

Back to School Retreat 2018

Information Packet



September 14-16
Summit Lake Camp
Emmitsburg, MD

The BTS Retreat

The BTS Retreat is all about helping students from FBC Springfield learn how to live their Christian life boldly and purposefully. By studying where our identity is found, FBC students will be better equipped to be the Christian salt and light within their school environments. Students will learn how to build intentional relationships within a Christian community, grow deeper in their faith, and learn how to boldly live out the Christian life within their given schools.

Theme: “Identity”

In the Gospels, the teachings of Jesus cover many different themes (love, money, marriage, faith, sacrifice, etc.). All of these teachings are relevant to our lives today, but we often miss an important message of Christ, which reflects directly on His Church – *identity*. Identity is not just about looking at oneself individually, but it is looking at WHOM someone belongs to and WHO Christ says they are as a result.

Jesus came to seek and save the lost and He does this by REConciling and RECreating humanities broken and lost identity into something beautiful. Christ restores and reestablishes a perfect and holy identity in His Church by allowing broken people to become united with Him. The core verse is Galatians 2:20, “I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

Only once someone puts their faith in Christ, can they truly learn what it means to be REConciled and RECreated. Being reconciled and recreated in one’s identity, allows them to learn how to be communally driven as the Church, individually growing in Christ, and outwardly living their Christian life for the world to see.

Location: Summit Lake Camp

“Summit Lake is a year-round Christian Conference and Retreat Center located near Emmitsburg, MD, just over the mountain from Mount Saint Mary’s University.” The camp facilities include the gym, 9 square in the air, boating, basketball, softball, soccer, lacrosse, football, baseball, sand volleyball, hiking, low ropes course, team challenge course, ping pong, personal fitness challenge course, foosball, and campfires. All of these activities are included in the cost.

www.summitlake.org
7610 Hampton Valley Rd,
Emmitsburg, MD 21727

The Worship Band – Unbroken Light

Unbroken Light is back and they will be leading us in worship over the weekend. They are from the Washington DC area and are excited to join us for this retreat. The band members include Becca Griffiths, Matt White, Matt Fitz, and Josh Mills.

Cost

The cost for the REC BTS Retreat is \$90 per student for early registration. The early registration deadline is August 19th. A \$50 deposit with the medical and registration forms are all due by August 19th. It’s \$120 for anyone who decides to register later. The last day to register is September 9th. This cost includes all meals, lodging, activities, t-shirts, and worship band. Please note that we do have funds to subsidize payments. For more information about scholarships and other funding assistance please contact Pastor Jacob Boyd at jacob@fbcspringfield.org.

Transportation

Students and leaders should arrive at FBC Springfield at 4:15pm on Friday. It is approximately two hours travel from FBC Springfield. Dinner will be provided upon arrival at camp on Friday night. We will depart from camp on Sunday after lunch around 2:00pm.

Packing Guidelines

Suggested packing list:

- Clothes for 2 days
- Sweatshirt
- Shoes for indoor activities; shoes for outdoor activities
- Sleeping attire
- Towel and toiletry items
- Bedding (sleeping bag or sheets/blanket), pillow
- Bible, notepad and pen
- Water bottle
- Flashlight
- Extra \$ for snacks

What **not** to bring:

- IPODS, mp3 players, gaming devices, etc (this is our time to “retreat” from electronics)
- Alcohol, drugs, tobacco, fireworks and any form of weapon

Clothing Policy: Our goal is to represent Christ wherever we go; therefore, we are asking all participants to please wear appropriate attire throughout the weekend.

Cell phone policy: We ask all students to “retreat” from use of cell phones. This means there should be extremely limited use of cell phones; such as for taking pictures and minimal communication with others at camp.

Medical Release/Permission Form/Registration Form

All students will need to fill out two forms: (1) The Medical Release/Permission Form (2) The Registration Form. Both of these forms are attached to the back of this packet.

2018 BTS Retreat Schedule:

Friday

6:45 Arrival at camp: registration
7:30 Dinner
9:30 SESSION
11:00 Late Night Activity
11:30 Cabin Time – Small Groups

Saturday

8:30 Breakfast
9:00 Morning Devotions
9:30 SESSION
11:00 Team Building Activity
12:30 Lunch
1:00 Group Activity/Free Time
5:30 Dinner
6:30 SESSION
8:30 Late Night Activity
9:30 Campfire Testimonies
11:30 Cabin Time – Small Groups

Sunday

8:30 Breakfast
9:00 Morning Devotions
9:30 SESSION
11:00 Group Activity
12:00 Group Picture
12:30 Lunch
2:00 Check out and depart from camp