

2021 CONFIRMATION RETREAT INFORMATION

JANUARY 22-24

The Confirmation Retreat is next weekend, January 22-24. Below you will find the itinerary, packing list, and parent letter information. *Please use the Retreat Checklist Form at the end of this information sheet to help you keep track of all forms needed.*

Letters

Please return letters to Suzanna Cooper at the **January 21** parents' class. Tips for writing your letters are included in this information sheet. **Please make sure you have turned in your letters before we depart. This is very important!**

Departure

Please arrive at the church by 5:30 p.m. We will depart **at 6:00 p.m.** We will feed your child dinner on the bus. We will also have snacks and water for them during the trip up to camp.

Return

We will be leaving Lone Tree at 9:00 a.m. MT on Sunday morning. We will be back in Midland around 3:00 p.m. We will be sending messages through GroupMe to keep everyone informed of our progress.

Cell Phones/Electronics

Please help us limit the electronics on the trip. Cell phones are allowed, but not encouraged. Mara will be sending updates regularly. Please consider that there is very limited cell phone at Lone Tree. Updates will be given in the GroupMe chat during the weekend so you can check and see that everyone is having a great time. All other devices should remain at home.

Food

Extra food and drinks should not be packed. We will ensure your child has plenty to eat.

Medication

If your child is taking any type of medication, please send all medication in the original container, placed in a Ziplock bag, and labeled with: name of medication, dosage, and when it is administered. Mara Dolan will collect all medications Friday as we depart.

Contact Information

Mara Dolan: 432.634.8659

Ty Lust: 806.831-5568

Kurt Borden: 432.234.1133

Steve Brooks: 432.559.0208

Lone Tree Ranch: 132 Base Rd. Capitan, NM 88316

Phone: 575.354.2523

PACKING LIST

- Bedding
 - Sheets - twin size
 - Sleeping bag or blankets
 - Pillow
- Toiletries
 - Soap
 - Shampoo
 - Toothbrush & Toothpaste
 - Deodorant
 - Towels & Washcloth
 - Shower shoes (flip flops)
 - Lotion/Sunscreen
- Clothing
 - Jeans or athletic pants
 - Tennis shoes
 - Shirts that can get messy
 - Layered clothing (sweatshirts or t-shirts)
 - Socks
 - Underwear
 - Athletic shoes(Extra pair is always a good idea)
 - Modest sleep wear (Please make sure kids have appropriate sleeping attire to be in the presence of opposite gender. They will be playing games and watching a movie together in the evenings.)
- Outerwear
 - Coat
 - Hat and/or Beanie
 - Gloves
- Medication (in its original container)
 - Inhalers and EpiPens as well
- Other
 - Sunglasses
 - Ear plugs (optional)
 - Water bottle
 - Blanket for Bus

*Plan to dress in layers. It will be cold in the mornings, but usually warms up during the day.

What not to bring: Anything you want back (except your child, you will be getting that back). No jewelry, electronics, or food. They will be fed every two hours, so they will not need anything. Cell phones are permitted but not encouraged. Medications need to be given to the nurse.

LETTERS AT THE RETREAT

On Saturday night of the retreat, your child/ren will receive their Bible and letters from you. Mentors from past years will tell you how important these letters are. Here are a few tips/ guidelines.

1. The most important letters are from Mom and Dad. One letter from each parent.
2. You may ask 1 or 2 people that are very close to your child to also write letters. You can save the other letters to give to your child on Confirmation Sunday. These letters will still be meaningful.
3. What to put into the letters? This is one of the most difficult, emotional, and spiritual challenges of Confirmation for you if you do it right. Talking points for parent letters: *These are just thoughts to help you if you get stuck. You know you and you know your child better than anyone except God.*
 - a. Tell your child how amazed you are with your son or daughter at this point in his or her life.
 - b. What do you remember about your child as a baby or toddler?
 - c. What does it mean to you to be _____'s parent?
 - d. Tell your child about when you accepted Christ.
 - e. Tell your child about who God has called you to be. How did you figure this out/ find your way?
 - f. Where have you found your greatest joy in Christ?
 - g. In what ways have you failed in life? Or in your relationship with God?
 - h. How has god redeemed you (shown Grace) in this failure?
 - i. What gifts has God given your child?
 - j. What do you hope for your child's relationship with God?
 - k. What do you want your child to know when they fail?
 - l. Be sure to tell them how much you love them.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT CHECKLIST

NAME _____

— FUMC Medical Release Form (2 pages)

— Lone Tree Camps Registration Form (1 page)

— Copy of your Medical Insurance Card (please include front and back)

— Parent Letters

- Mom's
- Dad's

— Medication (in its original container)

First United Methodist Church Medical Release & Information

300 N Main Street
Midland, Texas 79701

Minors Name: _____ Date: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Age: _____ Birth date: _____ Home #: _____

Number of parents or guardians: One Two

Parent One: _____ Same address as minor? Yes No

Cell #: _____ Work #: _____ E-mail: _____

Parent Two: _____ Same address as minor? Yes No

Cell #: _____ Work #: _____ E-mail: _____

If different address please provide and indicate which parent. One Two

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

To PARENT/GUARDIAN:

To serve your minor in case of ACCIDENT OR SUDDEN ILLNESS, please provide an alternate emergency contact person in case you cannot be reached.

Name: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell #: _____ Work #: _____ E-mail: _____

Please list any physical condition that effects your minor that you think would be important for the church to know.

Health Insurance Information: Group/Plan Name _____

Policy # _____ Effective Dates _____

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I, _____, being the parent/legal guardian and having legal custody of _____, a minor, do hereby consent to said minor participating in church group activities such as Oasis Youth, choir tours, Vacation Bible school and related activities/trips of First United Methodist Church of Midland.

I do hereby release, discharge and exonerate First United Methodist Church of Midland, and all persons acting as teachers or sponsors on said activities and trips from any liability whatsoever resulting from personal injury to said minor or damage to property of said minor which may occur at said activities or trips or connection therewith.

I do hereby certify that I assume full responsibility and liability for any acts committed by said minor during activities and trips related thereto resulting in injury or damage to the property of another. I do hereby acknowledge that I understand that this release is being relied upon by First United Methodist Church of Midland, Texas, and teachers or sponsors accompanying the minor on said trips and activities; **and without this instrument being executed by me, said minor would not be permitted to attend field trips nor engage in activities related thereto.**

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____

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I, the undersigned, do hereby authorize the officials of First United Methodist Church to contact directly the person named in this authorization, and do authorize

_____ or _____
(Physician) *(Hospital)*

to render such treatment as may be deemed necessary in an emergency, for the health of said minor. In the event physicians, other persons named in the authorization or parents cannot be contacted, the church officials are hereby authorized to take whatever action is deemed necessary in their judgment for the health of the aforesaid minor. I will not hold First United Methodist Church financially responsible for the emergency care and/or transportation for said minor.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____

LONE TREE CAMPS Registration

Page 1 Section A to be filled out by ALL attending guests

FACILITY ATTENDING (CIRCLE ONE) **RANCH** **FORT** **LAKESHORE** **MISSIONS**

Date of Camp _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____ Age _____ M / F First LT camper? Y / N

Name of Camper _____ Group Name _____

Home address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Primary # _____

Parent/Guardian: (for those under 18) _____ Cell # _____

*In case of emergency please notify:

Name _____ Home # _____ Cell # _____

Relationship to camper _____

Family Physician Name _____ Phone # _____

**** PLEASE SEE ATTACHED MEDICAL FORMS ****

I hereby give my permission for me or my child to participate in all activities, including but not limited to Swimming, Boating activities, Blobbing, Trampoline, River float, Hot Springs, Field Sports, Mountain Rappelling, Vehicle Transportation, Climbing, Waterslide, Archery, Rifle Range, Hayrides, Horseback Riding, Cycling, Zipline, Swings, Caving, Diggler, Mountain Scooters.

I am also responsible for securing transportation for my child from camp, pick up will be supervised and approved by myself or by the designated on-site leader that attends camp with the camper's church or school group. I agree to assume, as an explicit condition of my or my child's/ward's participation, any/all risks, including, but not limited to these enumerated above. I agree to release, discharge and hold harmless Lone Tree Inc., it's staff, NM State Park, NM State Forestry, Sports Adventure Inc., the sponsoring church or group and its members from any and all liabilities, claims, demands and causes of action whatsoever which may arise due to the participation of myself or my child/ward.

In case of emergency, I hereby give permission to secure proper treatment for my child as listed below while attending camp or participating in its activities, medical treatment may be required, and I agree to bear the cost of such treatment. If any changes occur, I will contact the director in writing.

Periodically photographs, videos, or interviews are taken during the camp session. I acknowledge that by my or my child's/ward's participation in a Lone Tree camp session, I give permission and consent for any such photographs, videotapes or interviews to be used or published to illustrate, report, promote or advertise the camp.

_____/_____
Parent/Guardian Signature (for those under 18) Date

_____/_____
Adult Signature (for those over 18) Date