

2025 Winter Youth Retreat (WYR) Information Sheet (Keep this for your reference)

Getting Here (989 Hardin Wadesboro Rd, Hardin, KY 42048)

From South— travel approximately 10 miles north on Highway 641. Turn left on Hardin Wadesboro Road. Go 1/2 mile and turn left into The Hill (brick entrance). Follow the gravel road through the woods until you reach the retreat center.

From North – travel south on Highway 641. Travel 3/4 mile past the traffic light at the intersection of Highway 641 and Highway 402. Turn right on Hardin Wadesboro Road. Go 1/2 mile and turn left into The Hill (brick entrance). Follow the gravel road through the woods until you reach the retreat center.

When To Arrive

The retreat begins at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 17th, 2025 and will end at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 19th, 2025. Registration begins at 6:00 p.m. on Friday in the Manna House Cafeteria.

What to Wear

For the benefit of the campers and the counselors, clothing items not allowed at camp include any apparel that is disruptive to the normal operation of WYR. Clothing is to be modest and should be in good taste. The final decision on “good taste” rests with the WYR Staff. All campers are required to wear safe and appropriate footwear for each activity.

As a general guideline, tops/shirts should not display unwholesome wording or images, should not be short enough to reveal skin at the waist during normal activities and should not be cut low enough in the front or under the arms or be thin enough to be considered revealing. Shorts should be at least mid-thigh length or longer. Please don't consider this legalism—these boundaries are to protect you and others at camp.

The camp director reserves the right to send home any youth, who according to the camp director's discretion, chooses not to remedy or correct a personal item or clothing problem. If a camper is dismissed due to one of these issues, the tuition is not refundable.

What to Bring

- Pillow
- Sleeping bag or linens and blanket for a twin mattress
- Towels and washcloths
- Personal items such as soap, toothpaste, shampoo, etc.
- Casual clothing
- Notebook
- Pens or pencils
- Bible
- Reusable water bottle
- Flashlight

What Not to Bring

*For the benefit of the campers and the counselors, **personal items not allowed at WYR include** cell phones or other portable electronic communication devices, portable music or video players, tablets, computers, etc. and weapons (pocket knives, etc.) or explosives of any kind. If any of these items are brought to camp, the item will be given to a counselor and returned at the end of camp. **Campers who deliberately hide their phone in order to keep it during WYR will be sent home.** No refund will be provided.*

It is recommended that parents call the camp office at (270) 437-4172 in order to communicate with their youth if needed. The WYR staff will answer this phone directly, or check the answering machine hourly for any messages. **Cell phones will be temporarily returned to campers if a camper must communicate with family, work, or during an emergency. In case of emergency where immediate contact with your youth is required, please call Jenelle Porterfield at (615) 295-9185 or Brent Armstrong at (270) 293-1223.**

Medications

All prescription medications must be turned over to the WYR nurse at check-in. Over-the-counter medications and medications for certain conditions may be kept by the camper with WYR nurse approval. Please bring all medications in their original containers.

Zero Tolerance Policy

Campers are not permitted to leave their dormitory after lights out time without counselor supervision. Doing so will result in dismissal from WYR. Drug or alcohol use during WYR will not be tolerated and will result in dismissal from WYR. Sexual or physical harassment cannot be allowed and will result in dismissal. No refund will be given in any case where the camper deliberately disregarded WYR/camp policy.

Refund of WYR Fees

Unless a camper has been dismissed from WYR due to the above reasons, refunds for cancellation of WYR registration will be issued upon receipt of WRITTEN NOTIFICATION according to the following criteria: those received more than seven (7) days before the first day of WYR—\$70, seven (7) or less days before WYR—\$35. No refund will be provided for cancellation after the day WYR begins. In the event space does not open for someone on the waiting list a full refund will be issued.

Visitor Policy

To ensure the safety and security of camp and retreat attendees under the age of nineteen, The Hill at BASIC Training has implemented a visitor policy effective June 2021.

All our staff members and volunteers require a background check and training before participating in events designated for this age group. It would negate our efforts to ensure the safety of our campers and retreat attendees if visitors are allowed without setting guidelines. It is not our intention to initiate a rule to keep folks away. But, we take our responsibility to all event participants seriously.

No visitors are permitted during youth events except under the conditions listed below. This includes past WYR/camp participants, boyfriends and girlfriends of campers, extended family members of campers and other adults who have not applied and been approved for volunteer service on The Hill.

Permitted Visitors

1. Parents and siblings of campers may visit during camp between the hours of 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm on Saturday of WYR, provided their visit is pre-arranged with one of the camp/facility directors. A parent must accompany any camper siblings under the age of 18. Unfortunately, we cannot allow family friends or unrelated friends of campers to attend these visits.
2. Pastors and youth ministers of campers may also visit, provided arrangements are made with The Hill staff members in advance.
3. Spouses of camp teachers, camp worship leaders, and other camp volunteers are welcome to join us for meals and sessions provided the staff is made aware of the intent to participate. Again, two hours notice is required.

No camper is allowed to leave the premises with a visitor without prior approval from the camp director. If permitted to leave, the camper must check in with the WYR director upon return.

Arrangement for visits may be made by calling Jenelle Porterfield at 615-295-9185, Andrew Porterfield at 615-881-2028, Brent Armstrong at 270-293-1223, or Kim Warren at 270-832-2640.

Upon arrival at the property, all visitors must immediately check in at the Kitchen of the Manna House.