

## Montreat Information and Guidelines 2021

The Knox youth group has the privilege of traveling to Montreat and the responsibility of behaving in such manner as will show gratitude to those sending us and encourage them to continue this great program into the future. The youth group is able to take trips, because the youth behave in a responsible manner. All youth participating in the trip are expected to demonstrate a Christian attitude consistent with the values of the Knox Youth Group, and in behavior and language they must demonstrate a respect for others, their space, and belongings.

**Departure/Arrival** Please be on time for departure. Be at Knox at 7 a.m. on June 13 for departure. Return to Knox around 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 19. We will have the youth call you on their cell phones (if they don't have one, the advisors will provide one) about 2 hours prior to arrival with an exact time of arrival. Please make sure that they know how to contact you at that time.

**Contact Information** If a parent needs to contact an adult chaperone at Montreat, call David Annett at (513)477-9723. There is no direct line to the Winsborough (the building where we are staying) at Montreat. Do not expect to hear from your youth very often. There is one telephone at the Winsborough, and a few phones in the Assembly Inn. We will encourage the youth to call at least once while we are gone.

**Packing Limits** When they are packing, youth need to keep in mind that they will need to carry all luggage and belongings up several long staircases.

One large bag, one carry-on, one small fan, one pillow

Guitars may be taken – acoustic only. No electric.

Students under 18 are not permitted to carry their own prescription or non-prescription medications. All medications must be given to the advisors.

**What to Pack:** Casual clothes following the guidelines below. You will need nicer clothes for the Communion service during the conference. At all other times, dress is casual. You will want to bring an extra pair of shoes, rain gear or umbrella, and a Bible.

**DO NOT PACK:** laptops, lighters, matches, fireworks, water guns, water balloons, laser pointers, knives (including pocket knives), silly string,

alcohol, cigarettes, any kind of weapon, gummy vitamins or any kind of medicine (give all medicine to the advisors)

- Appropriate Attire** These are the guidelines for the Montreat Conference Center: No strapless, no spaghetti straps, no halters, no bare midriffs, nothing low cut. No clothing with inappropriate advertising or anything which insults or degrades any person or group of people. No short or tight shorts. Underwear should be worn, but not seen. Knox advisors and the Montreat Conference staff maintain the right to determine whether attire is appropriate.
- Fire Safety** In case of fire – leave the building by the closest exit and meet on the road in front of the Winsborough; assemble by advisor groups.
- Mountain Safety** Youth must be accompanied by an adult advisor if they would like to climb the mountain. Youth must be on time for departure for the Saturday sunrise hike up the mountain or they will not be permitted to go for safety reasons.
- Attendance** All keynotes, worship services, small groups, back home group meetings and meals are required. Youth are expected to get enough sleep to participate in all conference activities.
- Small Group** In the rare event that a youth has a problem with his/her small group, the youth must explain the situation to his/her advisor. The advisor will take appropriate action to try to rectify the situation. Youth are not permitted to skip small group.
- Cell Phones** We recognize that many youth will bring cell phones to Montreat; certainly youth are welcome to bring them, but you should know that is often difficult to get reception. The Montreat Conference center asks that youth not bring cell phones, ipads, or any similar device to any conference activity. Youth are expected to leave these devices in the dormitory during all conference activities. If parents would like to establish a time to call their child(ren), we recommend that you do that during mealtimes (7:30 – 8:30 a.m., noon – 1:00 p.m., 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.). There will be other times during the day when youth will have some free time to call you, but those times vary depending on the day of the week. **If a youth uses a phone, ipad, etc. during any conference activity, it will be confiscated by an advisor and will be returned to a parent after we return to Cincinnati.** If a cell phone is confiscated, the youth will call his/her parents to let them know that this has happened, and parents can then contact the youth through an advisor.

<b>Curfew</b>	All youth must be inside the building no later than 10:00pm. The town has a curfew for all minors. Failure to abide by the curfew can result in police fines and expulsion from the conference.
<b>Back Home Meetings</b>	Every evening a back home group meeting will be held at 10:00. Most evenings the meeting will end by 11, so that youth needing sleep may go to bed then.
<b>Visiting</b>	This year, there is no visitation in rooms. Individual rooms are places where youth may take off masks and thus need to be isolated spaces.
<b>Bathrooms</b>	For the same reason as above, please only use your own assigned bathrooms this year.
<b>Clean-up</b>	All youth are expected to help maintain a clean environment by promptly disposing of trash, and picking up after themselves. The advisors are not responsible for cleaning up after youth.
<b>Quiet Time</b>	Quiet time will be observed each night beginning at 11:00 or after back home meetings conclude.
<b>Discipline</b>	<p>Options for dealing with inappropriate behavior if talking doesn't work: youth must spend free time or meal with an advisor, youth must check in with an advisor every two hours, youth must be accompanied to all activities by an advisor, youth must write a letter of apology. If a youth repeatedly behaves in an inappropriate way, the youth must call home and tell his/her parents that s/he is at risk of being sent home. <b>Parents are responsible to pick up youth who are excluded for bad behavior.</b></p> <p>Some offenses are more serious and can result in immediate expulsion from the trip. Such behaviors include: drug or alcohol possession or use, cigarette possession or smoking, sex, behavior dangerous to self or others, serious destruction of property or theft, jumping or swimming in lake, or violation of the town curfew.</p>