

September 2016

Dear 7th, 8th and 9th Grade Confirmand and Parents,

This letter and its attachment cover important information concerning the 2016 Confirmation Retreat for all current 7th, 8th and 9th Grade Students enrolled in the Confirmation Program as well as the Confirmation Guides. Included in the attachment are:

- Overview of Retreat Schedule
- Directions to Camp Dark Waters
- Packing List – what to bring and what NOT to bring
- Medication Dispensing Schedule

WHEN

September 30 – October 2, 2016

Arrive: Friday, September 30 – 7 pm

Depart: Sunday, October 2 – 12:00 NOON

An overview of the Retreat Schedule is included in the attachment.

WHERE

Directions are included in the attachment.

Camp Dark Waters

26 New Freedom Rd

Medford, NJ 08055

(609) 654-8846

<http://www.campdarkwaters.org/>

WHAT TO BRING

A Packing List is included in the attachment. Please note that each participant should bring a Bible and Flashlight. The Packing List also discloses items that should NOT be brought to camp.

YOUTH MEDICAL RELEASE/PERMISSION FORM

If you have not already completed our Youth Medical Release/Permission Form, please download the form and complete it as soon as possible. This form must be completed **each year** for each participant and covers the annual period from September 2016 to September 2017. The file can be downloaded at <http://popmarlton.org>

MEDICATIONS PROTOCOL

If your youth will be taking any medication (prescription or over-the-counter), place all medications in a Ziploc bag labelled with the participant's name. All medication should be in original containers. ***Please complete the attached MEDICATIONS DISPENSING SCHEDULE*** and include it in the Ziploc bag. All medications and instructions should be checked in upon arrival at camp. The staff will ensure each participant receives their medication at the appropriate time.

COST

The cost for the weekend is \$65. This covers food and the camp fees. If this is a burden for your family please contact Pr. Brett who will be glad to help. We want everyone to attend. We need the fee in the church office as soon as possible. Please place "Confirmation Retreat" in the memo.

MEALS AND SNACKS

All meals and snacks will be provided. The food will not contain any nuts. Remember to include food allergies and sensitivities when completing the Youth Medical Release / Permission Form. If you have any specific dietary concerns, please contact Michelle Taylor.

ATTENDANCE

We encourage families to make the commitment for their teen to attend the 2016 Confirmation Retreat in its entirety. During the retreat, we hope to create a feeling of unity and spiritual purpose among our confirmands. In very limited circumstances, a couple of families have contacted Pastor Brett indicating that their teen would like to participate in the Confirmation Retreat but has a scheduling conflict for a portion of the retreat. If it is absolutely necessary that you drop off or pickup your teenager outside of the scheduled times, we kindly ask you to time your trip to coincide with meal times.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Please call or text: **Jennifer DiCostanzo** at **609-820-0756**. Jennifer will make the necessary notification / arrangements with your teen and with Pastor who will be working with our youth. In the event you are unable to reach Jennifer, you may contact Pastor Brett at 856-470-8793.

We look forward to a wonderful weekend! If you have any questions, please give us a call.

Peace,

Pastor Brett Ballenger

Confirmation Retreat Planners

Jennifer DiCostanzo

Pastor Brett Ballenger