

# WW24

# STUDENT INFORMATION PACKET

## WINTER WEEKEND 2024



## GENERAL INFO

### Dates:

January 12-14, 2024

### Location:

Valley Ranch Baptist Church | 1501 E Beltline Road, Coppell, Texas 75019

### Parent Meeting:

Wednesday, January 10 | 6:00pm | Seminar Room

We will go over details for the weekend and make sure all of your paperwork and payments are up to date so please make plans to attend this meeting.

### Important Contact Information:

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## WHAT IS WINTER WEEKEND?

Winter Weekend is a discipleship retreat for 6th-12th grade students. Students are hosted in homes all across Coppell for a weekend focused on worship, Bible Study, and building community. We are excited to see what God has planned for Winter Weekend!

## WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU

After you sign up, we still need a couple things from you. All of this can be found on the Winter Weekend webpage.

- **2024 Student Participation Waiver**
- **Payment:** Due no later than **January 7**. Amount due is dependent on the registration date.
  - Early Bird: \$60 (Through 11/22/23)
  - Regular: \$80 (From 11/23/23 - 1/8/24)
- **Other Forms You May Need:**
  - **Time Away Form:** If you have to miss any part of Winter Weekend, you will need a Time Away Form turned in by **January 7**. If you don't turn one in, we'll assume you're hanging out with us all weekend.
  - **Scholarship Application:** We do not want money to be a reason your student doesn't attend Winter Weekend. If you need some assistance, please fill out a Scholarship Application.

# THEME: TRULY FREE

## THEME VERSE

*To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. [32] Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." - John 8:31-32*

## DESCRIPTION

Life is full of ups and downs. Good days and bad days. Fun times and not so fun times. It's part of what it means to be a human being. Like all people, our students love the moments when things are going their way. But what about when things don't go their way? **For many students, the stress, pressure, and brokenness of their lives is at times, too much to bear. But the excellent news is that there is tremendous hope in the Gospel.**

When students feel trapped by their sin, the Gospel says, "**You're a slave no longer.**" When students feel like they don't match up, the Gospel says, "**You have immense value to God.**" When students feel overwhelmed by the stress of their lives, the Gospel says, "**There is rest in Jesus.**" And when students don't feel like their lives matter, the Gospel says, "**Your life is meant for more than this.**" In a word, the Gospel sets students free. Truly free.

## MISSION PROJECT

On Saturday afternoon during Winter Weekend, we will be spending a few hours serving together! Like last year, some students will be participating in the Building for the Better project with VRBC Missions. Other students will be serving in a variety of ways throughout our community. We will be doing some work outside, so bring some clothes that you don't mind getting a little dirty, closed toed shoes, gloves, and a great attitude to serve others!

## WHAT TO BRING

- A sense of excitement, expectancy, and flexibility. This is going to be a great weekend!
- Your Bible and a pen.
- Wear casual but appropriate clothes. You will be given a Winter Weekend shirt to wear for Sunday.
- Gloves, a set of clothes to work in, and some closed toed shoes. We will be doing some mild construction for our Mission Project.
- Basic toiletries - towel, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, brush, deodorant, etc. Please do not forget a towel – Host Families are not responsible for providing towels!
- Sleeping bag, blow-up mattress, and a pillow (you will use them).
- Students are allowed to have cell phones but will be asked to put them away during our Worship Gatherings and Small Group Sessions. Also, phones will be collected when students go to bed for the night by your Host Family or group leader.

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## STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

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**Please read over the following Code of Conduct and make sure that both the parent and student understand each item. By signing the registration form, you are agreeing that you and your student understand and will abide by the Code of Conduct.**

- Winter Weekend is a chance to get together with a group of students your age and a leader (or two) to talk about stuff that's really important. It's not a free-for-all, wild and crazy, do as you please, party. You will have fun...but the highest priority is developing a deeper relationship with Jesus!
- Remember that you are a guest in your Host Home & follow the house rules. Be careful. Be respectful. Don't make a mess. Don't break anything. Don't take anything. Thank them for inviting you to live there for the weekend and really mean it. Why don't you write them a nice note before you leave!
- Dress casual, but appropriate.
- Keep your clothes, pillow, sleeping bag, towel and toiletries picked up and out of the way. This will help you keep up with your stuff and respect other people's "space."
- Do not bring alcohol, drugs, tobacco, e-cigs, airsoft/paintball guns, weapons or other stuff that you should not bring with you. You know what needs to be left at home. These items may result in immediate dismissal from the weekend.
- Turn your cell phone OFF and put away during all Worship Gatherings and Small Group Sessions. We want you to be able to post to social media about your weekend, but we also want you to be present during the weekend and not buried in your phone.
- Don't leave your Host Home or any other Winter Weekend locations except as approved by a signed TIME AWAY FORM.
- Do not interfere with another Winter Weekend group during the weekend!
- Please do not engage in public displays of affection. Trust us... no one wants to see that.
- Our goal is for everyone to get the most possible out of Winter Weekend, and you can help. Please don't act like the universe revolves around you and what you want! Leave the bad attitude at home. It will be a great weekend if you let it.
- Students are not allowed to drive their car anytime during the weekend. If you drive to the church on Friday night, you will need to leave it in the church parking lot all weekend, unless you have a signed Time Away Form that requires you to use your car during the weekend.
- There will be NO discipline problems. Just be flexible and cooperate. But, if there are any discipline problems, they will be handled by asking your parents to come and get you, ending your participation in the weekend. Please don't ruin it for yourself or anyone else!

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## SCHEDULE

### WINTER WEEKEND 2024



#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 12TH

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| 6:30 PM  | Check-in – Church Lobby<br><i>Parents need to bring their own student to ensure we have all the necessary paperwork and payment needed. Eat dinner before you come!</i> |
| 7:00 PM  | Worship   Session 1   |
| 8:30 PM  | Late Night at VRBC  |
| 10:30 PM | Small Group   Session 1 in Homes  |
| 12:00 AM | Lights Out  |

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 13TH

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| 8:00AM   | Breakfast / Time Alone with God<br>Small Group   Session 2 |
| 10:30 AM | Worship   Session 2 at VRBC                                |
| 11:45 PM | Lunch  |
| 12:45 PM | Mission Projects   |
| 3:00 PM  | Free Time  |
| 6:00 PM  | Dinner   |
| 7:00 PM  | Worship   Session 3  |
| 8:15 PM  | Small Group   Session 3 at VRBC                            |
| 9:30 PM  | Late Night Worship   |
| 12:00 AM | Lights Out   |

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 14TH

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| 8:30 AM  | Breakfast at VRBC              |
| 9:30 AM  | Worship   Worship Center       |
| 10:45 AM | Winter Weekend Wrap-Up         |
| 12:00 PM | Students and Leaders Dismissed |