

# The 2023 Youth Winter Retreat

**Watts Street Baptist Church**

**Friday, January 20 – Sunday, January 22**

**THEME:** “Savor the Flavor!” Have you ever felt misunderstood by the people around you? Or have you ever been around someone and thought, “Wow, I just really don’t get that person”? There’s a reason for that! We all have different and unique personalities. This weekend we’ll try to get a better understanding of our own personality traits, explore how others perceive us, and discern how God wants us to relate with each other, despite our differences (I Corinthians 12:12).



**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](http://www.brccenter.org)). Driving time is a little over 3 hours. 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. Breakfast and lunch on both Saturday and Sunday are in the dining hall at Blowing Rock Conference Center. Saturday night, we’ll take bag suppers with us to the mountain.

**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](http://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!

**Questions? Contact Kelly’s Celly: 919-475-4335**

## 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: **\$29** (Saturday night session, 5:00-10:00 p.m.)
  - Rentals/Helmet: **\$21**
  - Lessons (one hour): **\$27** (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



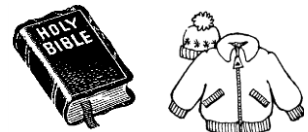
### Discounts and Scholarships:

- 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!

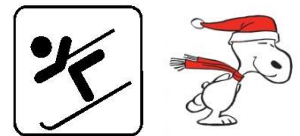
### POLAR BEAR NECESSITIES:

- 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.)



### 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!

