

Young People Who Care, Inc.

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Retreat Center Guidelines

- Food and drink are limited to the kitchen, dining room and bonfire areas. Food is not permitted in Bunk houses or Bunk rooms.
- No smoking or nonprescription drug use permitted. If a student is on prescribed medication, a group leader is required to dispense medication.
- Foot wear is required at all times outdoors.
- Use of music is limited to structured retreat activities or music played by individuals such as guitar, piano or any other instrument.
- Head phones, personal CD/mp3 players, iPods, Walkmans, televisions, portable DVD players are not permitted on the property. If these items are used during travel, they need to be collected by a designated adult leader and stored for the return trip. It is inappropriate for students to have cell phones or intercom systems, such as two-way radios, during the time they are in the program.
- Bunk houses are exclusively male and female. There must be adults in each bunk house with a minimum of two (2) adults in each bunk room.
- Groups are encouraged to use chapel space for prayer and reflection; however, it is not the space for hanging out, for conversation or recreation.
- Groups renting the facility need to submit a retreat schedule to the staff which includes a designated time for retreatants to be in bunk areas and the time for "lights out."
- Dating behavior is inappropriate behavior at the retreat center.
- Any driver under 19 must lock their vehicle and forfeit keys to adult group leaders upon arrival for the duration of the retreat.
- Groups are permitted to bring bagged snacks and drinks (except Service Retreat Groups). Any remaining snacks at end of the retreat must be taken by retreat group.

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- **Payment:** A nonrefundable deposit of \$200 is required to reserve dates for your retreat. 1/3 total payment for your retreat is required 1 month before you arrive with the balance due upon arrival.
- If your group needs to cancel closer than 1 month to your retreat, your group will still be responsible for the 1/3 payment.
- Groups are financially responsible for any damage to retreat facility. Upon arrival AND before departure, the retreat staff and Primary Adult will check through buildings and make note of any damages.
- If you have a male and female group, male and female adults must attend. Adult to student ratio for service retreats is 1 to 4- spiritual retreats is 1 to 6. Adults need to sleep in the bunk rooms with the students.
- Adults in the group are responsible for students' compliance with the above guidelines. If a student is required to leave the retreat early due to non-compliance with the above guidelines, parents will be contacted to pick up the student or arrangements will be made for transportation at the expense of the parents.
- Retreat Center Staff reserves the right to request any group to depart early if guidelines are not adhered to.

If you have any questions or concerns about the above information, please contact Sr. Suzanne Thibault as soon as you receive these guidelines.

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