

Upper School Students and Parents,

Our overnight Back to School Retreat, for students in grades 6-12, will take place on Thursday, September 10, to Friday, September 11, at Refreshing Mountain (455 Camp Road, Stevens, PA). Below is important information for everyone attending:

Please note that all paperwork is digital again this year.

- **Waiver:** **Everyone** will need to sign an activities release [waiver](#). Please submit by 9/2)

- **Extra Activities:** Optional: The fee for extra activities is \$30, and can be paid online [here](#). Please fill out the name and grade of the student, add the item to your cart (quantity 1). If you have additional upper school children to pay for, click on the product to go back to the product page and repeat for each student. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office. **Students may not participate in extra activities if we do not receive payment beforehand.** Below is a list of the extra activities this year. If students are participating in the extra activities, please submit payment by 9/2)

1. Zipline (limited to 120 participants)
2. Elevated Obstacle Course/Ropes Course (22 challenging elements designed in two levels of difficulty)
3. Giant Swing

These activities will be open from 12:30pm-4:30pm on Thursday, September 10. If you choose to pay the \$30 participation fee, you may participate in any/all of the activities of your choice.

- **Back to School Retreat Form:** **Everyone** must fill out the [Back to School Retreat form](#). (Please submit by 9/2) This will allow us to keep track of transportation needs to/from the retreat as well as those participating in the extra activities. Parents are responsible for transportation to and from the retreat; however, as a courtesy, Dayspring will run two buses to Refreshing Mountain on Thursday, September 10, departing from Dayspring at 7:55am, and two buses back to Dayspring on Friday, September 11, returning by 2:55pm. The seats on the buses are limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. If you wish to reserve a spot on the bus for your student(s) please fill out the Back to School Retreat form immediately. Drop off at the retreat is between 8:00-8:30am on Thursday, and pick up is between 1:30-2:00pm on Friday. Please note that the bus on Thursday WILL NOT wait for late arrivals. If you sign your student up for bus transportation to the retreat and are not here by the departure time, you will need to drive them.

Students will need to bring a packed lunch for Thursday. There will not be any microwaves available, so plan accordingly. The school store will be open for drinks and snacks. Dinner on Thursday and breakfast and lunch on Friday will be provided by the camp. Students will need to bring pillows, sleeping bags, blankets, etc., as well as toiletry items (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, towels). Students can bring money for the school store.

Students will also need to bring their Bibles, pens, and paper (notepad, journal, etc.) for chapel sessions. Students may bring cameras (not cameras in their phones) if they desire. Phones are to be left at home along with any other electronic devices. If students are driving to the camp, they must leave their phones in their car. If a student needs to call a parent or vice versa during the retreat, they will be able to use a staff phone. Students should dress for and bring clothes suitable for camp activities.

Thank you and we pray that your student is blessed by this wonderful time of fellowship with their classmates.

In Christ,

Dr. Randy Hilton
Upper School Principal