to accomplish in our life together and/or in the lives of students.

Q: What time should we arrive?

A: Travelers are asked to eat dinner on the way then arrive in time for 7:30 pm registration.

Q: When will the retreat conclude?

A: After gathered worship Sunday morning, we will say farewell to new friends, load our vehicles and plan to be back to our local churches in time to meet our family in the church parking lot.

We look forward to sharing this time with you and yours!