

Dear Parents of Middle School Students,

At Ada Christian School, we are blessed to partner with you in discipling God's children. One of the unique ways that we begin to accomplish this is through our annual middle school spiritual retreat. At this year's retreat, our focus is to help students recognize the wonders of God's creation and how that helps us understand and relate to our Creator himself. Our goal is that students will both be inspired and recognize their privilege and responsibility to tell about the wonders of Creation's King.



For many years, the spiritual retreat has been a blessing to our ACS community - for both students and faculty alike. We are excited about the opportunity to continue to build this meaningful tradition. We invite you to join us in prayer for God's presence and power to work in and through us - spirit, soul, and body - as we devote this day to deepening our commitment to becoming disciples of Christ as a middle school community.

Information about ACS Spiritual Retreat 2016

Date: Friday, September 9, 2016 at Camp O'Malley in Alto, MI

Times: Homeroom begins at ACS at 8:00am - Parent pick up from ACS at 6:30pm

Each student should bring ALL of the following:

- great attitude and willingness to participate
- Bible
- spiral notebook and pen/pencil
- sack lunch labeled with name
- water bottle labeled with name
- clothes to stay warm/cool/dry: we will be outside and active all day - rain or shine!

Students are asked to bring their own sack lunch, but dinner and snacks throughout the day will be provided by the Middle School Support Council.

Please fill out the attached permission slip to give your child permission to participate in this year's retreat at Camp O'Malley. This form must be returned to the student's homeroom teacher by **Wednesday, August 31**.

IMPORTANT: If you need to pick your child up from Camp O'Malley for any reason, please contact Mrs. Westrate ahead of time. On the day of the retreat, you will need to sign out with Mrs. Westrate in person before you leave with your child.

If you have any questions, please email hwestrate@adachristian.org.

Thank you for your support and prayers surrounding this special day!

Heather Westrate

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_____ (Student name) has my permission
to participate in the Ada Christian Middle School Spiritual Retreat at Camp O'Malley.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Questions? Contact Heather Westrate at hwestrate@adachristian.org