



FCC YOUTH MINISTRIES

Dear Youth & Parents,

It's possible that this is your first retreat, and you probably have some questions about going on retreat. Following are some things you might like to know:

We stay at a United Church of Christ Retreat Center that has been part of Youth Ministries at FCC for decades. The sleeping arrangements are not luxurious, but are adequate. Please be sure to bring a warm sleeping bag. We eat meals in the dining hall with the other groups who are at Tower Hill this weekend. Please also pack appropriate clothing as the weather can vary greatly. Some of our activities will be outside, so check the weather!

You can bring munchies & drinks if you are someone who needs lots of snacks. (It is nice to bring enough to share!)

If you are taking any prescription medication, please write a note and attach to your release form. Adult advisors need to be aware of all medication! (We bring a first aid kit for minor scrapes!)

Youth Ministries has a **confidential** scholarship account available for anyone needing financial assistance to go on retreats. NOBODY should miss a youth retreat because of finances! If you would like to inquire about total or partial assistance, please contact me and be assured that all communication and arrangements are confidential.

SERIOUS STUFF: Prior to attending a retreat, we ask each participant and parent sign the FCC Waiver and Release forms. As a reminder, you are agreeing to not drink, smoke, do drugs, participate in dangerous activities, or participate in sexual activity while on retreat. Parents need to be aware that youth may be sent home (i.e. you will be called to come pick them up) if they break this covenant or are disruptive in their behavior or attitude. We very rarely have any problems, but be sure that you all understand the expectations for this weekend (You may have already turned this in at the beginning of the year.)

Retreats are a pivotal experience for our groups that our youth have loved. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

In Christ,

Allison Billings, Director of Youth Ministries