

WINTER YOUTH RETREAT – 2017

January 13 – 16, 2017

Registration Packet

General Instructions

Please keep a copy of all Sections for yourself and copies of Sections 1-3 for each of your youth (and their families).

Copies of all participant forms, group forms, and checks should be mailed to:

Rev. Lacey Brown
Attention: Winter Youth Retreat 2015
2676 Clairmont Road NE
Atlanta, GA 30329

*** Checks should be made out to Blowing Rock Conference Center ***

Sections

- 1- Participant Information (one per person)
- 2- Participant Medical Emergency Information (one per person)
- 3- Room and Board Payment Total (one per group)
- 4- Group Registration for Volunteer Service Activities (one per group)
- 5- Group Leader Contact Information (one per group)

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Section 1: Participant Information (one per person)

Name: _____

Female: _____ Male: _____

T-Shirt Size (adult sizes): S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____

Church: _____

Group Leader: _____

(Students Only) Age: _____ Grade: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Students and Group Leaders: This year we will offer a talent show on Saturday night, for individuals and groups to showcase their talents. So, bring your poetry, instrument, voice or other personal expressions and we'll have a place for you!

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Section 2: Participant Medical Emergency Information (one per person)

Participant's Name: _____

Policy Holder's Name

Insurance Company

Policy Number

Participant's Address: _____

Gender: Female Male Other Date of Birth: _____ Age: ____

Current Medications:

Medication or
Environmental
Allergies:

Dietary Needs* or
Other Health Concerns:

*BRCC staff work hard to serve participants with dietary restrictions. Please help us provide a count in advance by indicating your need on this form.

Emergency Contacts

Daytime

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Relationship: _____

Evening

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Relationship: _____

Group Leaders please make a copy of this form to keep with you at all times before mailing the original form to the Conference Center.

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Section 3: Room and Board Payment Total (one per group)

Room and board per person if GROUP registration is:

		<u>Total Due</u>
1. Postmarked by	11/04/16	\$177.00
2. Postmarked	11/05/16 – 12/12/16	\$187.00
3. Postmarked after	12/12/16	\$207.00

Group total (adults and youth):

_____ (# of participants) x \$_____ (per person rate) = \$_____ (Total)

Organization Name on Check: _____

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Registrations for room and board include double occupancy rooms at Blowing Rock Conference Center. Adults and kids from your church will have rooms clustered in the same area, and we encourage you to have youth and adults in separate rooms. Sending in registrations early help us determine rooms so that we use the space most efficiently. Meals include three meals Saturday, breakfast and dinner Sunday, and breakfast on Monday. Lunch is up to your group on Sunday.

Individuals should make payments directly to your church or youth group. We ask that the group leader submit **ONE** check from the church for the entire group of participants.

Group leaders, please send only **ONE** check from the church made payable to Blowing Rock Conference Center covering the total group registration fees **BUT** please mail your check **AND** all forms to:

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Section 4: Group Registration for Volunteer Service Activities (Sunday)

After churches register, the WYR Committee will send the list of service opportunities in December (once we get them arranged) so that youth groups can indicate their preferences. Right now, please indicate what your group intends to do during the Service Activity time (this will be Sunday between breakfast and dinner, the time depends on the organizations we partner with). We hope to partner with organizations that address local health, food, education, and housing needs.

Please choose the one that best describes your group's intentions. You can do other activities AND service activities.

1. ☐ All of our group will be participating in Service Activities.
2. ☐ Part of our group would like to participate in Service Activities.

Number planning to participate in Service Activities

3. ☐ None of us will be participating in Service Activities.

Note: Skiing, boarding, and other snow activities (the Sunday activity most groups have participated in at past Retreats) are at the youth group's discretion. You do NOT need to register for those activities with the WYR committee, instead group leaders should contact local ski companies for rates and activities (including tubing locations) using information listed on this page or with vendors we have used in the past (below):

- Jonas Ridge (tubing) <http://www.jonasridgesnowtube.com/> 828-733-4155
- Sugar Mountain (tubing, ice-skating) <http://www.skisugar.com/> 800-SUGARMT
- <http://www.exploreboone.com/outdoors/skiing-snowboarding/>

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Section 5: Group Leader Contact Information

Group Leader Name(s): _____

Church: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Please see the next page for important information about mailing forms and submitting payment for your group!

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Group Leader Registration Notes

1. Please completely fill out Sections 1 and 2 for each participant (youth and adults) (print p. 2-3 double-sided to create blank forms) AND **mail all forms together**.
2. Send only **ONE check** from the church made **payable to Blowing Rock Conference Center** covering the total group registration fees – please mail the check **WITH** the forms to the address listed on page 1.
3. If you have questions, please email our committee at wyr.committee@gmail.com.
4. **In order to make the check-in process smooth and quick, please let us know about any changes made with your group registration in advance.**
5. We want every youth in your church to come! If there is an unforeseeable issue and a participant isn't able to come please let us know in advance (by January 6, 2017). A full refund will be given minus a \$50 registration fee.
6. No refunds will be given after January 6, 2016.
7. Lunch is **NOT** provided at BRCC on Sunday (during other activities), so please make plans to eat at a nearby restaurant.
8. Please register **EARLY!** We will accept group registrations only when all registrations forms, medical forms, and full payment are received. Groups will not be registered until all information is filled out and full payment is received.
9. Check-in is Friday night from 5:00 – 10:00 p.m. *If you are going to be checking in outside of these hours please let us know* so that we can make sure someone is at the desk to greet you and assign you to your rooms. If something happens on the way, please call (828) 295-7813 (the BRCC office phone) to let us know.
10. Check in at the Conference Room in South Corriher Lodge. Once you arrive at BRCC, travel up the drive to the covered porch. Enter through the double doors to the left of the porch and the conference room is just inside the door directly in front of you. The planning committee will be there to greet you, give you your room keys, and escort you to your rooms.
11. As in years past, youth are encouraged to participate in the programming. If you have youth who play musical instruments this year we are adding a talent show for youth who want to share their gifts with the entire group.

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Community Guidelines

1. Treat yourself and others with respect.
2. Do no harm to the property of the Blowing Rock Conference Center or to the property of others.
3. Turn your cell phones off during our group time on Saturday and Sunday.
4. Participate fully in the weekend activities.
5. Be on time.
6. The presence of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs, or the consumption of either, will not be allowed by adults or youth.
7. Honor other guests staying at Blowing Rock Conference Center.
8. Be in your rooms at “Lights Out.”
9. Males are to be in male-identified rooms and females are to be in female-identified rooms.
10. Bring your enthusiasm, energy, and thoughts of peace with you to this retreat.

Group Leaders: Please take the time to share these community guidelines with your group before you arrive at the Winter Youth Retreat.

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What to Bring

- Warm clothes and shoes. Dressing in layers is helpful for the weather in the mountains of North Carolina. A weatherproof jacket also is helpful.
- Toiletries
- Hair dryer (there are no hair dryers in the rooms)
- Bible
- Musical instruments (optional)
- Appropriate clothes and shoes for playing basketball/volleyball in the gym (optional)
- Spending money for snacks/drinks, especially while at off-site on Sunday (lunch not provided). Please note, the BRCC serves 3 very large meals a day as well as free evening snacks in our gathering space.
- Linens (pillows, pillowcases, sheets, towels, bath cloths, blankets, etc.) are provided in all rooms. Youth staying in the dorm like to bring sleeping bags. You may wish to bring an extra blanket.
- Board games and card games. Many of the most popular board games and card games already will be on site, but feel free to bring your own. *Please do not bring video games.*
- Blowing Rock Conference Center is a retreat center and intentional things have been done to help the Conference Center remain a place of quiet rest, reflection, and reunion. Gathering in the lodge around the fireplace and in the rec center is encouraged. There are no phones or TVs in the rooms; however, there is a payphone in North Corriher Lodge for anyone who needs to call home and does not get good cell phone reception. There is wireless internet in communal areas.

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Directions to Blowing Rock Conference Center (two pages)

1818 Goforth Rd, Blowing Rock, NC 28605 Ph: (828) 295 – 7813

DO NOT USE MAPQUEST!

Local Directions once you have reached Blowing Rock:

BRCC is located in the town of Blowing Rock. At the stoplight at the corner of NC Hwy 321 Bypass and Possum Hollow Rd., turn onto Possum Hollow Rd. After turning onto Possum Hollow Rd:

- Follow Possum Hollow 0.7 (seven tenths) of a mile to a stop
- Turn LEFT onto Sunset Dr. Continue 0.2 (two tenths) of a mile to the stop sign
- Turn LEFT onto Goforth Rd. and continue until you come to the 15 mph speed limit sign. BRCC entrance will be on your RIGHT.
- Turn RIGHT and follow the road to the main parking lot.

Traveling from Charlotte, NC From I-85 South, take Exit #17 at Gastonia onto Route 321 North. Continue approximately 70 miles on Rt. 321 to Blowing Rock. When you enter Blowing Rock, continue on Hwy 321 By-Pass. You will pass Woodlands BBQ and the Outback Steakhouse on your left. Continue through the first traffic light at the Scotchman/BP Station and through the next traffic light. At the 3rd traffic light, turn right onto Possum Hollow Rd. Tanger Shoppes on the Parkway will be on your left. Follow the local directions above from this point.

Traveling from Raleigh, NC Take I-40 West to Winston-Salem and then NC Hwy 421 North to Boone, NC. As you enter Boone on 421, stay in the left lane. At the intersection of 421 and the Hwy 105 Extension, turn left onto 105. At the second traffic light on Hwy 105 (two story Wendy's/Exxon Station), turn left (south) onto Hwy 321 (Blowing Rock Rd). Continue South on Hwy 321 for approximately 8 miles to Blowing Rock. After passing Tweetsie Railroad and going under the Blue Ridge Pkwy Bridge, you will come to a traffic light. Tanger Shoppes on the Parkway will be on your right. Turn left onto Possum Hollow Rd. Follow the local directions above from here.

Traveling from Atlanta, GA Take I-85 North to Gastonia, NC. Take Exit #17 at Gastonia onto Route 321 North. Continue approximately 70 miles on Rt. 321 to Blowing Rock. When you enter Blowing Rock, continue on Hwy 321 By-Pass. You will pass Woodlands BBQ and the Outback Steakhouse on your left. Continue through the first traffic light at the BP Station and through the next traffic light. At the 3rd traffic light, turn right onto Possum Hollow Rd. Tanger Shoppes on the Parkway will be on your left. Follow the local directions above from here.

Buses and other large vehicles or vehicles towing trailers – Do **NOT** take Goforth Rd directly from the Hwy 321 Bypass at the Green Park Inn. The directions outlined above are the best and safest routes to the Blowing Rock Conference Center.

Traveling from Johnson City, TN (or anywhere else in TN) From Johnson City, take Hwy 321 to Elizabethton. Continue on Hwy 321 through Elizabethton and on to Boone, and for approximately 8 miles to Blowing Rock. After passing Tweetsie Railroad and going under the Blue Ridge Pkwy Bridge, you will come to a traffic light. Tanger Shoppes on the Parkway will be on your right. Turn left onto Possum Hollow Rd. Follow the local directions above from here.