

TREK

INFO & FAQ PAGE

DEAR PARENTS AND TREKKERS,

We are so close to one of the best weekends of the entire year—**TREK Retreat 2026, happening September 18–20**. And here's what I love about this weekend: it's not just a getaway; it's an opportunity for students to experience real community, real conversations, and a real encounter with Jesus.

This year, we're diving into **Authentic Faith**, what it actually looks like to follow Jesus in everyday life, not just talk about it, but live it out in a real and genuine way. We'll gather for powerful worship, encouraging teaching, and honest moments with God in our large group sessions. Then in small groups, students will open Scripture, ask real questions, and grow in authentic relationships with their leaders and friends.

And yes... we're also going to have an absolute blast with games, competition, and unforgettable moments together. Here's the invitation: don't come alone. Bring a friend, come expectant, and get ready for God to do something incredible at TREK 2026!

REGISTRATION AND COST

- The cost of the weekend is **\$255** and includes all programming, meals, transportation, lodging, speaker, band, snacks and fun activities.
- **You are officially registered only when you 1) complete registration/payment and 2) sign Camp Highland Medical/Liability Form.**
 - Registration and Payment can be handled online, or you can pick up a form in the Student Ministry Office and pay by check.
 - Camp Highland's Medical/Liability Form can be filled out digitally this year. It's linked on the website and in your confirmation email.
- If scholarship is needed, you can download the form from the website or pick it up in the Student Ministry Office. Once completed, turn it into Bridget LeJeune or email it to blejeune@signalpres.org

DEPARTURE AND RETURN

- Check-in begins at 5:45 PM on Friday, September 18. We will depart from Signal Pres at 6:30 PM.
- We will arrive back at Signal Pres around 2 PM on Sunday, September 20.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Question: Can I bring a friend who does not attend Signal Pres or SM2?

Answer: Yes, always! But they must register!

Question: Can I bring my phone?

Answer: No, we want this to be an opportunity to get away! If a parent needs to contact someone, please call Kade Jacobs 405.445.8201 or their D-Group leader.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS CONTINUED...

Question: Can I come for part of the weekend?

Answer: Possibly. If you cannot travel there with us or simply have to come back early, you **MUST** clear that with Kade Jacobs in advance of the retreat.

Question: What happens if my student is injured?

Answer: We have a nurse who will be available to respond to injuries if they occur. Should your student need additional medical attention, we would call and involve you in the process of making the wisest decision.

STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION

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CAMP HIGHLAND

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D-GROUP COLORS

Show up at the church on Friday wearing your D-Group color proudly! You don't have to buy anything, just dig around your closet and find what you can in your color (think shorts, socks, shirts, hats, sunglasses, etc.) Have fun and be creative!

6th Grade Girls – **PINK**

7th Grade Girls – **YELLOW**

8th Grade Girls – **PURPLE**

6th Grade Guys – **BLUE**

7th Grade Guys – **RED**

8th Grade Guys – **GREEN**

CHECK LIST / WHAT TO BRING

_____ daily clothing (shorts/pants/shirts)

_____ dry shoes and socks

_____ P.J.'s

_____ sunscreen/bug-spray

_____ sleeping bag or sheets & blanket + pillow

_____ water bottle (seriously – bring one!)

_____ show up wearing your D-Group color on Friday

_____ clothing that you don't mind getting dirty! (Crud War)

_____ flip flops/crocs

_____ sweatshirt/rain jacket

_____ Bible, journal, pen

_____ towel

_____ flashlight or headlamp

_____ toiletries

_____ bathing suit

_____ extra towel for Crud War

FOR PARENTS!

Sunday, September 20 at 1:30 PM we'll host a parent session in the Warehouse at Signal Pres. We'll share an overview of all that your student(s) have heard and learned over the course of the weekend. Think: content, theme, experiences, and practical ways you can engage and talk with your student(s) about their weekend upon their return home. Through this we hope you will feel well prepared and equipped to welcome home your student(s) who have had an awesome and maybe even life-changing weekend. The parent session will conclude at 2:00pm and your student(s) will be arriving back to Signal Pres around the same time.

We cannot wait to spend time with your student(s), studying God's Word, spending time with The Lord, spending time with each other, and having lots of crazy fun—what could be better? But even more excited than we are is God! He can't wait to spend time with your student(s) revealing Himself to them. We are praying and trusting God has good things in store for the weekend. We can't wait to see it unfold in our hearts and lives!

-THE TREK RETREAT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Find us on social media for weekend updates: Instagram @sm2students