

Dear Families of Middle and High School Students,

I am very much looking forward to our Winter Camp Retreat coming up at Black Diamond Camps. We will have the chance to share a weekend of refreshment, adventure, drawing closer to Jesus, worship, and friendship together. Here are all the details you need:

1. Schedule

- Friday, January 17 – 6:00pm – Check in at BCC Green Lake CLC. Students should eat before arriving or bring a sack dinner with them.
- Retreat time! We'll be spending our time connecting, enjoying incredible activities (archery tag, swimming, gaga ball, drift trikes, and more), learning from scripture and in small groups, worshipping, and enjoying great food at Black Diamond Camps.
- Sunday, January 19 – 3:30pm – Parent meeting in CLC Youth Room (upstairs)
 - Students arrive back at church at end of parent meeting at 4pm

2. What to Bring

- See packing list on the second page of this letter. A big piece: this will be an “unplugged” weekend, meaning students are not allowed to bring cell phones, or any other electronic devices.

3. Forms and payment

- After signing up through the church's MyBethany system (find the link at churchbcc.org/greenlakeyouth), there are *three* other important parts of our sign-up process. Each of these pieces are available in the conformation email you receive immediately after signing up for camp.
 - One: Submitting the detailed participation and health form. Students need this form submitted once per school year (this form is for Summer 2019 – Spring 2020; students who attended summer camp in 2019 already have completed this).
 - Two: A short online waiver from Black Diamond Camps.
 - Three: Online payment to the church. The cost is \$190 and includes transportation between Bethany Green Lake and Black Diamond Camp, all meals, lodging, activities, and program. Please contact me with scholarship needs—we don't want finances to prevent anyone from joining!
- Please contact lauren@churchbcc.org with any questions about these registration steps, or if you need any links or forms sent again.

4. Emergency Contact

- Contact Brian Valley at (253) 389-5038, Chris Lyons at (360) 703-7971, or Lishi Chun at (808) 286-8748. The camp's phone number is (253) 939-0488.

Please pray for our weekend together, that we have a safe and fun time growing in faith in Jesus and in friendship with one another. We will see you on the 17th at 6pm, and then at the parent meeting at 3:30pm on Sunday the 19th!

We are thankful for your support and please be in touch with any questions.

Joyfully,
Brian Valley, Director of Youth Ministry
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Packing List

- Sack dinner for drive on Friday, or eat before coming
 - Rain jacket
 - Active shoes that can get dirty
 - Warm clothing
 - Water bottle labeled with name
 - Toiletries
 - Swimwear & towel (heated indoor pool)
 - Bible, pen, notebook
 - Flashlight
 - The camp will provide bedding, sheets, bath towels, and food.
- Please *do not* bring drugs, alcohol, knives, weapons, tobacco or vaping products, expensive things that could get lost or damaged

****A note about cell phones:** please have your students leave their phones at home. This will be a tech un-plugged weekend, and we will collect any phones that students choose to use during the retreat. This will stretch some students—we believe in good ways! If you need to contact your student in case of emergency, please see information above.

***All prescription or over-the-counter medication will be checked in.**

All medications (prescription and over-the-counter [OTC]), need to come in the original container bottle. Please turn in only the number of pills (doses) that the student will need at camp.

- Example: If the student takes a Melatonin at night to sleep, then please turn in the bottle of Melatonin you bought at the store, but only send 4 pills in that bottle.
- If it's an OTC med, please write the child's name on the bottle.
- The medications for your child should be put in a ziploc bag with their name on it.