

Greetings from Black Rock Retreat!

We are excited to announce that **Black Rock Retreat will once again be hosting 2 youth retreats for the 2009 & 2010 winter season!** First, our annual **Jr. High Winter Retreat will be held on December 27-29, 2009 for anyone in 6th-8th grade.** This event conveniently falls between Christmas and New Year's, providing an exciting opportunity for some fun during Christmas break! We are also proud to host the **THIRD ANNUAL Sr. High Winter Retreat from February 12-14, 2010 for anyone in 9th-12th grade!** This weekend promises the same high energy experience of Teen Week during summer camp with a wintertime twist! You won't want to miss out on this exciting opportunity! Registration for both retreats will be held from 6-7pm on the first night of the retreat. The retreats will end at 1:00pm on the last day of the retreat, and campers may be dropped off and picked up at Oakwood Chapel.

Your group is invited to join us for some exhilarating winter fun! We'll provide the games, activities, program, speaker, music, worship, food, lodging, entertainment, and staff! All you have to do is come and enjoy! Maybe some of your students have already been to Black Rock as a summer camper or with your group for a retreat. Here's a chance to do something new and add some great memories to your Black Rock experience! Our motto at Black Rock is, "To Know Christ and Make Him Known!" It is our desire that every aspect of these retreats will do just that!

All youth leaders are welcome too! This is a great opportunity to come and just spend some quality time with the students you minister to while we take care of all the work! Maybe there's someone in your youth group that you've really wanted to sit down and talk to, but just haven't been able to find the uninterrupted time to do it. Perhaps you're so busy with the planning and administration required for implementing your own events that you don't really get to enjoy them yourself and spend much quality time with your students. This could be a wonderful chance to deepen some relationships and have a blast doing it...without the stress of leading a retreat!

Enclosed you will find an informational flyer, registration forms, health screening forms, and a group roster. The flyer may be posted anywhere for informational purposes to let everyone know about this exciting opportunity. Please feel free to make as many copies of each of these documents as you want and distribute them as needed. Fees and times are found on the flyer, and additional registration information is located on the registration form. There are different registration forms for participants registering with a group or as individuals, so be sure to use the right one!

Group leaders should submit the enclosed group roster, individual registrations, and full payment for your entire group by the REGISTRATION DEADLINE: December 18, 2009 for the Jr. High Winter retreat and February 1, 2010 for the Sr. High Winter retreat. Spaces are limited and we strongly recommend submitting your registrations well in advance of the deadline! A confirmation will be sent to you after we receive your registrations and roster.

Group rates are available for a group of 8 or more participants, but discounts do not apply to adult leaders. Any group of 8 or more campers will receive 1/3 off the registration fee per person! Additionally, bring a group of 16 or more and one adult leader can come for free! The group discount also guarantees that your group will be housed together, though there may be other participants in a cabin with you. **Groups with less than 8 participants may still attend**, but will not be guaranteed that they will all have lodging together. Please note that similar discounts may not be offered in future years.

If you can't put together a group, but know of individuals who would like to come...send them anyway! We'll have plenty of our own staff to serve as "counselors" and spend the retreat with them. Their goal is to personally serve in any way they can! Don't forget the *Special Offer* for individual registrants: **If you bring a friend, you may both receive \$15 off the registration fee!**

We truly hope you will give us the opportunity to serve you through these exciting events. Please feel free to contact us if you have further questions or would like more registration flyers, or visit us on the web at www.blackrockretreat.com. Oh yeah...don't forget to pray for snow!

Seeking Him,

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