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Retreat Location: Camp Calvary In Bernville, PA. 48 New Schaefferstown Rd, Bernville, PA 19506.

About Camp Calvary: <https://campcalvary.com/about-2/>

Guest Speaker: Luke Pettrey the Youth Director at Brooklyn Tabernacle! Luke was our guest speaker for this year's Bridgefest Youth Rally!

Combination with Impact: As a result of unsafe weather conditions, Impact and Ignite will be going on our winter retreat together! We see this as an opportunity for both ministries to grow stronger ties and we consider this a blessing and privilege! We are excited for all the unique opportunities that this presents us and are working hard to plan appropriately for this retreat. If you have any questions please reach out to either ntomasso@ccob.org or vfernandez@ccob.org.

Below is a general overview of when the two ministries will be separate and together.

Separate: Bunks, Q and A's, Small Groups, Competitive Games, Emmaus Walks.

Combine: Eating, Sessions, Freetime!

1. PACKING LIST

- a. Winter coats and Snow gear
- b. Sleeping bag or warm blankets
- c. Pillow(s)
- d. Twin size fitted sheet
- e. Towel for showers
- f. Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, body soap, deodorant)
- g. Money. There will be a snack shack where they can purchase snacks, drinks and candy.
- h. Gloves/Mittens
- i. Undergarments and clothing for at least three days. PJ's for two nights.
- j. WARM tops
- k. Pants

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- l. Extra socks
- m. Sneakers / Good snow / water resistant shoes
- n. Boots
- o. Reusable water bottle
- p. Snacks for bunk
- q. Games for bunk
- r. If snow is expected we'll be able to go snow tubing and if the lake is frozen over we can also go ice skating. If you'd like to make preparations for these activities feel free to do so.

2. BUNKING

- a. At this site we have **individual trailers** for each grade level. Grade levels will be separated into their own trailers with their appropriate grade level leaders. There are **9 bunk beds** in each trailer able to fit up to **18 people** in them each. **There will be at least 2 leaders per trailer.**

3. DEPARTURE / ARRIVAL TIMES

- a. **Friday (DROP OFF):** 12:30PM at the Teen Center - 139 White Oak Lane, Old Bridge.
- b. **Sunday (PICK UP):** 2:30PM at the Teen Center - 139 White Oak Lane, Old Bridge.

4. DIETARY RESTRICTIONS

- a. There is a fridge on site separate from the camp fridge to store any gluten free, dairy free foods. If you need to reserve space in the separate fridge please reach out to Nick Tomasso at 732-814- 9958.

5. SNACKS FROM HOME

- a. Students are welcome to bring snacks to enjoy on the ride. Snacks need to be kept wrapped up in the bunks. Food should be allergy friendly especially if they are shared with friends or in close proximity like the bunks or buses!

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6. CELL PHONES / TABLETS / COMPUTERS

- a. In short, don't bring them. Retreats are a time to unplug and connect with the Lord and with one another, and cell phones/electronic devices can be a major disruption and distraction.
- b. **ALL CELLPHONES WILL BE TAKEN** for the duration of the retreat, and students can have them back on the bus ride home.
- c. End of night calls to parents will be permitted.
- d. **We encourage parents to utilize the ICE contact card if any problems / questions arise throughout the retreat.**

7. ICE CONTACT

- a. Emergency contact information will be provided on the day of the retreat. This will have the contact number for a guy leader, girl leader and the main leader of the group.

8. DRESS CODE

- a. Dress for the weather and be sure to dress appropriately in the bunks and during meeting times.

9. MEDICAL PERSONNEL

- a. Medical personnel will be present on the retreat and their contact information will be provided with the ICE contact cards.

10. WHAT IF MY CHILD TAKES MEDICATIONS?

- a. **UPON SIGN UP / DROP OFF** When you sign up your child there is a medication section on the registration form. Please take the time to communicate the needed information with regards to how to administer medication if needed when you drop off your child.

11. WHAT IF MY CHILD FORGETS SOMETHING?

- a. Additional toiletries (toothbrush, towels, blankets, pillows, deodorant) are always available.

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- b. Our leaders are always willing to go for a Walmart run in a desperate situation.

12. CAN I SEND MY CHILD TO A RETREAT / HOME WITH SOMEONE OTHER THAN ME?

- a. If drop off is going to be someone other than parents / legal guardians **PLEASE NOTE** that there is a medical form that needs to be filled out as well as getting the ICE contact card for the retreat weekend.
- b. **PLEASE** let our leadership team know ASAP if parents / legal guardians are not picking up their child on Sunday.

13. CAN YOU ENSURE MY CHILD GETS TO ROOM WITH EVERYONE THEY WANT TO?

- a. **NO.** While it is likely your child will be able to room with their small groups and small group leaders that does not always mean they will be bunking with who they want to bunk with. We are keeping kids in small groups to ensure no one feels left out or picked on and to also enable leaders to have extra quality time with the kids in their small groups.

14. WHAT ARE THE OVERALL RULES / DISCIPLINARY MEASURES IF RULES AREN'T FOLLOWED?

- a. **Great Question.** With every retreat we know it's not only the attention span, poor friendship groups, gossip, or a bad day that tries to hinder our kids. As **EPHESIANS** reminds us we do not wrestle with flesh and blood enemies but against our flesh, the world, and Satan himself.
- b. **BELOW ARE THE RULES WE SHARE WITH STUDENTS:**
 - i. Show respect to your leaders.
 - ii. Stay within the boundaries of the campground.
 - iii. No phones, no problems.
 - iv. No pranking other students.
 - v. Be on time for every teaching.

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- vi. During freetimes guys cannot be found alone with girls, girls cannot be found alone with guys.
 - vii. Be a good listener to the Holy Spirit.
 - viii. Try to talk to new people, **DON'T BE CLICKY.**
- c. **BREAKING OF THESE RULES** both directly or indirectly leads to a series of prayer, phone calls, and talking with the students / parents / senior leadership, carrying out **MATTHEW 18** to determine the best next steps.
- d. **OUR GOAL FOR ALL STUDENTS, IS TIME TO MEET WITH JESUS. WHETHER IT'S FOR THE FIRST TIME OR IT'S RENEWING THEIR TIME WITH HIM** and with that we reserve the right to send students home if the rules are broken and there isn't any sign of repentance.
- i. This is always hard to determine in a short amount of time and so the first thing we as a leadership team do is **PRAY.**
 - ii. Another measure taken is working directly with parents especially if there is a serious offense and a decision to send a student home is being considered.
 - iii. If a student continues to break rules, and we do not see it fit to send them home, we will separate them from the rest of the group and place them in another trailer with at least two leaders for the night.

15. HOW TO BE PRAYING FOR THE RETREAT

- If any student hasn't put their faith in Jesus, for the Holy Spirit to prepare their heart to put their faith in Him on this retreat.
- Realization that distraction free lives yield clarity from God.
- Friendship with God and new people is possible.
- Community can be found through followers of Jesus.
- Truth meeting the lies that middle schoolers and high schoolers are believing.
- For students to respond to the Holy Spirit working in their life.