

1. FRIDAY

Check-In: **Fall Retreat Check-In is Friday, October 23 at 6pm.** Doors will not open until 6:00pm. **Please have your student eat before they come.**

All students will enter the building on the **BACK SIDE** of Fellowship through the Kids Ministry entrance.

[Click here for a Check-In Map](#)

There will be labeled snack bins as you enter the building for you to drop off your snack. **High School check-in will be located in the Main Lobby** – students will check-in at grade level (9th, 10th, etc) tables where they will receive colored bands to put on their luggage. Once you are checked in and your luggage is tagged, you will take luggage to the horseshoe in the front of the building to drop it off. After students have checked in and dropped off their luggage, they will make their way to the Main Worship Center where they will wait to be dismissed to their busses. Please help us by sending students to the worship center so we can leave in a timely fashion.

Alternate Travel Plans : *If your student has alternate travel plans to and/or from retreat please email us those plans [HERE](#) (Even if you have previously mentioned it to someone on staff)

***If your student is no longer able to attend (even if it happens on Friday right before check-in) please let [Emma](#) know so that we do not delay busses leaving waiting for a student not coming.

2. LUGGAGE: Due to limited space each student is allowed:

- One carry on size luggage item (i.e. duffel bag, backpack, suitcase)
- One trash bag for bedding with their name written on the front
- Students may take a small backpack or belt bag on the bus with them.

3. MEDICATION: High School students who are bringing medication **do not need to check-in their meds for the weekend** (unlike MSM students) - **we do not administer medication to High School students**; they are responsible for this themselves. Meds should be sent in their original packaging. If your student takes a **rescue inhaler** or carries an **EpiPen**, please do NOT pack it in the luggage. Rather, have your student keep it on their person as the luggage will be traveling separate from the busses. **(PLEASE NOTE: Students may only bring the amount of medications that they need for the weekend.)**

4. SUNDAY- Please join us for a **Parent Meeting on Sunday, October 25 at 11:00am** in the Student Building. Beth Utterback and Emma Adams will share with you a snapshot of what happened at Fall Retreat, as well as some ways you can engage your student in conversations throughout the week about what they have experienced and learned. **Students will return to Fellowship around 12:15pm.** Bagels and coffee will be served so please RSVP [HERE](#) by **Wednesday, October 21** so that we have correct numbers for food. *If you have children in Kids Ministry, we ask that you not pick them up early so that there is not a disruption to*

those classes.

5. PACKING LIST

- Bible, Pen and Journal
- Sleeping bag (or bedding for a twin size bed) and Pillow - Please place in a trash bag labeled with your student's name.
- Towel
- Toiletries
- Flashlight or head lamp
- Play/sports clothes
- Sweatshirt, Jacket, or Coat **please check the weather for Old Fort, TN**
- Water Bottle (with student name)
- Rain Jacket (pending weather report)
- Tennis shoes or closed toe shoes
- Snack to share with 6-12 people (examples below)
 - Individually packaged goldfish, smart pop, chips, fruit snacks, cookies, pretzels...
 - clementines, apples

NOTE: If your student is gluten free their snack contribution will be put in a separate labeled bin for GF snacks

PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS THAT YOU WOULD BE SAD FOR YOUR STUDENT TO NOT COME HOME WITH.

DO NOT BRING

- Cell Phones or other electronic devices (Students are welcome to bring digital/film cameras to camp if they would like to take pictures)
- Drugs/alcohol/tobacco/vapes
- Weapons- This includes knives.

Fall Retreat is an “Unplugged” Event. *This is an opportunity for them to take a break from electronics to focus on relationships with others and with God. We know having the ability to communicate is important – so please see the contact numbers below.*

6. EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO

Ocoee Ridge Camp – 423-338-2747 // 479 Frey Road, Old Fort, TN 37362

- **Zach Hume** – 502-377-0661
- **Makayla Paiotti** – 309-310-9056
- **Emma Adams**- 615-975-3978
- **Beth Utterback** – 865-805-3602
- **Dylan Canupp** – 865-242-7576
- **Stephen Hester** – 502-671-9303

7. Schedule

We know some students this is their first time away from home for the weekend and/or do better with having an idea of what they'll be doing. Please click [HERE](#) for the tentative schedule.

8. COLOR COMPETITION – New for HSM this year! All weekend long, students will be competing for their squads. Squads are comprised of both middle and high school students. This is such a fun part of Retreat and everyone gets really into it. Please send as many items (shirts, socks, pants, bandanas, etc.) as you can to help us get everyone into team spirit!!! Below are the links where you will find what squad your student is in for the weekend!

[HSM Girls Squads](#)

[HSM Guys Squads](#)

You made it to the end! While it's a lot of information we hope it answers questions you and your student may start having as we approach next weekend. Our team is truly SO excited for this weekend and we are praying for your student and what God may do in their lives through Fall Retreat 2026. As always, please feel free to reach out with any additional questions.