

The 2022 Youth Fall Retreat!

September 23-25 on the New River



THEME: “Peace Like a River”. Hmm, is a river always peaceful? Sometimes a river is calm and still...but other times it rages and roars. Likewise, our lives are full of ups and downs, especially during the turbulent years in Middle School and High School. During our Bible study sessions together, we’ll look at some river stories from the Bible that might point us towards “peace like a river”. We’ll also reflect on what our experiences paddling on the New River can teach us about navigating through life’s rough spots and rapids and about observing and savoring beauty all along the way.

“Who hears the rippling of rivers will not utterly despair of anything...”
Henry David Thoreau

ACCOMMODATIONS: This year, we are heading to the **New River Inn** in Glendale Springs, NC (just a 2 and ½ hour drive from Durham). We’ll be staying in motel-like rooms with 2-3 in a room and private bathrooms. Linens are provided. Rather than ask anyone (other than siblings) to share a double or king-sized bed, we may need some people to bring a sleeping bag/foam pad for the floor. We’ll prepare our own meals (Saturday breakfast through Sunday breakfast) in the Lodge and eat outside on the picnic tables.



ONE WITH THE RIVER! For our Saturday afternoon recreation, we’re heading over to **Zaloo’s Canoes** on the New. We’ll take kayaks on a 5-mile trip which will feature two to three hours of simple paddling and beautiful mountain scenery. The New River, which begins in Ashe County and flows from south to north, is actually one of the oldest rivers in the world (between 10-360 million years old).

“You feel mighty free and easy and comfortable on a raft...” – Mark Twain

IMPORTANT TIMES: Meet at the church on Friday, September 23 at 5:00 p.m. and we'll return on Sunday, September 25 by 3:00 p.m.

MONEY MATTERS: The total cost for the weekend is **\$125**. A \$40 deposit is due September 11. Your balance of \$85 is due on the day of the retreat. There is a \$20 discount for second and third siblings. As always, please do not let the cost of this event prohibit you from going. If you need financial assistance, simply indicate on the Activity Participation Agreement form. *You'll also need to bring money for a fast-food supper on Friday and lunch on Sunday.*

FORMS: In addition to your deposit, please complete the *online waiver form for Zaloo's* <https://web.wherewolf.co.nz/yafxcm> and turn in the *WSBC Activity Participation Agreement Form* to Kelly on or before September 11.

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS: Kelly's celly: 919-475-4335, New River Inn: 336-982-8282, Zaloo's: 336-246-3066.

WHAT TO BRING:

ESSENTIALS:

- Bible (look at that, first on the list!)
- Activity Participation Agreement form (signed by parents)
- Balance for trip (checks made out to: WSBC)
- Sleeping bag/foam pad/pillow (ONLY IF you are pre-assigned to sleep on the floor. All other linens provided.)
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Soap, shampoo, deodorant, etc.
- Comfortable clothes and shoes to run around in
- Modest swimwear or river clothes for kayaking
- River shoes (required)
- Beach towel
- Bag for dirty clothes and/or wet clothes
- Insect repellent, sunscreen
- Water bottle
- Money for fast food supper on Friday and lunch on Sunday

OPTIONAL:

- Personal towel and washcloth (linens provided)
- Camera
- Guitar, banjo, ukulele, etc.
- Frisbee, football, soccer ball, etc.
- Playing cards, board games, etc.
- Headphones for the van ride

- Cell phones (for emergency purposes only, not for texting/calling your "home skillet" or "sweet-ums" back home.)

PLEASE DON'T BRING:

- Your own personal stash of food (for example: tots, beef jerky, pork rinds, fatback, etc.)
- Weaponry (for example: chains, guns, knives, sabers, throwing stars, grenades, TNT, etc.)
- Electronic devices (for example: video games, music with speakers, 16 mm projectors, etc.)
- Drugs, alcohol, tobacco, etc.
- Anything you don't really need (remember, on a retreat we're trying to get away from all the things that claim our attention away from our faith when we are at home!)

*Please plan to travel light...
space will be limited!*



"Rivers flow not past, but through us; tingling, vibrating, exciting every cell and fiber in our bodies, making them sing and glide." – John Muir