

The GREAT  
ESCAPE

FEBRUARY 20-22, 2026



# WINTER REFUGE

INFORMATION PACKET

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### IMPORTANT GUIDELINES

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 stuff.
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

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

### LOCATION

Harvey Cedars Bible Conference  
12 Cedars Ave. Harvey Cedars, NJ  
Zip: 08008  
Phone: (609) 494-5689

### Things to Bring

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

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- 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.

### 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Basketball &amp; Volleyball in the Gym</li><li>Pool</li><li>Snack Bar</li><li>Polar Plunge (At Beach)</li><li>Karaoke</li><li>Tournaments</li><li>Table Games (Like Ping Pong)</li><li>Gaga Ball</li><li>College Prep/RUF Session</li><li>Senior Lounge</li></ul>
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) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Silent Disco</li><li>Laser Tag</li></ul>

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11:00 PM                    Trivia Battle  
                                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

## Meet our Speaker



**Rev. Sam Devore**  
Assistant Pastor, Redeemer Church of Montclair

Sam DeVore serves as the Assistant Pastor of Redeemer Montclair. He is a graduate of the University of Tulsa and Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary. Originally from Oklahoma, Sam has come to appreciate all the great things that the East Coast has to offer.

In his free time, he loves playing & watching sports, analyzing movies, eating good food, enjoying the outdoors, and, of course, reading theology.

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### Retreat Message Series

Sam will be giving 3 talks that are all rooted in Psalm 46:1: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." They will be entitled Refuge in our Storm, Strength in our Weakness, and Help in our Trouble. He is excited for the opportunity to point students to the goodness and sufficiency of God that is available to us in Christ.

#### Friday Night

Session 1: Refuge in our Storm

#### Saturday Evening

Session 2: Strength in our Weakness

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Sunday Morning

Session 3: Help in our Trouble