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- Who is teaching and what are they saying?
- The weekend schedule
- Packing
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- Child safety
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Parents of students attending our Winter Retreat February 6–8,

Sadly, we weren't able to gather together this past Sunday for our annual Awanita parent meeting to talk through Winter Retreat details—and most importantly, to pray together. We won't reschedule this time together, but my prayer is that this email helps get us all on the same page.

Let's jump in!!

CHECK-IN | Friday, February 6

Location: Under the awning of **Building D @ NHC**

Check-in will be in **two different time slots**:

3:00 PM – 7th, 8th, and 9th grade

5:00 PM – 10th, 11th, and 12th grade

If you are a family with students in both time slots and that is a problem, you are welcome to drop off all students at 3:00 PM.

The reason for two different check-in times is to help transport the number of students who have registered.

When arriving at the awning of Building D:

You will visit **Lori Doozan**, our retreat nurse, to ensure your student has a completed medical release form on file. An incomplete medical release form will be a problem for your student. To ensure they don't have any issues please complete the [Medical Release Form here](#) and scan or email it to gabriellec@northhillschurch.com.

You will then visit **Admin Gabbi** for final instructions before leaving your student with us.

Please do not arrive for check-in before your assigned time.

Lastly, if you know your student will be arriving at Awanita after check-in and not riding with us, PLEASE let us know. Likewise, if your student will be leaving Awanita before we do, please make sure we know this. Text (864) 518-7378 or email Admin Gabbi to let us know ASAP.

COMMUNICATION WHILE AT AWANITA

Please call **Tim or Nick** if you need to reach us:

- Tim Wadsworth: 864-363-2206
- Nick Poole: 979-820-1393

Nick and Tim will be very busy throughout the retreat, so please only call if it is an emergency. Reception at Awanita is also very limited.

No news from us is good news.

Follow us on social media to see what we're getting into this weekend:


- [ALIVE Facebook](#)
- ALIVE Instagram @alivegreenville

AWANITA INFORMATION

Awanita has a locked gate to enter and depart.
If you need the gate code, please let us know.


Address:

600 Gap Creek Rd
Marietta, SC 29661

 864-836-3956

Camp Nurse:

Lori Doozan

 571-420-2005

PRAY FOR OUR RETREAT SPEAKER

We have asked **Dallas Greenaway**, Student Pastor at Fellowship Greenville, to teach our middle and high school students. Dallas has been a friend of mine (Tim) since he was a 6th grader and I was an 11th grader—we grew up in the same youth group at Southside Christian School.

The teaching theme for the weekend is **Set Apart**. As we get closer to departure, we will send out teaching outlines.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Here is our [2026 Winter Retreat Schedule](#).

LUGGAGE

If your student does not put their luggage on the trailer, it will not make its way to or from Awanita. Every year luggage gets lost because students place it somewhere other than the trailer for transportation.

We will remind students, and we appreciate your help reminding them as well.

Bonus tip: This is the wrong camp to pack or bring nice things. We don't want items getting lost, forgotten, damaged, or stolen.

THINGS YOUR STUDENT MAY NOT BRING

- Cell phone
- AirPods, smart watch, gaming devices
- Fireworks
- Weapons
- Alcohol
- Drugs or medicine not listed on your medical release form

THINGS YOUR STUDENT SHOULD BRING

- Bible, journal, and pen
- Wristwatch
- Refillable water bottle
- Flashlight
- Toiletries
- Closed-toed shoes
- Disposable or digital camera
- Bedding & pillow for a twin mattress
- Water shoes for Polar Plunge
- Favorite card game (please put name on it)

- Favorite outdoor sports ball/game (please put name on it)
- **HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS should pack an extra warm outfit option for late night worship on the Mountain, it gets VERY cold.**

EXTRA CASH FOR THE TRIP

Awanita has a gift and snack shop where students can purchase items such as T-shirts, sweatshirts, drinks, ice cream, and snacks. Additionally, students are highly encouraged to pack snacks and drinks ahead of time (Walmart run!) to save money.

SWIMMING & POLAR PLUNGE

We will not force students to participate in the Polar Plunge, but it is highly encouraged. If a student chooses not to participate, they still need to attend the event with their Life Group. We are supervising the weather and will pivot this event if conditions are unsafe.

- Girls: one-piece swimsuit or T-shirt over a two-piece
- Guys: appropriate length swimshorts

Please pack two towels—one for shower use and one for lake use.

HUMMER RIDING

The high school students take a Hummer to the top of a mountain for late night worship. Please make sure your student dresses warmly. The middle school students take their hummer ride during the day but jackets are still strongly encouraged.

CHILD SAFETY @ NHC

- All Leaders attending this event have been through our Child-Safety Process
- Leaders and students are not to change clothes in the same room
- Guys are not allowed in girls' rooms and girls are not allowed in guys' rooms
- Rooms will be divided by Life Groups
- A leader and a student are never permitted to be one-on-one in private

ARRIVAL BACK TO NHC SUNDAY

Location: Lobby of **Building D @ NHC**

- **12:15 PM** - 7th–9th grade
- **1:45 PM** - 10th–12th grade

Please check social media in real time in case arrival times change.

Vehicle-Cleaning Team

If your student was asked to help clean vehicles upon arrival back at the church, please allow them **30 minutes** to do so.

Students will **not receive lunch on Sunday**. They will be ready to eat upon arrival.
10th–12th grade students will receive a snack to hold them over due to later arrival.

Please continue to pray over our students and volunteers this weekend! Thank you for partnering with us—we are watching expectantly for what God will do during this weekend!

-The ALIVE Team