



# WINTER RETREAT

## *Grades 6-12*

LAURELVILLE RETREAT CENTER

March 19-21 || \$129

### Who:

All 6-12th grade students

### When:

**March 19-21** (Friday-Sunday)

Student **drop-off** is on **Friday, March 19 between 5:00-5:45 pm** at Laurelville Retreat Center (941 Laurelville Lane, Mt Pleasant, PA 15666). Student **pick-up** is on **Sunday, March 21 between 11:15-11:45 am** at Laurelville Retreat Center. Parents with students who have medications should drop-off and pick-up those medications at the medication station with our nurse during check-in.

### Deadline to register:

**Sunday, March 7, 2021.**

### Cost:

**\$129 per student.**

However, students can save money on their Winter Retreat costs through 1 of 2 options:

**Number 1:** Any Cornerstone student that brings a friend who hasn't checked-in at The Warehouse for a student ministries service or event since January 1, 2020 can go for half the price! That's **\$64 for the Cornerstone student** and **\$64 for each additional non-Cornerstone friend in 6-12th grade!** It pays to bring friends!

**Number 2:** Any family with more than one student from the same household attending the Winter Retreat will receive \$25 off for each student... That's \$104 per student from the same household.

### Included in price:

Everything the student needs including: All meals (dinner on Friday night, breakfast, lunch, dinner, and late-night snack on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday), housing, and an awesome new shirt from The Warehouse.

### Not included in price:

Please see FAQ *"Will the students need extra spending money?"*

### About Laurelville Retreat Center:

Laurelville is a beautiful Christian camp and retreat center located just 37 minutes from Cornerstone in Mt. Pleasant, PA. Surrounded by wooded hills with huge rocks and boulders, Laurelville has beautiful dining, recreation, worship, and sleeping facilities that make it an ideal location for our Winter Retreat! To learn more check out the [Laurelville Website](#).



# OUR COVID-19 PLAN



At this time, we are fully preparing to have an incredible Winter Retreat as usual! However, in the event we are forced to cancel the retreat due to Covid-19, students will receive a full refund, minus the cost of their Warehouse shirt, which will still be printed for them and available for pick-up.

The health and safety of our students is a high priority, and so is helping your son/daughter grow in their faith in Jesus! And because our Winter Retreat is the ideal environment to help students grow spiritually, we are doing our part in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic, to make additional safety adaptations to the retreat.

**Camp drop-off and pick-up will be at Laurelville** - There will not be bus transportation to and from the retreat. Please drop off your son/daughter at Laurelville on Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup> between 5:00-5:45 pm. Please pick up your son/daughter at Laurelville on Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup> between 11:15-11:45 am. The address for Laurelville is 941 Laurelville Lane, Mt Pleasant, PA 15666.

**Please note the following:**

- Students are not permitted to drive themselves to/from the retreat.
- Families are encouraged to carpool if needed.  
If transportation is an issue, please reach out to us.

**Pre-Retreat Symptom Monitoring:** If your son or daughter exhibits any COVID symptoms leading up to the Winter Retreat, we ask that they not participate. If any students are not able to attend the retreat due to Covid-19, students will receive a full refund, minus the cost of their Warehouse shirt.

**Temperature check:** Upon arriving at Laurelville, all students and leaders will have their temperature checked. Anyone with a fever (*100.4 degrees or higher*), or who have other symptoms will not be permitted to stay at the retreat. If anyone develops a fever or symptoms during the retreat, they will be isolated and a parent will need to pick them up to go home.

**Covid-19 Release:** A Covid-19 parent release signature is required during the Winter Retreat Registration process, which recognizes that there are additional risks associated with coming to the retreat due to the pandemic.

**Cleaning and Sanitation:** We, as well as Laurelville, will be doing extra cleaning in all of the cabins, lodges, and common meeting areas.

**Face Masks:** We are requiring all participants to wear face masks during indoor activities, other than when they are sleeping, showering, or eating.

Note: Laurelville may be able to accommodate increased airflow and ventilation, by creating a crossbreeze in their gym. If this is the case, we will not require students to wear a mask while in the gym.





# ABOUT OUR SERIES



## Teaching & Small Group focus:

We will have 4 large group sessions and small group times throughout the weekend. The theme of our 2021 Winter Retreat is, “**God, Guys & Girls**”. There are several key topics we believe we need to walk through with students on a regular basis. One such topic is challenging students to navigate relationships and sexuality in a way that honors God. The reality is that the world around us is presenting (and even promoting) a message that you are defined by your relational and sexual pursuits. It’s something we HAVE TO be talking about at home and in the church and at The Warehouse. So we are going to do just that at our Winter Retreat this year. “**God, Guys & Girls**” is a four-part series on relationships, love, sex, and dating.

As we have prayed, processed, and prepared for this retreat, there have been three very important goals we are keeping in mind:

1. **We want to take a holistic approach.** The temptation is to oversimplify this topic with teens by saying, “Don’t have sex ‘til you’re married.” In the process, we brush over the significant layers that are present developmentally as well as societally with unlimited internet access in the palm of a student’s hand. The message has to push toward pursuing sexual integrity in all areas of our lives and in the strength and grace of Jesus as we walk through a sexually broken world.
2. **We want to remain age-appropriate in our content.** Here are a few clarifying points.
  - This series IS NOT a “sex ed. course.” We will not be getting into biology and/or mechanics.
  - This series IS a “theological course” on God’s design and desire for sex and relationships.
  - If we were to put a rating on this series, we would give it a light PG-13 rating. Content will be presented in a straightforward, but God-honoring way.
3. **We want to set families up to win.** We hope our messages at the Winter Retreat can be something that can create further conversations in the home. As students are developing, and becoming more and more interested in dating, this is the type of topic that needs to be addressed repeatedly as students grow and mature. While students are constantly bombarded with what the world has to say on this topic, we are here to help lead your students toward Godly wisdom and guidance when it comes to their relationships. Our hope is that by training students to pursue relationships God’s way, we can help set them up for success in this vital area, while helping prevent some hurts and scars along the way.

Please join us in prayer as we go on this journey together. We trust that this will not only prove to be a valuable series, but that we will get students more excited than ever to wholeheartedly pursue a relationship with Jesus above all else. If you have any questions please feel free to email us at [studentinfo@cornerstonelive.net](mailto:studentinfo@cornerstonelive.net) or call us at 724.733.0070.

**We Love Partnering with you,**  
Pastors JD Lowry & Joel Guinen





# DATES & TIMES



## Winter Retreat 2021 Schedule

### Friday, March 19

- 5:00-5:45p Student drop-off at Laurelville Retreat Center+
- Check-in, temp check, medicines to medication station, & parent's drop-off luggage at student's cabin
  - **Laurelville Address:** 941 Laurelville Lane, Mt Pleasant, PA 15666
- 6:00p Opening Battle of the Small Groups 1 of 4 at the Meeting House
- 7:15p Dinner at the Dining Hall
- 8:00p Session 1 of 4 at the Meeting House
- 9:30p Small Group time
- 10:30p Free time at the Gym +
- 11:30p Students & leaders in cabins +
- 12:00a Lights out & electronics off

### Saturday, March 20

- 8:00a Battle of the Small Groups 2 of 4 at the Gym
- 9:00a Breakfast at the Dining Hall
- 9:45a Group picture wearing Winter Retreat shirt
- 10:15a Session 2 of 4 at the Meeting House
- 11:15a Small Group time
- 12:00p Lunch
- 1:00p Free time +
- 4:00p Battle of the Small Groups 2 of 3 at the Gym
- 6:00p Dinner at the Dining Hall
- 7:00p Session 3 of 4 at the Meeting House
- 8:30p Small Group time
- 9:30p Late night snack at the Dining Hall & free time at the Gym +
- 11:15p Students & leaders in cabins +
- 11:45p Lights out & electronics off

### Sunday, March 21

- 7:30a Pack, clean-up cabin, & luggage to cabin common area
- 8:30a Breakfast at the Dining Hall
- 9:15a Session 4 of 4 at the Meeting House
- 10:15a Battle of the Small Groups 4 of 4 at the Gym
- 11:15-11:45a Student pick-up at Laurelville
- Parent's pick up luggage at student's cabin

**Phones & Personal Music Usage Allowed Where You See a +**





# THE PACKING LIST



## Medications:

- All medications needed for the weekend
- Meds should be dropped off/picked-up by a parent/guardian at the medication station.

## Pants/shorts:

- Long pants (2)
- Snow pants (1) *\*If there's snow in the forecast*
- Sleeping pants (1)
- Athletic shorts (1)

## Shirts/Jacket:

- Tee shirts (2)
- Sweat shirts/fleece (2)
- Sleeping shirt (1)
- Winter jacket (1)

## Shoes:

- Athletic shoes
- Shower shoes
- Winter boots

## Undergarments:

- Underwear
- Socks

## Outdoor garments:

- Warm gloves
- Scarf
- Winter hat

## Shower stuff:

- Shower towel /wash cloth
- Soap, shampoo, deodorant, contact solution, other toiletries

## Bedding:

- Sleeping bag
- Pillow

## Other:

- Bible/pen/notebook
- Cell Phone
- Water bottle
- Lip balm & sun glasses
- Headlamp or flash light
- Snacks *(please don't bring anything with nuts)*

## Please don't bring:

- Electronics
- Other valuables
- Any orange or red drinks (Laurelville Request)
- Too much cash. *(Cornerstone cannot be responsible for lost or stolen items.)*

## Note:

- Please ensure all belongings fit into one duffel bag or suitcase— excluding your sleeping bag and pillow.







# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



## **How will middle and high school students be separated during the retreat?**

Middle School students will have their own small group leaders separate from High School students. Large group sessions will be combined with small group breakout times by grade and gender. Students will be separated in cabins by grade and gender. Depending on the number of students multiple grades may be in the same cabin.

## **Where do the students sleep?**

All students will be grouped in cabins/lodges according to grade and gender with at least two adult leaders of the same gender in the cabin. Students should bring their own sleeping bag and pillow. Please see the ["Packing list"](#) section for all packing details.

## **What is the student to leader ratio?**

We anticipate the ratio will be approximately 6:1.

## **How will the students be supervised?**

Students are supervised in their cabins by adults who serve as cabin leaders. All leaders have been trained by our Student Ministries Staff, and have been through background screening. Overall, students will have plenty of watchful eyes all over the camp areas throughout the weekend!

## **Can my student bring a cell phone to camp?**

Yes! But, cell phone use is limited to the times indicated in the schedule by a + symbol. If a student is unable to abide by the cell phone rule; their leader will hold the phone for them until check-out time on Sunday. We cannot be responsible for any lost, stolen, broken, or damaged electronic personal equipment.

## **What if my student has food allergies or dietary restrictions?**

If your child has dietary needs such as gluten intolerance, allergies to dyes, or is vegan, we ask that you indicate that while registering your son/daughter for the Winter Retreat. If you list any dietary needs during registration, you will then receive an email from us with a form for you to complete that we will pass along to Laurelville so any dietary needs can be met.

## **Is my student allowed to bring food/snacks?**

Yes! Students are welcome to bring snacks, but please remember no snacks with nuts because of some of our students have severe nut allergies. Please know students will be well fed with dinner on Friday, breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday. Also, Laurelville has requested no drinks that are orange or red be brought into their facilities.

## **Will the students need extra spending money?**

There is a gift shop at Laurelville, where students can purchase merchandise such as mugs, t-shirts, and sweatshirts, etc. Prices range from \$1 - \$25. There will not be any snacks available for purchase at the gift shop this year.





# FAQS CONTINUED



## **Will there be a nurse, and will the nurse handle medicine that my child needs?**

Yes, there will be a nurse on call with us who will be available 24/7 to any student that has a need. Also, the nurse will hold and distribute all medications that students need throughout the weekend - unless the parent would rather their child keep their medication in their possession. At student drop-off on Friday evening, parents/ guardians should deliver medicine to the medication station with our nurse. Parents/ guardians should also claim medications at the medication station when picking up their student(s). Please list all medicines, dosage, and frequencies as prompted during the online registration process.

## **Is there financial aid available for the Winter Retreat?**

Yes. We never want finances to be the barrier that prohibits any student from going to one of our events, camps, or retreats. If financial aid is needed, simply call us at 724.733.0070 Ext. 223 and we will figure out a way to get the student on the trip together. But please remember, the best way to bring the price down is for a Cornerstone student to bring a friend in 6-12th grade who has not attended a service/event at The Warehouse, since January 1, 2020, because if they do, both students go for half price - \$64 each!

## **Is it true that the price is half off if a Cornerstone student brings a friend who hasn't been to a Warehouse event in the last 12 months?**

Yes, completely true. If a Cornerstone student invites a friend who has never checked-in for a service at The Warehouse or a student ministries event – both students pay half price! That's \$64 for the Cornerstone student and \$64 for each additional non-Cornerstone friend in 6-12 grade. A non-Cornerstone student can only claim one Cornerstone student as their friend in order for the Cornerstone student to receive the half-off discount.

## **What if the student who hasn't been to The Warehouse in the last 12 months signs-up for the Winter Retreat without an invite?**

Any student in 6-12th grade who has not checked-in at The Warehouse for a service or a student ministries event since January 1, 2020 and signs up for the Winter Retreat will receive the half-off discount of \$64.

## **Is there a multi-family member discount?**

Yes! If more than one 6-12 grade student from the same household registers for the Winter Retreat, each individual student will receive \$25 off the registration cost. The cost for a family sending more than one student would be \$104 per student.

## **Can I get a double discount?**

In the event that you have multiple ways to earn discounts (i.e. "Multi-Family Member Discount" and the "Bring a non-Cornerstone Friend Discount"), you will only be able to apply one discount per student. Example: If you have siblings from the same household attending, both would receive the \$25 discount. But if one of the siblings brings a non-Cornerstone friend, they would earn the "Bring a non-Cornerstone Friend Discount" (\$65 off), while the other sibling would receive the "Multi-Family Member Discount" (\$25 off). The sibling bringing the non-Cornerstone friend cannot apply both the "Multi-Family Member Discount" and the "Bring a non-Cornerstone Friend Discount".

## **Additional questions:**

Contact Pastor JD Lowry, Cornerstone Student Ministries | Winter Retreat Director

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- **Email:** [studentinfo@cornerstonelive.net](mailto:studentinfo@cornerstonelive.net)

