

High School Students JOIN US!

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WELCOME

- High School students grades 9th - 12th and adult Chaperones.
- High school students attend with an organized group facilitated by chaperones.

COST

- See your Group Leader for the registration fee and who to make checks to.
- See your Group Leader for the deadline for registration.

WHERE

- CAMP GENEVA, 3995 LAKESHORE DR N, HOLLAND, MI 49424
- The address for Camp Geneva is for mapping/direction purposes only. Any questions or comments are to be directed to The Presence Committee at thepresencekalamazoo@gmail.com or call Santiago Banda at the Diocese at 269-349-8714 ext. 1237 or Susie at 269-226-0064.
- Please do NOT call Camp Geneva with questions in regards to the retreat. Do NOT mail forms to Camp Geneva.

WHEN

- 6:00 pm, Friday, February 28 through 1:00 pm, Sunday, March 2.
- All students and chaperones are required to stay on the premises for the entire retreat.
- Students cannot leave the premises and reenter under any circumstances.
- Chaperones are required to stay with students the entire retreat, 6:00 pm Friday - 1:00 pm, Sunday. All day and all night.
- No late arrivals such as; planning to arrive at 10:00 pm or arriving during the day on Saturday. Participants cannot leave to attend to another obligation and come back.

MEALS

- Snack served at 10:00 pm Friday.
- All Saturday meals will be provided.
- Breakfast is served on Sunday.
- Please list on the Medical Form any dietary requirements.

CLOSING MASS

- Sunday - 11:00 am
- This Mass is only for retreat attendees. This Mass will not be open to the public. Sorry, there is not enough room for additional people to attend.

SLEEP AREAS

- Every group is required to have a chaperone(s) of the same gender.
- Everyone will sleep in bunks. Bring bedding. Do NOT bring cots or air mattresses.
- Groups will be split by gender. There will be female cabins and male cabins.

SHOWERS

- Girls have a full bathroom and shower in the bunkhouse.
- Boys have a full bathroom and shower in the bunkhouse.

PACKING LIST

- Sleeping bag or bedding for a twin-size bed
- Pillow
- Towel
- Toiletries
- Cinch Sack
- Comfortable change of clothes
- Clothing for walking outdoors
- Kneeler pad/bleacher seat cushions
- Rosary
- All medications must be carried by the Group Leader or Chaperone.

ATTIRE

- Please dress comfortably in indoor attire.
- Bring a coat! We will be going outside during transitions.
- In general, we ask that participants dress following a general sense of Christian decency.
- No tight yoga pants, please.

CELL PHONES

- Cell Phones or any other electronic devices are not allowed while program activities are in session.
- The Presence is not responsible for any lost items.

MEDICATIONS

- Chaperones are responsible for dispensing medication to their students.
- Contact your Group Leader for appropriate policies, procedures, and forms regarding any medications students will need during The Presence Retreat. This includes prescription and over-the-counter medications.
- According to Diocesan Policy, students may not transport or carry medication.

Student Registration Form

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First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Birth Date: _____ Male: _____ or Female: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

T-Shirt Size (select one): _____ Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ XL _____ XXL

Parent's Name (First & Last): _____

Parent Phone: _____

Health Insurance: _____ Policy Number: _____

Family Physician: _____ Phone: _____

Emergency Contact Name and Phone #:

Special Dietary Needs: _____

List current allergies, medical conditions, and medications:

I hereby consent to participation by my child, in The Presence Retreat. In consideration of my child being allowed to participate in this retreat, I hereby agree on behalf of myself and my child, to release Camp Geneva, The Presence Team, The Roman Catholic Diocese of Kalamazoo, and any and all affiliated organizations, their employees, agents and representatives, including volunteer drivers (collectively "Releasees"), from any and all claims, including negligence, which may be asserted by me or my child, or on behalf of my child, arising from or relating to my child's participation in The Presence Retreat. In the event this release on behalf of myself and/or my child is held to be invalid or unenforceable, I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless Releasees from any and all claims, including negligence, which may be asserted by me or my child, or on behalf of my child, arising from or relating to my child's participation in The Presence Retreat. This release or indemnification does not apply to claims for intentional misconduct or gross negligence; nor does this release or indemnification apply to the extent of commercial insurance coverage for any claim, but this Release or Indemnification shall apply to the extent of any self-insurance or deductible applicable to any claim.

The participant agrees not to transmit, distribute, or sell (or aid in transmitting, distributing, or selling) any description, account, picture, video, audio, or other forms of reproduction of this event (in whole or in part). The participant grants permission to The Presence and the Diocese of Kalamazoo to publish photos of my son/daughter on the conference website or conference publications for the sole purpose of communicating the activities and programs of the diocese. I understand that only my child's first name will be used if captions are listed with photos.

As a parent/guardian, I do hereby authorize the treatment by a qualified and licensed physician of any condition which, in the opinion of the physician, is deemed necessary and appropriate. This authority is granted only after a reasonable effort has been made to reach me. I further authorize the person who presents the minor to sign the Acknowledgement of Receipt of Notice Privacy Rights that may be presented by the physician or health care facility. This authorization is completed and signed of my own free will with the purpose of authorizing medical treatment deemed necessary and appropriate by the treating physician.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Printed Name

Date

Code of Conduct



So that The Presence can provide the best possible retreat experience for all participants, we require that everyone adheres to the following Code of Conduct. Failure to abide by any of the following policies may result in being sent home.

- Be on time for all scheduled activities.
- Abide by the lights-out time in sleep areas.
- No illegal drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products.
- Over-the-counter meds and prescriptions need to be turned in to your Group Leader.
- No fireworks, lighters, flames, or fire.
- No weapons.
- No pornography.
- No fighting.
- No profanity.
- Your Chaperone must know where you are at all times.
- No participant is allowed to leave the premises without an adult's supervision.
- Participants are prohibited from going on the ice that forms on Lake Michigan and Big Pine Lake. Also, guests are not allowed in either lake.
- No skateboards.
- No cell phones while program activities are in session.
- Report all illnesses to your Chaperone.
- Commit to maintaining a positive attitude.
- No romance or pairing off at any time.
- If you are in a dating relationship, read Theology of the Body for Teens, and put your relationship on hold for the retreat.
- No romantic physical contact. No holding hands. No extended hugs.
- No guy and girl praying alone.
- No guys in female bunkhouses.
- No girls in male bunkhouses.
- Each Group will be responsible for any damage to the facilities; retreat site, and sleep areas.
- Sleep areas must be kept clean and orderly.
- No beverage except water is allowed in the sleeping area.
- No leaving the cabin without the supervision of a chaperone.

Parent Signature

Student Signature