

SCHEDULE

Friday, November 15

7:00 pm.	Registration; settle into cabins; gathering activities
9:00 pm	Beginnings: Energizers, music, introductions
9:30 pm	Small Group Beginnings.
10:30 pm	Snacks in lodge; adult orientation
11:00 pm	Worship
11:30 pm	Cabin devotions; all in cabins for the night
midnight	Lights Out

Saturday, November 16

8:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 am	Energizers, Music
9:30 am	Keynote and Small Groups
noon	Lunch
1:00 pm	Energizers, music, announcements
1:15 pm	Small Group - Mission Experience
	Recreation Options
4:30	Free Time
5:30 pm	Dinner
6:30 pm	Energizers
6:45 pm	Keynote and Small Groups
8:30 pm	Community Game Night and S'mores
11:00 pm	Worship, then to cabins
11:30 pm	Cabin Devotions; all in cabins for the night
midnight	Lights Out

Sunday, November 17

8:00 am	Breakfast, clean cabins and pack cars
9:15 am	Energizers, Music
9:30 am	Keynote and Small Groups
11:15 am	Worship with Communion

The Youth Council of the Presbytery of West Virginia presents:

The 2019 Older Youth Retreat

November 15-17, 2019

WORTHY
I AM - YOU ARE
WE ARE

with Shelly Barrick Parsons

Bluestone Camp and Retreat Center, Hinton, WV

FOCUS: Throughout the weekend, we will consider how as children of God, made in God's image, we have value and worth as we are, despite messages from media and other persons that say if we don't look, dress, act or believe, etc., in a certain way we aren't good enough.

KEYNOTE LEADER: Shelly Barrick Parsons is the Director of Children and Family Ministries at River Road Presbyterian Church in Richmond, Va. Previously, she served as Presbyterian Campus Pastor at West Virginia University in Morgantown. Shelly is married to Chet; they have two children, Harrison and Ellie Grace, two cats (Bacon and Turner) and one dog (Penny). As a family, they love getting outside to hike, ski, paddleboard, etc. They enjoy rooting for the Mountaineers. Shelly looks forward to finding ways to connect our experiences with God's story of love, grace, and welcome.

Important Registration Information FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS

This retreat is for youth in grades 9-12 and their adult advisors. There must be one adult for every 7 youth registered.

The retreat will begin with registration from 7-9 pm on Friday, November 15 and end with worship around noon on Sunday morning. The first meal served will be Saturday breakfast; the last meal will be Sunday breakfast.

The cost for each participants, youth or adult, is \$75. Registrations will not be accepted without the name of the adult who will be responsible for youth at the retreat.

Registrations can be made online, by mail or by fax (304-744-7649); no phone registrations will be taken. The final registration deadline for registrations to be received in the Presbytery Office is Monday, November 4. If you have questions about registering youth with special needs or potential conflicts with athletics/band, please contact Susan Sharp Campbell at 304-645-4568 prior to the 4th.

Cabin assignments are made as registrations are received. If someone needs to register someone late and there is room, late registrations will be accepted; contact Susan Sharp Campbell.

ADULT ADVISORS – PLEASE NOTE

Each adult attending the retreat must return a completed Volunteer and Information Form and a Background Check Authorization no later than **Monday, November 11**, or have completed and returned one in the last 24 months. Adults are asked to read the Presbytery's Child Protection Policy that can be found at https://wvpresbytery.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/_CPP-revision-approved-08-19-2017.pdf prior to arrival; adult orientation Friday evening will include training on this policy.

WHAT TO BRING – Each participant

- ✓ A Bible
- ✓ Warm clothes
- ✓ Sleeping bag, or twin bed sheets, and a pillow
- ✓ Towels
- ✓ Flashlight
- ✓ Completed Covenant Form and Medical Release Form
- ✓ Mission project supplies

Please **DO NOT BRING** electronic items and/or valuable jewelry. We cannot be responsible for lost items.

Mission Project:

Our Mission Project this year is collecting **SOCKS AND WINTER HATS**. Each participant is asked to bring socks (for girls and/or boys) and/or a winter hat; these will be shared with schools in our presbytery.

Snacks to Share: Each group is asked to bring snacks to share with the large group. These should be brought to registration.

CELL PHONE POLICY

Retreats are an opportunity to get away from the normal routines of life. Therefore, you are encouraged to leave your cell phone at home in order to facilitate building a new community in a limited amount of time. Cell phones shall not be used during scheduled activities (including but not limited to: keynote, small groups, recreation, meals, energizers, music and worship). This includes all cell phone use – calls, texts, games, listening to messages, etc. Misused cell phones are subject to confiscation. If someone needs to reach a retreat participant during the Older Youth Retreat at Bluestone, and a cell phone does not work, please call the Bluestone office at 304-466-0660.