

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As you may know, In House Retreat is almost here! This year, our annual In House Retreat will be from February 21-23. The theme this year is “Together.” This theme will challenge them to think beyond friendship to fellowship—finding unity in life with other believers. This unity is in spite of differences around the most important thing of all—our common devotion to Christ! One awesome thing about this year’s curriculum is that it includes parent info to keep you connected—which we will send out later! Our Leadership Team and tons of other volunteers are excited, and doing all they can to get all of the details in place for an incredible weekend!

In House is basically Central Baptist’s version of a Disciple Now weekend. At the beginning of the weekend, students are divided into age-appropriate Bible study groups of anywhere from 5-10 members (with two friends of their choice) that will stay in the homes of dedicated church members. Their time in study will be led by some of our very own college and young adult leaders. Throughout the weekend, students will participate in worship, small group Bible study, meals, games, mission projects, and the epic Saturday Scavenger Hunt!

This weekend is usually the event that students look forward to more than anything else that we do throughout the year. In-House serves as one of our major efforts at getting students connected more intimately with old and new friends, but also to get them to dig more deeply into their relationship with Jesus as a follower and disciple, and we would LOVE for your student to be a part of that!

Included in this packet are a permission slip, an annual medical release form, and a student information sheet. Please carefully review and complete the necessary forms and return them to the main church office, the counter at the Family Life Center, to your Sunday school teachers, or to me on Wednesday nights at LIFE. The February 3rd date for turning forms in is absolutely vital to adhere to—beyond this date, I cannot guarantee your student’s placement with their friends in any particular home, or a shirt for the weekend!

Also, please participate in the various ways that we have for parents to get involved in the weekend as much as you are able! First, please join us in praying for the In House Retreat this year. Many students will encounter God in very real ways this weekend, and we hope that you will pray alongside of us that God will use our leaders and other students to reach the hearts of these teens in a very real and lasting way. Second, come to the different parts of the weekend that everyone is invited to! We’d love to have you help out by hosting a Scavenger Hunt site if you are available (email or text me for more info!), and of course at our 10:30am Catalyst worship service in the Family Life Center on Sunday morning. These events will allow you to see all that your students have participated in, and will allow you to be a part of the event with us! Finally, if you are interested in helping us pull this event off, PLEASE feel free to contact me! We need volunteers in all sorts of places, so please get ahold of me however is best for you to see where we might get you plugged in. I cannot tell you how excited I am for all that this weekend holds! It’s going to be incredible!

In Christ,



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