2027 CONFIRMATION RETREAT INFORMATION
JANUARY 15-17

The Confirmation Retreat is January 15-17. 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 Mara Dolan at the **January 14** 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. We will be sending updates regularly. Please consider that there is very limited cell phone reception 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. We will collect all medications Friday as we depart.

Contact Information

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Mara Dolan: 432.634.8659
Lone Tree Ranch: 132 Base Rd. Capitan, NM 88316
Phone: 575.354.2523

CONFIRMATION RETREAT 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 person in charge of administering medication.

LETTERS AT THE RETREAT

On Saturday night of the retreat, your child 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 _____

— First Methodist Midland Medical Release Form (2 pages)

— Lone Tree Camps Registration

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

— Parent Letters
- Mom's
- Dad's

— Medication (in its original container)

Minors' Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Age: _____ Birth date: _____ Home #: _____

Parent Contact: _____

Cell #: _____ E-mail: _____

Secondary Contact: _____

Cell #: _____ E-mail: _____

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 #: _____
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 Foundation Youth, choir tours, and related activities/trips of First Methodist Church of Midland.

I do hereby release, discharge and exonerate First 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 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: _____

I, the undersigned, do hereby authorize the officials of First Methodist Church of Midland 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 Methodist Church financially responsible for the emergency care and/or transportation for said minor.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____