

HSM Fall Retreat FAQs

Camp Facility: Camp Willow Springs in Littleton NC

Camp Staff:

- Hope's Staff will be programming and running the camp:
 - Retreat Directors:
 - Justin Thompson (704) 213-2087
 - Jay Reynolds (724) 244-8222
- All adult volunteers are background checked and trained
- *Hope is supported by Camp Willow Springs directors and meal staff*

Housing & Assignments

- Camp is dorm styled housing with Twin sized bunk beds
- Camp Willow Springs has large cabins that house 22 people
 - There are 2 sides in each cabin with 11 beds per side
- Students are housed by same gender first and then campus and grade as possible
- Students can request 1-2 friends of the same gender they would like to room with in the registration form and we will do everything we can to room with at least one of them.
- Students will need to bring all linens for bedding: sleeping bag (or sheet and blanket) and pillow
- Housing is climate controlled with toilets and shower stalls
- All cabins will have at least 2 same gender adult leaders

Food/Meals

- Meals at camp are homemade and served family style.
- Camp can accommodate food allergies and other needs
 - Please indicate on the camp registration any food needs for your student
- Camp will provide 3 meals on Saturday and 2 on Sunday
- Students can bring snacks
- We encourage bringing a marked water bottle
 - Students will have opportunity to refill their water bottles around the camp
- **On Friday evening students will need to eat dinner before they come**

Medical

- We bring a volunteer from Hope's Trained Medical Team
- Camp provides basic first aid supplies and some OTC medications
- If there is an injury that needs additional medical attention we will call you and transport your student with 2 adults to the nearest urgent care or hospital

Medications

- **Please bring all medications in original prescription bottle or over the counter packaging**
- **All Prescription meds will be collected at check in and dispensed during camp from our medical personnel**
- If medication needs refrigeration there will be a designated refrigerator to keep in while at camp
- Prescription bottles and remaining meds will be given back to your student at lunch on Sunday to pack in their bag to return home.

Transportation

- We contract with Holiday Travel to use their 56 passenger coach buses
- We load and unload at Hope's Apex Campus- 2080 E Williams Street, Holly Springs
 - Check in at 5:00 pm on Friday, Nov 15, busses will leave by 6:00 pm
 - Returning at 3:00 pm on Sunday, Nov 17

- We assign students to buses by their housing assignments and your student's luggage will be loaded under their assigned bus
- We will have volunteers at buses to help with loading
- Once students are on their assigned bus, they cannot exit the bus without the bus captain's permission
- Hope staff and adult Leaders will travel on the buses with students

Packing

- There is limited space under buses
- Each student is limited to 1 luggage bag and 1 sleeping bundle to store under the bus
- They can bring a backpack with them on the bus
- Students will have to carry what they pack to their cabin when we arrive at camp
 - The walk from the buses to housing has gravel and grass
- Please label luggage and sleeping bags so that students can easily identify their items
- Suggested Packing List
 - Sleeping Bag or twin sheet & blanket
 - Pillow
 - Bible + Pen
 - Toiletries
 - Towels
 - Jacket or sweatshirt
 - Clothes
 - Bug Spray
 - Flashlight
 - Tennis shoes
 - Marked Water Bottle

Electronic Devices

- HSM Fall Retreat is a **NO PHONE EVENT**
 - With recent studies, we see a strong value in keeping phones at home
 - At check-in, we will ask students to give phone/ device to parents
 - If we find out a student has a phone during the retreat, we will ask them to hand in phone to our Hope Staff Retreat Directors to lock up for the duration of camp. Any phone turned in will be returned upon returning to Apex Campus on Sunday
 - In the event of emergency, you can contact any of the Hope Staff Retreat Directors
 - In the event of an emergency at the retreat, we will contact the provided emergency contact phone number
 - We will be taking pictures throughout the weekend, and you will be sent a cluster link to access those photos following the retreat