

BCOC Beach Retreat 2026 FAQs

1. When and where?

- September 4-7, 2026 (Labor Day Weekend!)
- Laguna Beach Christian Retreat Center–20016 Front Beach Rd Panama City Beach, FL 32413

2. How do I sign up?

- **REGISTER HERE:**
<https://onrealm.org/BCOC/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=YWNINTQ0NGYtNWU1NS00ZDhILWJmNjEtYjNkYTAxMTM0Y2Rj>
- Secure your spot by registering online through Realm and paying a nonrefundable deposit (roughly 30% of the final cost per person). If you need help registering online, you can [reach out to Lindsey Bloodworth](#), meet with her during Coffee Fellowship, or contact the church office.
- **Why is the deposit nonrefundable?**
 - i. The church pays a deposit to Laguna in order to secure our rooms. After March 1, 2026 we are required to pay 100% of the spaces we have secured in advance, and your deposits ensure we have enough cash on hand to cover that cost.
- **What if I need to cancel?**
 - i. If you find you cannot make the event, please talk to Kelsey and Paxton Vaughn, the Associate Pastor of Christian Formation. We may have people on the wait list that could take your spot!.

3. How much does it cost? What are the payment deadlines?

- Church Members:
 - i. \$195 per adult
 - ii. \$145 per Youth/child (ages 5-18 years)
 - iii. \$30 per young child (Infant-4 years)
- Non-Church Members
 - i. \$245 Non-Member Adult
 - ii. \$185 Non-Member Child
 - iii. \$30 per young child (Infant-4 years)
- A 30% deposit per person is due upon registration.
- Please plan to make your payment in full by March 1 or make payment arrangements. You may make payments through August 1.
- Please notify Kelsey McClure of your plan to pay in installments so that we can secure your spot.
- All trips must be paid in full by August 1 so that the church can cover our financial obligations to Laguna

4. Why is the final cost due so early when the retreat isn't until September?

- Per our contract with Laguna, we are liable to pay 100% of all costs associated with our trip after March 1. The church is significantly financially obligated at this point, so we need to know in advance if we will need to cancel any lodging units!

5. How do I set up a payment plan?

- Please talk to Kelsey McClure about your preferred payment schedule, to be paid in full by August 1.
- You can login to Realm, click on your registration, and make additional payments toward your Beach Retreat trip at any time!

6. Are scholarships available?

- **YES! Full and partial scholarships are available to members of Baptist Church of the Covenant.** Please reach out to Kelsey McClure or Paxton Vaughn, Associate Pastor for Christian Formation and let them know you need financial assistance.

7. How can I donate to the scholarship fund?

- Thanks for your willingness to help other folks attend this retreat! If you would like to assist with providing scholarships, you can donate through Realm or by dropping a check in the offering plate with "Beach Retreat Scholarships" in the memo line.
- **Give online:** <https://onrealm.org/BCOC/-/form/give/now> (Choose "Beach Retreat Scholarships" in the drop down menu)
- Please send any questions regarding these donations to Kelsey McClure

8. Which meals are included?

- 7 meals are included– All meals Saturday and Sunday and breakfast Monday.
- In order to keep costs lower, BCOC will be making our own meals!
- Every adult and youth, who is able, takes a turn with meal set-up or clean-up! Kids are welcome to assist and learn alongside a parent.

9. Why might there be a wait list?

- We secured lodging for roughly 90-100 people.
- Once those spots are taken, we will try our best to secure extra lodging with Laguna and will pull from the wait list in order to fill those spaces.
- It is VITAL that you register NOW so that we ensure we have space for you!

10. How do room assignments work?

- Laguna has mostly single (bunk) and double beds with bathrooms in each room. **ALL rooms have a kitchenette with refrigerator.** We encourage you to find a family to share with in order to give our committee the most room assignment options. We prioritize housing for church members first.

- Some accommodations we have secured will require multiple families sharing space (with separate bathrooms and changing areas) like in previous years.

11. Are linens included?

- No. You may choose to pay for your own linens for an additional **\$20 per linen set** upon registering. This includes sheets, pillows, blankets, and towels.
- You can still bring your own linens if you choose.

12. What amenities will my room have?

- ALL rooms have a refrigerator, microwave, and kitchenette.
- There are bathrooms in each room. Some larger suites have two bathrooms.

13. What if I want to stay off campus but would like to join for events and meals?

- We'd love to have you even if you will be staying off campus!! You can pay the \$60 off site fee.

14. Will the church provide a rental van?

- No. The church will not be providing transportation to Laguna. If you desire to attend Beach Retreat and need a ride to Laguna, you will need to arrange your own transportation there and back with other church members.

15. What if I want to stay an extra night?

- You will need to arrange and pay for an extra night's stay individually with Laguna. The church will not make these arrangements.

16. What will the schedule look like?

- We are still working on programming, but this retreat will continue to prioritize opportunities for intergenerational community, dialogue, fun, rest, and deepening relationships.
- We will continue our tradition of Sunday evening worship on the beach!
- If you have programming ideas, or a beloved tradition you want to ensure continues, reach out to Lindsey Bloodworth or Paxton Vauggn with those details.

17. What are the rules of the retreat center?

- No alcohol
- No pets
- No water balloons or large squirt guns
- No smoking in rooms
- No loud noises after 10:00 pm
- No skateboarding, biking, or scooters on sidewalks
- All guests must be off the beach by 11pm and on Retreat Center property