

Spring Retreat Rules

None of these rules are intended to put a damper on our fun this weekend, but to keep every safe and keep the environment joyful.

- No crossing cabin areas: Girls may not enter boys cabin area; Boys may not enter girls cabin area. (With the exception of emergency situations)
- Students may not enter the kitchen, house, shed, pool house, or other staff areas unless given direct permission by a staff member.
- Students may not enter the thick woods or leave the Camp Smiling Acres property.
- Students may not venture off on their own. Inform a staff member any time you need to leave the designated area for the current activity. This includes going to the cabin area or bathhouse during free time.
- For an unplugged weekend experience, students will turn in all electronic devices. We are on this retreat to grow our relationships with God and each other, to connect to nature, and to take a refreshing break from the anxiety and stress brought on by social media. Staff will have access to devices for emergencies.
- Students must turn in all medications to be managed by Mrs. Jenny.
- Drugs, alcohol, weapons, fighting, and bullying are strictly prohibited and can result in termination of your stay at this retreat.

- Our focus for the weekend is worshipping God and building relationships with our Christian friends. Public displays of affection between couples are prohibited.
- Students must always keep shoes on and clothes modest. If a staff member deems a student's clothing immodest, we will request that you change to meet our standards. Failure to comply can result in disciplinary action up to termination of your stay.
- Keep time in cabins and bathhouse during free time to a minimum. We are here to worship God, have fun, enjoy one another, and spend time in nature. Free time will be in public areas and not in the cabins.
- One on one time between an adult and a student is prohibited in closed/private areas. One on one conversations can take place in open view/public areas.
- Be respectful of authorities. We all know each other as friends, and we may have some staff and campers who are close in age. The college staff may feel like your peers, but here they are not. This weekend, our staff is your authority. Please be respectful and obedient of their authority when asking you to follow our rules.
- If you are having an issue with a college staff member, please privately take your concern to an adult staff member for them to address. If you are having an issue with an adult staff member, please privately take your concern to Mrs. Christine for her to address.

- You are not the only ones who have to follow rules. Here are some rules our staff members have all agreed to follow in order to keep you safe:
- We will keep phones near us for emergencies but will not be on them unless needed.
- We will not be alone with a student in an enclosed environment. Any one-on-one conversations with students may be held in an open space, such as the small pavilion, the bob, etc.
- We will never, under any circumstances, use physical punishments towards our students.
- Any conflicts between staff members will be mediated by our director and will not be shown in front of the students.
- We will be here with a listening ear for any concerns you may have and are willing to be mediators in any student conflicts.