



EON & ENCOUNTER INFO PACKET

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WHY A RETREAT?

There is something about getting away from the usual routine that helps us better connect with God and others. Retreats have the power to help us hear from God in a new way.

FUNDRAISING

In order to offset the cost of this retreat, we are relying on students to help with a fundraising event. We'll be doing a Parents' Night Out on the evening of Friday, December 21st and Eon/Encounter students who want to attend the retreat will be required to help that evening as volunteers. Students (and parents if possible!) will be able to sign up for volunteer shifts. More information on the fundraising will be sent out to those who register for the trip.

If you are unable to attend the fundraising event, please let a leader know and we will connect you with another fundraising option.

WHO'S GOING?

This event is open to all current 6th-12th grade students and Eon and Encounter leaders. Parent leaders are welcome and we have 10 open parent spots, but priority for additional leader spots goes to our current Eon and Encounter leaders. All leaders will be required to pass a background check.

WHAT'S THE THEME?

Our theme this year is Woven!

"I want you woven into a tapestry of love, in touch with everything there is to know of God." – Colossians 2:2 (MSG)

SPEAKER & BAND

Rev. Samuel Yun of Embrace Church in San Diego, CA

The Elias Drummer Band (former lead singer of The City Harmonic);

NyK P, Spoken Word Artist

HOW DO I SIGN-UP?

Sign up online at:

experiencecc.com/winterretreat. Registration is open, and the deadline for registration is January 27th!

\$50 non-refundable deposit is due at time of registration. Balance must be paid in full by January 27th.

All Payments are non-refundable unless otherwise approved by church staff.

I HAVE QUESTIONS WHO DO I CONTACT?

Middle School: Savut Som

- eon@experiencecc.com

High School: Amanda Keener

- amanda.experiencecc@gmail.com

Woodbury: Chad Christian

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Opryland Hotel: 615-889-1000

RETREAT SNAPSHOT & GUIDELINES

Early Price — \$125 until Jan 6th
Late Price — \$150 until Jan 27th

Cost includes:

Retreat ticket fee, lodging, Friday dinner, all breakfasts, transportation, trip t-shirt.

FRIDAY DEPARTURE

Please arrive at The Experience Murfreesboro campus Student Center between 4-4:30p for check in. We will load the buses soon after.

ROOMING

Students will be in rooms of four people (same gender). There will be a very strict policy of not going into an opposite gender room. If a student is in violation of that rule (or otherwise loses the privilege of being on the retreat), a parent will be responsible for coming to pick up the student to take them home.

At time of registration, students can request which other students they want to room with. We can't make guarantees that all requests will be granted but we will do our best!

MUST HAVES IN ORDER TO BOARD

Completed online registration form
Up to date Experience waiver (you need a new wavier for 2019 even if you filled one out in 2018). You can find the waiver at experiencecc.com/winterretreat.

Payment: Early Price- \$125 until January 6th
Late Price- \$150 until January 27th

SUNDAY RETURN

On Sunday February 3rd, please arrange for someone to be at the church by 1:30pm for pick up. Students will contact their rides if that time drastically changes.

RETREAT RULES

1. Respect leaders, hotel staff, retreat staff, other students, and yourself.
2. No guys in girl's rooms and vice versa.
3. Alcohol, tobacco, drugs and weapons are absolutely prohibited.
4. Everyone must be in their rooms by the designated "In Room Time".
5. Follow the schedule. Be where you are supposed to be when you are supposed to be there.
6. Respect the Opryland property.
7. No practical jokes or pranks – violators will be sent home.
8. Follow the clothing guidelines.

RETREAT SNAPSHOT & GUIDELINES CONT.

WHY DO WE HAVE A DRESS CODE?

At the core of our dress code is a desire to honor God and each other. We want everyone to be comfortable, and want to create an environment that will uplift everyone we come across. *John 13:35; Ephesians 5:3*

CLOTHING GUIDELINES

Acceptable:

- Experience Church T-shirts
- Plaid Suits
- Fedoras
- Encounter sunglasses
- Tacky Dresses
- Feather Boas
- Elbow-length gloves
- Suspenders
- Temporary Tattoos
- Christmas hats
- Animal Feet Slippers

Unacceptable:

- Short Shorts
- Exposed belly buttons
- Sagging Pants
- Bikinis
- Miniskirts
- Spaghetti Straps
- Low Cut Tops
- Yoga pants
- Muscle shirts/cut shirts
- Clothing with graphics or words that do not honor Jesus

PACKING LIST

Essentials and Strongly Recommended:

- Seasonably appropriate clothing
- Pajamas
- Winter coat/hat/gloves if needed
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Toiletries
- Medications if needed *(high school students can be responsible for their own meds; middle school students need to turn in meds to a leader at time of drop-off)
- Bible, notebook, pen
- Modest one-piece swimsuit for indoor pool (time to swim isn't guaranteed due to pool hours)

- Money for 3 fast-food meals (\$25 recommended)
- Extra spending money (optional)

Do **NOT** Bring:

- Alcohol, tobacco, non-prescription drugs
- Fireworks or weapons
- Valuables that could get lost, stolen, or damaged
- Anything that could stand between you and what God has planned for you

FRIDAY, FEB 1	LOCATION	TIME
Opryland Check-In	Cascade Lobby	Opens 3:00PM
WnW Group Check-In	Delta Mezzanine - Bayou D	5:30PM
Sacred Space Open	Delta Mezzanine - Bayou E	6:00PM
Doors Open	GOEC	7:00PM
Gathering #1	GOEC	8:00-10:00PM
Late Night	Delta Mezzanine - Bayou A-D	8:00-10:00PM
WnW Guests in Rooms	Delta Mezzanine - Bayou A-D	12:00AM

SATURDAY, FEB 2	LOCATION	TIME
Sacred Space Open	Delta Mezzanine - Bayou E	8:00AM
WnW Group Check-In	Delta Portico Lobby	8:00AM
Workshops - Red Grp	Delta Mezzanine / Delta Island	9:00AM - 10:50AM
Session 1	Delta Mezzanine / Delta Island	9:00AM - 9:45AM
Session 2	Delta Mezzanine / Delta Island	10:05AM - 10:50AM
Gathering #2 - Yellow Grp	GOEC	Open at 8:15am
Workshops - Yellow Grp	Delta Mezzanine / Delta Island	11:10AM - 1:00PM
Session 1	Delta Mezzanine / Delta Island	11:10AM - 11:55AM
Session 2	Delta Mezzanine / Delta Island	12:15PM - 1:00PM
Gathering #2 - Red Grp	GOEC	Open at 10:45am
Lunch Break	Location of Your Choice	1:00PM
WnW's Got Talent	GOEC	3:20PM
Dinner Break	Location of Your Choice	5:15PM
Doors Open	GOEC	7:00PM
Gathering #3	GOEC	8:00PM - 10:00PM
Late Night	Delta Mezzanine - Bayou A-D	10:20PM - 11:30PM
WnW Guests in Rooms	Hotel Rooms	12:00AM

SATURDAY, FEB 3	LOCATION	TIME
Doors Open	GOEC	9:15AM
Gathering #4	GOEC	10:00AM - 11:45AM
Opryland Check-Out	Cascade Lobby	12:00AM