

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is D-NOW?

D-NOW is a local weekend retreat that takes place February 26 - February 28 at Briarwood Baptist Church. Students will worship, attend teaching sessions, play games, eat, and participate in small groups throughout the weekend! Students will be divided into small groups according to the student's current grade level. College students and adults will be leading our small groups for this exciting weekend of fun and fellowship.

What does check-in involve/where is it?

The Friday of D-NOW, check-in will be held under the covered porch behind our Student Space beginning at 5:30 PM. Parents must accompany their student(s) when checking in. A prior registration, a Medical Release Form, and full payment will be necessary for check- in. If you want to complete your student's Medical Release Form prior, click here. A Parental Permission Slip/Check-out Card will also be required if a student will be leaving/checking out for any reason during the weekend retreat. There will be designated areas where each student(s) group will leave their luggage for transportation to the host homes.

Who is providing transportation during the retreat?

Briarwood Church Members have volunteered their time to transport our students for D-NOW. These adult drivers/volunteers will use their personal vehicles when transporting students. Each driver will be screened by Briarwood Baptist Church. High School students WILL NOT be permitted to drive their vehicles to the events or transport other students during the retreat.

Where is my student staying throughout the weekend?

Students will have the option to stay a host home or return to their own home throughout the weekend. All host homes are provided by our own church members. All Church hosts and college leaders have been approved by our Child Protection Policy. If you plan for your student to return home every night, we will have designated drop off and pick up locations and times for parents to utilize.

What does my student need to bring?

- Towel
- Pillow
- Sleeping bag or bed linens
- Comfortable casual clothes for two days and Sunday outfit
- Sweatshirt/jacket
- Shoes/Tennis shoes
- Sunscreen (if weather permits)
- Bible, notebook, pen
- Favorite snack and drink (to share)

How do I get in contact with my student in case of an emergency?

Students will be allowed to have their cell phones during D-NOW. To prevent distractions during small group study, a group leader might ask the students to shut their devices off for short/temporary periods of time - otherwise you should be able to contact your student(s). Our student pastor, Cameron Adkins (478) 308-2410, can be contacted in case of an emergency. Cameron will be able to get in contact with any volunteer at D-NOW!

Will my student need a permission form to attend?

Every student MUST have a Briarwood Student Ministry Medical Release Form filled out and signed to attend D-NOW. Parents will be notified after registration if their student needs a medical release form. If you want to complete your student's Medical Release Form prior to check in, click here.

Time Away/Students Coming & Going:

We realize that with an in-town retreat there are many activities that students have going on in their lives. If your child needs to attend an activity during D-NOW weekend, please let us know by completing a "Time Out Card" and turning it in at Check- in. Please note that TIME OUT is discouraged, but we understand a child's prior obligations. We need this form so that our leaders and staff are constantly aware of where your child is to ensure your child's safety during the weekend.

What time will students needs to be picked up on Sunday?

Students will arrive at Briarwood Sunday morning around 9:20 AM for a pancake breakfast and D-NOW award ceremony. The students will conclude their weekend by attending Briarwood's 10:30 AM worship service. Students will be dismissed after we take a group picture around 11:30 PM! We encourage families to attend our 10:30 AM service if possible.

Tentative Schedule

Friday:

5:30-7:00 pm - Check-in /dinner at Briarwood
7:00- 9:00 pm - Session 1 / small groups at Briarwood
9:00 pm – Travel back to host homes

Saturday:

9:00 am - Breakfast at host homes
10:00 am-12:00 pm - Session 2/ small groups at Briarwood
12:00-1:30 pm - Lunch/downtime
1:30-3:00 pm - Game time
3:00-6:00 pm – Downtime at host homes
6:00-7:00 pm - Dinner at Briarwood
7:00-9:30 pm - Session 3 / reflection time at Briarwood
9:30 pm – Travel back to host homes

Sunday:

9:20-10:30 am - Breakfast/awards/pictures at Briarwood
10:30 am-11:30 pm - Church service at Briarwood (Session 4)