

WINTERFEST 2026

GENERAL OVERVIEW

This is the second year for Grace Students that we will gather in Pigeon Forge Tennessee for Winterfest Conference. This will be an unforgettable experience for your student. This 3 day weekend experience will be filled with fellowship, worship services, and time in the mountains. We ask that you would you pray for the student ministry as we enter into this unforgettable weekend.

GENERAL INFO

- Transportation will be provided for the entire weekend. You will just have to drop off and pick your student up from the church according to the schedule provided.
- The money paid for the trip covers the conference ticket, transportation, lodging, breakfasts and dinner.
- The only thing that it does not cover are lunches for the 3 days and any extra money that they want to spend. \$50 - \$75 would be an adequate amount to send with your student on this trip
- We will be staying in one, very large, cabin that is fully furnished that can accommodate our group. This cabin has 3 floors which will have our girls on the top floor, adult leaders on the middle floor, and our boys will be on the bottom floor to maintain accountability for you student.
- There is also an indoor pool that will have dedicated swim times for the guys and girls separately.
- We have 9 total adult leaders/pastors going on this trip who will be pouring into and leading your students that weekend.
- Most of our adult leaders have students who will be going on the trip and are highly experienced at out of state/overnight trips.

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SCHEDULE

FRIDAY 3/6

10:00AM: Check in at Grace
10:30AM: Depart from Grace
1:00PM: Lunch stop
4:00PM: Arrive at Pigeon Forge
7:00PM: Worship Service

SUNDAY 3/8

9:00AM: Worship Service
11:30AM: Depart
1:00PM: Lunch Stop
5:00PM: Arrive at Grace

SATURDAY 3/7

10:00AM: Worship Service
12:30PM: Lunch Break
1:30PM: Activities
7:00PM: Worship Service

WHAT TO BRING

CLOTHES

Travel Comfy Clothes
4 Worship Service outfits
2-3 Causal Outfits
Bathing Suit

TOILETRIES

Personal Hygiene Items (Soap, Shampoo, Body Wash, Deodorant)

2 extra towels

Extra Blanket

EXTRAS

Bible
Board Games
Video Games
Outdoor Games

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OTHER FAQ'S

- Where are you going and what is the purpose of this trip?
• We are traveling and staying overnight in Pigeon Forge, TN. The purpose of this trip is spiritual growth, and fellowship. Our goal is for students to encounter God, grow in community, and return strengthened in their faith
- Who is supervising my student?
- All students are supervised by vetted, background-checked adult leaders from Grace Fellowship. Your student's safety and spiritual care are our top priorities.
- How are students transported?
- Students will travel via rental vans. Drivers are approved adults with valid licenses and we will follow a preplanned route with scheduled rest stops.
- How are meals handled?
- Meals are provided through local fast food chains and local restaurants (Chic-fil-a, Pizza, Donuts) Ect. If your student has food allergies, please notify us in advance.
- Can my students bring snacks?
- YES! There will also be plenty of snacks in the cabin as well for students to have throughout the weekend.
- How will I communicate with my student?
- Students may bring phones. We do encourage students to stay engaged in the event rather than constantly texting. For urgent needs, parents may contact Pastor Taylor directly at 757-876-7519.
- How can I follow updates during the trip?
- We will provide updates through: Text-in-Church and thought our Instagram (gracestudentathens)

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TO CONCLUDE

Parents, Thank you for trusting us with your student. I don't take that lightly. These trips are more than travel — they are intentional moments where students step away from routine, lean into community, and often hear God in a fresh way. My heart is always the same: that every student feels known, safe, and spiritually challenged. We will lead with wisdom, and care — but also with faith, believing God will do something meaningful in their lives. If you ever have questions or concerns, please reach out to me directly. I'm here for you just as much as I'm here for your student. We're expectant for what God is going to do.

Pastor Taylor Rocheleau

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