

STUDENTZ – REGISTER ONLINE AT <u>www.parkwayfamily.org</u> BY MIDNIGHT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH!!! SPOTS ARE LIMITED SO REGISTER ASAP!!! **COST** = **\$100 per student**

PARENTS/ADULTS — We will need willing adults, who are members of Parkway, who would be willing and able to serve as Adult Leaders for the Fall Retreat. An Adult Leader helps lead small group discussion, chaperone in the boxcars, and lead their boxcar groups during meal time and free time activities. If you are interested in going as an Adult Leader, or have questions as to what an Adult Leader does while at the Fall Retreat, please reach out to Pastor Mike at <u>mcamire@parkwayfamily.org</u> OR 804-639-2236!

Our Studentz Fall Retreat is HAPPENING!!!!!!!! This has been a long season for all of us and we feel that our Fall Retreat provides a great opportunity for our students to get away and shift their focus back to loving God and loving others. Many students have struggled over the last several months and we want to provide a weekend retreat experience that will help them reconnect with the Lord and reconnect with each other.

We are so excited to be heading back to Camp Willow Run September 24-26 for an awesome weekend of spiritual growth and connection! This retreat has become a catalytic event for our student ministry as we launch into a new year of ministry! Our students get to "retreat" away from the pressures and distractions of everyday life, have some fun, and focus on God and His Word along with their peers.

GUEST SPEAKER

This year we have our friend, Will Snipes, coming to be our guest speaker. Will is usually our guest speaker for our Live Love weekend. Since he was unable to join us in person for this year's Live Love, we decided to bring him in to speak to us at our Fall Retreat! Will is a middle school teacher in the town of Travelers Rest, SC. He also serves as a FUGE Camps director and pastor during the summers. Will is a highly sought after speaker and is an incredibly gifted communicator! We are excited for him to be with us and share God's Word with us!



THEME

Our theme this year is "Alive & Free" based on the Book of James.

"Alive & Free" is focused on the gospel living. As believers, our lives are to be set apart. The Christian walk should be attractive and contagious so people see the difference Christ makes and want to experience it for themselves. The call upon believers in the Book of James describes a life full of action and virtue. Throughout the weekend, we will answer questions like: Do others know by your actions that you are a professing believer? Why must we be doers of the Word and not hearers only? What do your words reveal about your heart? Do you approach life with a humble spirit? How do you respond when trials come your way? We will also explore four responses to gospel living which give us confident hope and assurance in Christ.

TRANSPORTATION - 2 OPTIONS

Obviously, with the current situation that we find ourselves in, the Fall Retreat will look a little different. One of the things that will be different is transportation to and from Camp Willow Run. Here is what we will be offering:

-OPTION 1 - CHARTER BUS - We will be renting charter buses to take us to and from Camp Willow Run.

-OPTION 2 - PERSONAL TRANSPORTATION - If you choose, students can have their parents transport them to Camp Willow Run in their personal vehicle. They can even follow the buses from the church parking lot. If this option is chosen, parents must come back and pick up their student(s) at Camp Willow Run on Sunday morning. If this option is chosen, student(s) need to be dropped off by 6:00pm at Camp Willow Run on Friday, September 24. Parents need to arrive back at CWR by 9:30am on Sunday, September 26th to pick up their student(s).

PARKWAY STUDENTZ BOXCAR OLYMPICS 2.0

We are bringing back Parkway Studentz Boxcar Olympics this year!! Each boxcar will be given a country and will compete as this country in a variety of competitions throughout the weekend to see which country will win the gold, silver, or bronze medals. These countries will represent places in the world where we have missionary partners! The competitions will be a variety of physical, non-physical, and talent competitions throughout the time we are at Camp Willow Run! This was a great addition to our Fall Retreat last year and will be a great addition to our Fall Retreat this year that will allow students in their boxcars to connect and build relationships with one another.



Again, we are super excited to be going back to Camp Willow Run to worship the Lord and grow in our relationship with Him together as a Studentz Ministry! If you have any questions about the weekend, please reach out to Pastor Mike at <u>mcamire@parkwayfamily.org</u> OR by calling 804-639-2236.

Registration is now open at <u>www.parkwayfamily.org</u>. We are asking that all students who are able to go to register NO LATER THAN 12:00 MIDNIGHT on Sunday, September 19th. SPOTS ARE LIMITED so register ASAP! This will allow us time to make final plans for the weekend with Camp Willow Run.

4 HIS Glory, Pastor Mike Camire



FROM CAMP WILLOW RUN (CWR) & YOUTH CAMPS FOR CHRIST (YCFC)

Camp Willow Run has worked very closely with their local health department and they have put several things into place to make our retreat a fun and safe experience. In fact, Camp Willow Run was able to run their summer camp program this year! We are grateful for Camp Willow Run providing a fun and safe environment for our students! With that, and in partnership with Camp Willow Run, here are some things that have been put into place for our retreat:

"The health and safety of our campers, guests, and staff are of utmost importance to us. We have worked with our local health department to comply with regulations from our state and local authorities as we developed a plan for reopening summer camp and retreats. We cannot guarantee that no one will contract COVID-19 or any type of illness while at camp. By bringing your group to camp and sending your child to camp you acknowledge and accept that risk. We recommend that those in the "high-risk" category consider not attending camp for a retreat. The following plans will be in effect for retreat season this year in order to reduce the risk to our campers, guests, and staff."

COVID-19 CHECK-IN & DAILY SCREENING (CWR & YCFC)

All campers, guests, and staff will be screened when they arrive at camp and are required to have a completed "COVID-19 Waiver and release of Legal Liability" form *(which will be sent to your email once you have registered)* to turn in at check-in.

- We will be checking the temperatures of all guests and staff as they arrive.
- If anyone has a fever of greater than 100.4°F, they will not be admitted to the retreat session and will be given a full refund. If a student is not admitted to the retreat, their parents must come and pick them up from Camp Willow Run.
- Campers, guests, and staff will have daily temperature and symptom screenings before breakfast each day once the retreat is in session. Group leaders will be responsible for the daily temperature and symptom screenings and will log the temperatures to be turned in to YCFC staff at the end of the retreat.
- Once the retreat is in session, if a guest displays COVID-like symptoms, they will be quarantined and we ask that the retreat leaders coordinate with families to be available to pick up their child with 4 hours notice if necessary.

LIMITING INTERACTIONS (CWR & YCFC)

-Camp Will Run has decreased their overall camper/guest capacity to 126 guests total.

Parkway Studentz - For our weekend, we will be the ONLY church group at CWR.

-Each boxcar will have a maximum of 9 guests (2 adults and 7 students). Guests will practice "head to toe" sleeping arrangements using designated bunks so their breathing is not directly next to each other.

-Each boxcar is considered a group. This is the group with which guests will spend the majority of their time together in the camp program.

-Boxcar groups will sit together as a group during all meal times. All meals will be served family style with food being placed on the table for each group. Food service instructions and food handling will be discussed at the beginning of the first meal.

-Boxcar groups will be physically distanced from other groups during Bible Study and general assembly sessions.

-Guests will rotate around to activities during free time on Saturday as a boxcar group. **Parkway Studentz - We assign box car assignments for students. We try our best to keep students who are the same age or close to the same age together.**

MASKS (CWR & YCFC)

-Camp staff will wear masks and appropriate PPE for check-in and check-out of guest groups. -Campers are welcome to wear a mask if they choose to do so.

HEALTH & HYGIENE (CWR & YCFC)

While we already strive for excellence in the care and cleaning of our camp facilities and the promotion of camper/guest hygiene, we recognize that COVID-19 calls for additional steps to be taken:

- Additional hand sanitizer locations have been added around camp.

- Campers will continue to be reminded to wash their hands before meals and frequently throughout the day.

- Public restrooms will be disinfected twice daily.

- High-touch areas (e.g., doors, doorknobs, faucet handles) will receive ongoing and routine cleaning and disinfection.

QUARANTINE & NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES (CWR & YCFC)

Campers, guests, and staff will be isolated for a fever above 100.4°F and/or COVID-like symptoms that cannot be attributed to another illness.

- Campers will be removed from the camp program and we ask that the retreat leaders coordinate with families to be available to pick up their child with 4 hours notice. Unfortunately, guests will not have the opportunity to return for any portion of the retreat session.

- Staff will be removed from the camp program and will not be able to return until all CDC criteria for return are met.

Group leaders, in compliance with YCFC COVID-19 guidelines, will notify parents if their child had close contact of less than 6 feet for 10 minutes or more with any person with a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19.

Group leaders, in compliance with YCFC COVID-19 guidelines, will notify all guest families by email if any positive or assumed-positive cases are identified during their retreat session.

