

## Information re: the 2019 Confirmation Retreat

**Location:** St. Leonard's Retreat Center  
076 Case Rd North, Avon, OH

**Dates:** January 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>st</sup>, 2019

**Start Time:** 1:00pm 1/26 (**drop off at St. Leonard's Retreat Center in Avon**)

**End Time:** After 12pm mass, 1/27 (**Pick up @ Holy Spirit**)

Students will each have their own bed within a larger dorm. There are two separate dorms total, one for boys, another for girls. Please note that all the beds at the Retreat Center are bunk beds. Each dormitory also has its own large bathroom with multiple shower stalls and sinks.

### What students should bring:

- **Their Confirmation journals**
- change of clothes (we recommend comfortable), clothes/shoes for going outside (weather permitting), clothes for mass, pajamas/clothes to sleep in
- personal items (toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.)
- shower supplies (shampoo, towel, etc., might want to consider a pair of flip flops)
- a sleeping bag or blanket and sheets (the mattresses at St. Leonard's are twin sized)
- pillow
- any necessary medications
- any non-electronic games should your student prefer (Ex: "Apples to Apples", "Exploding Kittens", cards, etc.)
- Students with the last name A-M: Any kind of snack-chips, oreos, cookies, etc.
- Students with the last name N-Z: Canned pop

### What students should not bring:

Tablets, electronics, weapons of any kind, alcohol/drugs, and **phones** (see below).

During this weekend, cell phones will be collected. This is a common practice among area youth groups to encourage increased interaction with peers present at the retreat and reduce distraction. I remember times as a high school retreat participant myself when I was fearful of giving up my phone due to awareness of its cost (and this was an "ancient" flip phone!). This is certainly understandable, which is why I am giving you notice ahead of time so that you may make arrangements for your teen's phone to be left at home if you or he/she would prefer. Otherwise, the team and I will work to make sure that any cell phones collected will be kept in a safe place for the duration of the weekend. Should you need to contact your child during the weekend I will have **my cell** on me, the number to which is **(440) 521-1876**.

We will be serving dinner and (lots of) snacks on Saturday 1/26 and brunch Sunday 1/27. Please let me know or have your teen inform me ahead of time if he or she has any dietary needs/allergies we have not been previously made aware of (on the emergency form). We will try to accommodate to the best of our ability.

Any further questions, feel free to contact Sarah Hamski, Youth Minister, at [shamski@holyspiritavonlake.org](mailto:shamski@holyspiritavonlake.org) or through the parish at (440) 933-3777 x221