

The GREAT
ESCAPE

FEBRUARY 20-22, 2026



WINTER REFUGE

CHURCH INFORMATION PACKET

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HOW TO REGISTER

1. Go to www.winterrefuge.com and go to the registration tab
2. Go to the registration form to register your church through the Grace Redeemer Church website
 - a. Pricing breakdown:
 - i. Every student/leader costs \$160
 - ii. Out of that, \$145 goes to Harvey Cedars for room & board, and the remaining \$15 goes to Grace Redeemer Church for speaker, worship team, and other retreat costs
 - iii. TRANSPORTATION IS NOT PROVIDED. If you need to expense transportation to your students, make sure to include that in your church's costs
 - b. Please send the \$15 per person as a deposit to Grace Redeemer Church
 - c. You will pay Harvey Cedars directly upon your arrival at the retreat

(This information can also be found on the registration form)

LOCATION

Harvey Cedars Bible Conference
12 Cedars Ave. Harvey Cedars, NJ
Zip: 08008
Phone: (609) 494-568

ROOM & BOARD

- All students and leaders will be housed in the Victorian Hotel located at the center of the campus. Gender will be separated by floor, with girls on the 3rd floor and guys on the 2nd
- Students should be in their rooms by 10:30pm each night. Lights out is at the discretion of the leaders in the room, but make sure to keep noise down
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- 5 meals will be provided by Harvey Cedars: breakfast, lunch, & dinner on Saturday and breakfast and lunch on Sunday
 - Depending on when you plan to leave on Friday, plan to provide dinner for your students or to stop for dinner on the way
- Every meal will have gluten-free options

Schedule

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FRIDAY, Feb 20

6:00 PM	Check-In Time Starts
7:15 PM	Unpack & Settle In
7:30 PM	Nightly Worship Program
8:45 PM	Small Groups
9:30 PM	Fire Pit & S'Mores
11:00 PM	Rooms

SATURDAY, Feb 21

7:15 AM	Wake Up/Free Time – LEADERS MEETING
8:30 AM	Breakfast
9:15 AM	Devos/Small Groups
10:30 AM	Grade Level Hang Outs
12:00 PM	Lunch with Grade Level
12:45 PM	Free Time Basketball & Volleyball in the Gym Pool Snack Bar Polar Plunge (At Beach) Karaoke Tournaments Table Games (Like Ping Pong) Gaga Ball College Prep/RUF Session Senior Lounge
5:30 PM	Dinner
6:15 PM	Nightly Worship Program
7:45 PM	Small Groups
8:30 PM	Free Time (ALL THE BOLD ABOVE PLUS) Silent Disco Laser Tag Trivia Battle
11:00 PM	Rooms

SUNDAY, Feb 22

7:15 AM	Wake Up/Free Time – LEADERS MEETING
8:30 AM	Breakfast + Group Photo
9:30 AM	Morning Worship Program
10:45 AM	Small Groups + Pack Up
12:00 PM	Lunch
12:45 PM	Load up all vehicles
3:00 PM	Return to the Church

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES

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1. Students should not be in opposite gender rooms or private spaces including restrooms.
2. Students will have lights out and mouths off at the appointed time each night.
3. Students will be at each scheduled group time unless approved by a youth staff.
4. Students are asked to be respectful to leaders, other students, the Harvey Cedars staff, the facility, and other people's belongings.
5. Students will not enter spaces that have been reserved by groups not participating in our retreat.
6. Students will limit their use of technology and respect any leader who asks them to put it away.
7. Students will abstain from romantic interactions.
8. Students should not break the law.
9. Students may not leave the conference grounds without a leader.
10. Students cannot leave rooms before 6:30 AM without a leader's permission.
11. Students cannot swim, dive, push, or throw others off the dock.
12. No use, distribution, or possession of marijuana, tobacco, vaping, alcohol, or any other controlled substances that are illegal for minors.
13. Don't trash the rooms - help housekeeping

Your church may choose to enforce additional policies or guidelines, but please ensure that your students adhere to the above.

If any of these guidelines are broken purposefully or grossly, it will result in a phone call home and possible early pick-up.

Things to Bring

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Items to Bring – Limited to 1 backpack (for the bus) and 1 Carry-On Bag

- Warm clothes – extra pants and shirts
- Warm coat, hat, gloves, scarf
- Sneakers
- Winter boots
- Shower shoes/flip flops
- Modest Swimsuit for Pool
- Extra underwear and extra socks
- Pajamas
- Towel and wash clothes
- Soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrush & toothpaste, other toiletries.
- Medication (If applicable)
- Money for lunch on Sunday and the Snack Bar at Harvey Cedars
- Flashlight
- Bible
- Pen
- Notebook
- **NO SLEEPING BAGS** – (pillows, sheets, and blankets provided.)
- *Optional* Sport Equipment for the Gym

No electronics. Smartphones or other like electronics will be limited at discretion of the youth leaders.