

The 2022 Youth Winter Retreat

Watts Street Baptist Church

Friday, February 25 – Sunday, February 27

THEME: “Exodus: Movement of the People!” The Exodus story is one of the most important stories in the Bible...and most everyone has experienced a time when they felt like they were wandering through a pandemic, I mean, wilderness. During our Bible studies together, we’ll walk with Moses, Aaron, Miriam, Joshua, and the Hebrew people as they are rescued from slavery, cross the Red Sea, feast on manna and quail, receive God’s Law, struggle to keep the faith, learn about Sabbath worship, and ultimately, are led into the Promised Land. We’ll also connect the story to our own faith journeys and see what we can learn from one another.



TIMES: We’ll meet at the church on Friday at 5:00 p.m. and return on Sunday by 4:00 p.m.

ACCOMMODATIONS: We’re staying at the Blowing Rock Conference Center in Blowing Rock, NC (www.brccenter.org). Driving time is a little over 3 hours. This is the same place we went in 2020 but this time, we will be staying in **South Corriher Lodge**. The Lodge features motel-like rooms with 2 to a room and a private bath. The private rooms arrangement helps us reduce Covid concerns. Bed linens, towel, and washcloth are provided for each guest. The emergency contact number at BRCC is: 828-295-7813.



MEALS: We’ll stop for a fast food supper on Friday night (but eat outside). Breakfast and lunch on both Saturday and Sunday are at Blowing Rock Conference Center. Saturday night, we’ll have bag suppers (and eat outside).



SATURDAY NIGHT ON THE MOUNTAIN! On Saturday night, we’ll offer two options! Our skiers and snowboarders will take a short drive over to Appalachian Ski Mountain (www.appskimtn.com). Emergency contact numbers are 828-295-7828 or 800-322-2373. Everyone else will have a chance to explore downtown Blowing Rock and Shoppes on the Parkway! (This avoids the Covid concern of sitting in the ski lodge for long periods of time.)

COVID PROTOCOL: At this point, these are some of the steps we’ll take to help keep us safe: We ask that everyone have a negative Covid test no more than 3 days before the retreat. (An At Home Test is ok.) We’ll wear our masks at all times except when eating or in our private motel rooms. (We’ll also ask that you not visit people in other rooms.) We’ll plan to eat outside on Friday night and Saturday night. We will need to eat in the large dining hall for the other meals. We’ll talk more about our safety protocol at the Youth and Parents meeting on January 9 but feel free to contact kelly@wattsstreet.org with questions, concerns, or suggestions.

Cost Breakdown

Cost for the retreat (without skiing or skating):

- **\$135** (includes two nights lodging, five meals, and transportation)

Optional additional costs:

- If you plan to ski or snowboard
 - Lift ticket: **\$27** (Saturday night session, 5:00-10:00 p.m.)
 - Rentals/Helmet: **\$19**
 - Lessons (one hour): **\$26** (recommended for beginners)
- If you do NOT plan to ski or snowboard
 - A little shopping money for exploring downtown Blowing Rock and Shoppes on the Parkway



Discounts and Scholarships:

- There is a **\$20 discount** for second and third youth in a family.
- Don't let the cost prohibit you from going. Pay what you can pay and scholarships can cover the rest!

Pack Your Bags!

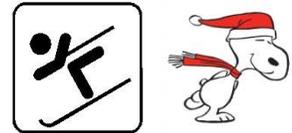
POLAR BEAR NECESSITIES:

- Bible (look at that, first on the list!)
- Activity Participation Agreement form
- Toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.)
- Comfortable clothes and shoes to run around in
- Money for fast food stop on Friday night
- Water Bottle
- Note: bed linens, towel, washcloth provided!



SKI DUDS:

- Warm gloves
- Wool socks
- Toboggan
- Thermal underwear
- LAYERS of warm clothing
- Ski bibs or ski pants (nothing ruins your ski experience like being cold and wet. If you don't have ski bibs, see if you can borrow a pair. You can also try slicky, water resistant sweatpants over top of your other pants.)



OPTIONAL:

- Ski goggles
- Chapstick, Kleenex
- Football, frisbee, playing cards, etc.
- Camera
- Headphones for the van ride
- Cell phones (*emergency purposes* only, not for chatting with your "home skillet" or "sweet-ums" back home.)
- Ear plugs (not mentioning any names but bring these if the sound of snoring bothers you!)



WHAT YOU SHOULD NOT BRING:

- Knives, chains, muskets, explosives, tomahawks, harpoons, throwing stars, blow torches, sabers, bayonets, etc.
- Stereos, TVs, video game systems, 16 mm projectors, satellite dishes, seismographs, etc.
- Drugs, alcohol, tobacco, etc. (Seriously.)
- Anything you don't really NEED!



Questions? Contact Kelly's Celly: 919-475-4335