

FEARLESS MINISTRIES, INC.

Dear Parents/Guardians:

This is to confirm that your child is registered for the *Fearless Retreat* at **St. Augustine Prep** (611 Cedar Avenue, Richland, NJ 08350), **April 26-28, 2019**. There is an amazing experience in store for them, and we can't wait to welcome them in the name of Christ! The weekend will include inspiring spiritual talks given by some of the best teachers in the area, including the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal, and diocesan priests; fun-filled activities, including laser tag and games, praise and worship, Mass, and prayer with a hundred fellow teens; and time to make new friends.

Please read this letter carefully, and save it for your information. For your convenience, printable documents are attached.

Arrival: Students should arrive at St. Augustine Prep for **check-in promptly at 7:00 p.m.** on Friday, April 26. **(No early check ins.)** Note that dinner will not be provided to students, but snacks will be provided later in the evening. Students should eat dinner PRIOR to arriving at the retreat.

Fee: If you have not yet submitted your registration fee (\$45 per student), please send a check or be prepared to do so at check-in. Checks may be made payable to: *Fearless Ministries, Inc.* and mailed to: Fearless Ministries, Inc. 1653 Salt Point Turnpike, Salt Point, NY 12578. *(If your child is participating in the Parish Pay program, not to worry, simply remind us at check-in.)*

Policies: Please read the attached *Retreat Policies* for information about cancellation, dress code, behavior, etc. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Lodging: Students will bunk on the floor in areas separated by gender and grouped according to age. Retreat participants are not permitted to eat or drink in the bunk areas, nor may they disturb any of the technical equipment or supplies belonging to St. Augustine Prep. Students will be held directly responsible for damaged items. **STUDENTS MAY NOT SHARE BEDDING/MATTRESSES UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.**

Medication:

Medications that need to be taken must be turned in at Check In to Felicia, Retreat Director, in a ziplock bag, clearly marked with child's name, dosage and emergency numbers should there be a question. Medications will be kept in the director's office and students will be monitored when taking their medications.

Packing List:

(NOTE THAT THERE ARE NO SHOWER FACILITIES AT THE RETREAT LOCATION! Yes, it's a sacrifice, but it's only for a day and a half!)

- Air Mattress, Cot, or Mat (STUDENTS MAY NOT SHARE A MATTRESS/BEDDING)
- Sleeping Bag, Pillow, Bedding
- Water Bottle (refillable)
- Towel & Washcloth
- Toiletries (Soap, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Hairbrush)
- Warm Clothing for Nighttime
- Weather-appropriate Clothing (*Please check the forecast; a number of our activities are outside, even when it's cold. Please refer to our Dress Code Policy. All clothing should be appropriate length - shorts at least to mid-thigh and no spaghetti straps. Nothing with inappropriate logos or images.*)
- Rain Gear/Umbrella (if applicable)

- Medicine (if you have a condition that requires medication) packed in a ziplock bag, clearly marked with child's name, dosage, and emergency numbers.
- Ear Plugs and/or Sleep Mask (optional)
- Rosary
- If your child has a food allergy (ex. to peanuts or gluten), please notify us as soon as possible. We strongly suggest you send along some of their own special snacks.

Cell Phone Use: Students are permitted to bring their cell phones, but use is strictly limited to free time and just before bed. WiFi is limited and we cannot guarantee the security of devices, nor is Fearless Ministries, Inc. responsible for lost/stolen/damaged devices. Students must respect behavior policies as it applies to cell phone use, and are not permitted to order food, etc. into the retreat.

Lost Items: Fearless Ministries, Inc. is not responsible for lost items. Students should leave valuables at home.

Closing Mass: Families are invited to attend the Closing Mass on Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. The retreat will wrap up by 11:30 a.m.

Safe Environment: Note that we follow Safe Environment Guidelines. Once the retreat begins, only volunteers who have completed Safe Environment protocol are permitted to interact with students.

Late Arrivals/Early Departures: Parents who have PRE-REGISTERED with Felicia Navarro for morning/evening drop-off and pick-up will be notified separately about procedure. **Drop Off and Pick Up during designated times ONLY!** (To pre-register your child for morning/evening drop-off, contact Felicia as soon as possible at llffvineland@comcast.net.) *Otherwise, it is expected that your child will sleep over.*

In the event of emergency, please contact Felicia Navarro at 516-606-2222. NOTE: In consideration of their safety, students may NOT under any circumstances leave the facility without first checking out with the retreat director. Parents/guardians are responsible for making sure their child/children have checked out before leaving.

Cancellation: Space is limited and we must purchase food one week prior. If your child is unable to attend, please notify us immediately and note our cancellation policy (attached).

Check out the FAQ page on our website for additional information: www.fearlessretreats.com.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. Know that we are praying for safe travels!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Edwards
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