

## **CONFIRMATION RETREAT INFORMATION:**

Thank you for making this retreat a priority! We're excited to spend the day at Camp Bethel, a beautiful outdoor setting in Botetourt County. More than just a fun getaway, this retreat offers students a chance to step back, grow in faith, and open their hearts to the Holy Spirit.

**Retreat Theme: Come, Holy Spirit,** These words are both a prayer and a call – inviting the Spirit to move in our lives. Through talks, small groups, activities, reflection, prayer, and Mass, students will deepen their relationship with God and prepare their hearts for Confirmation.

**Cost: \$45.00**

### **Retreat Schedule:**

**Time:** November 2, 2025 8:30 AM – 7:00 PM (please arrive by **6:45pm**)

**Drop-off Location:** Our Lady of Nazareth (OLN) – please arrive by 8:30 AM sharp

**Pick-up Location:** Camp Bethel (details below)

We'll begin the day at OLN by gathering for name tags and a brief welcome before heading together to the 9:00 AM Mass (students will sit together as a group – families are welcome to attend). After Mass, we'll enjoy a snack, icebreakers, and our first talk before departing by bus for Camp Bethel. At the end of the day, parents will **pick up students directly from Camp Bethel** at 6:30 PM. You are welcome to arrange a carpool pick up.

### **Location & Contact Info:**

**Camp Bethel:** 328 Bethel Road, Fincastle, VA 24090, Phone: (540) 992-2940

### **In case of emergency, please contact:**

[Meg Griffith] – Cell: (540) 283-3266 and follow the prompts

### **What to Bring & Wear**

- Small backpack
- Comfortable clothing and **closed-toe shoes**
- Sweatshirt or fleece, hat/gloves (weather dependent)
- Filled **water bottle**
- Bible, journal, pen (optional but welcome)
- Any medications your child needs (please inform adult leaders)

### **Meals**

Please eat breakfast at home. We will provide: Morning snacks, Lunch and dinner at Camp Bethel, S'mores snack in the afternoon. Students are welcome to pack an additional snack if needed.

### **Important Guidelines**

- If your student is feeling sick or has been exposed to illness, please stay home – we will offer a makeup retreat option.
- No alcohol, tobacco, vapes, illegal substances, weapons, or gaming devices.
- Phones must be **turned off (or better yet, leave at home!)** and kept in backpacks during retreat activities. (We'll take plenty of pictures and encourage students to be fully present.)

*Thank you again for your support and partnership. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns – we're looking forward to a grace-filled and memorable retreat!*