

2024 Fall Youth Retreat Schedule

(subject to tweaking)

Friday, November 15

8:00 pm	Registration; settle into cabins; activities in the Chapel
9:00 pm	Large Group Opening Activities
9:30 pm	Introductions
9:45 pm	Small Group Time
10:30 pm	Snacks
10:45 pm	Worship
11 pm	Cabin Devotions, followed by Lights Out

Saturday, November 16

8:30 am	Breakfast
9:30 am	Large Group Gathering
10:00 am	Theme Time
noon	Lunch
1:00 pm	Large Group Gathering, Announcements
1:15 pm	Mission Project and Recreation Trivia, Color Jam
4:00 pm	Free Time, Youth Council meeting
5:30 pm	Dinner
6:30 pm	Large Group Gathering
6:45 pm	Theme Time
8 pm	Mario Kart Party
9:30 pm	Snacks
9:45 pm	Worship
10:15 pm	Cabin Devotions, followed by Lights Out

Sunday, November 17

8:30 am	Breakfast; Clean cabins and pack cars
9:45 am	Large Group Gathering
10 am	Theme Time
11:00 am	Worship with Communion

The Youth Council of the Presbytery of West Virginia presents:

Fall Youth Retreat November 15-17, 2024



**“LEVEL UP
YOUR CONNECTION
TO GOD AND OTHERS”**



Bluestone Camp and Retreat Center, Hinton, WV

FOCUS: Come, join with youth from across the presbytery and explore new ways to connect with God through spiritual practices and new ways to connect with others through color jam and real-life video games.



RETREAT LEADERS: Members of Presbytery's Youth Council: John Bicksler, Georgia Mathews, Abby McCrory, Aiden Shipley, Isaac Specht, Chris Bailey, Megan McCrory, Sarah Specht and Susan Sharp Campbell

with **Special Guest:** Zane Pinson,
First Presbyterian Church, Huntington.



Important Registration Information FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS

This retreat is for youth in **grades 6-12** and their adult advisors (who can be parents). There must be one adult for every 7 youth registered. Youth will be divided into older youth (9th-12th) and younger youth (6th-8th) for Small Groups.

The retreat will begin with registration at 8 pm on Friday, November 15, and end with worship before noon on Sunday, November 17. The first meal served will be Saturday breakfast; the last meal will be Sunday breakfast.

The cost for each participant, youth or adult, is \$65. 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 or by mail; no phone registrations will be taken. Registration is by church groups. If an individual youth wishes to register, a parent needs to contact Susan Sharp Campbell to connect them with an adult.

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 304-667-9428 prior to the 30th.

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 4**, or have completed and returned one in the last 36 months. There will be an adult orientation Friday evening which will include training on our Child Protection 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**
- ✓ **3 non-white t-shirts for the mission project**

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 making DOG TOYS out of t-shirts. Each participant is asked to bring up to 3 t-shirts (NOT WHITE) that can be cut up for toys.

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.