

Great Gain

Youth Winter Retreat 2026

Packing List:

Questions or Concerns:

Ronnie's Phone: 903-461-2246

- Good attitude and a smile!
- Your Bible with real, paper pages (no phones during worship)
- A pen and/or a pencil
- Sleeping Bag or Blankets and Pillow, (Air Mattress, Cot, etc. for Saturday Night)
- Clothes for The Weekend
 - Clothes for Sunday Morning
 - Play Clothes
 - Appropriate sleepwear
 - Dress for the weather as some activities will be outside
 - Closed-toed shoes for playing games outside
- Toiletries (toothpaste, soap, deodorant, etc.)
- Towels and Wash Cloth
- Flashlight
- Bring snacks to share at the house and at the retreat (no food in the bunk rooms).

Saturday Jan. 17th

5:30pm—Meet at Emory Baptist Church for supper (hamburgers) and kickoff event

6:15pm—Opening session & games

7:15pm—Head to Host Homes

8:00pm—Bible Study at Host Homes

11:30pm—Lights Out

Sunday Jan 18th

8:30am—Breakfast at Emory Baptist

9:15am—Sunday School

10:30am—Worship at Emory Baptist

12:00pm—Lunch at Emory Baptist

1:00pm—Leave for Akiva

1:00pm-9:00pm—Various Activities

9:00pm—Blacklight Dodgeball

11:30pm—Lights out

Monday Jan 19th

8:00am—Breakfast

9:00am—Worship Session

10:00am—Carpet Ball, Games, Gym, Gaga Ball, Etc.

12:00pm—Lunch

1:00pm—Youth Group Games

2:00pm—Organized Games

4:00pm—Pass out Shirts, Group Pic, Clean, & Pack

5:00pm—Worship Session/Leave after lesson

Winter Retreat Rules and Guidelines

1. Engage with the group and choose to participate!
 2. Respect other student's property and personal space. Every sponsor is your sponsor, please listen.
 3. No girls in guys' dorm or guys in girls' dorm.
 4. No PDA (public displays of affection)
 5. Follow school dress code. If you're asked to change clothes, please change. Any sleepwear worn in common spaces needs to follow school dress code
 6. Refrain from using cell phones during public gathering times. Disengage from your device & engage with others on the retreat.
 6. All students and leaders must be in their dorms by 11:00pm.
 7. You Must Attend All Services while at Akiva
- If you're leaving for any part of the day on Monday, please text me ASAP and tell me when you're leaving and who is picking you up.
6. Keep the spaces clean, throw away trash
 7. Always be with a group when going places. Don't just wander around by yourselves.