

DEAR HATE,

WINTERFEST AT THE NOOK
December 8-9, 2018

REGISTRATION PACKET CONTENTS:

- Flyer, suitable for physical posting
- Social Media image & language that can be saved for use on Facebook/Instagram
- Bulletin inserts that you can reproduce for congregational use
- All other registration materials you'll need for registration can be found on the synod website at <http://www.lss-elca.org/youth-family/events/winterfest/>. Those include:
 - Rooming form
 - Sample letter for parents/guardians
 - Event Covenants
 - Medical Forms

WHAT IS WINTERFEST?

December 8-9, 2018 at Spooky Nook Sports. Winterfest is the Lower Susquehanna Synod-wide retreat for high school youth in grades 9-12. Youth attend large group gatherings with singing, interactive activities as well as learning sessions guided through thematic material led by trained staff. Along with the various learning opportunities, we build community through games, karaoke, a dance, at meals, and lots of time for meeting and making new friends. Youth come away with some great memories, friends and faith moments.

DO ADULTS ATTEND AS CONGREGATIONAL ADVISORS?

We'd prefer one adult for every seven youth, minimum. You can send more than that. However, we do have congregations that can send only one adult, and we will NOT exclude a group from registering if they have only one adult advisor. Adult advisors are critical in helping youth unpack and discuss what they are learning and experiencing. **We prefer advisors to be 21 years of age or older.** It will assist us greatly in 2018, if you have same-gendered adults or married adult couples attending as advisors, since we can then room you together in one room, to save space. If you do attend alone, you may be housed with a same-gendered adult from another congregation.

WHAT'S IT COST?

Cost for the event is \$155.00. This price includes Saturday Lunch, Dinner & Snacks as well as Sunday breakfast. A \$50, per person non-refundable deposit is due at the time your congregation registers. Please send deposit checks, made payable to Lower Susquehanna Synod, along with a list of all youth and adults attending from your congregation, using the **Group Registration List** found on the website. Be sure to include congregation name and city, and lead adult advisor's name, email and phone contact information on your list, and send to Office for Faith Formation & Youth Ministry, 900 S. Arlington Ave, Suite 220B, Harrisburg, PA 17109, with your deposit check, made payable to Lower Susquehanna Synod.

Your congregation's registration is not complete, until we have received your deposit

You must submit a medical form and covenants for ALL attending. These forms do not need to accompany the deposit mailing, but can now be printed off the synod website, youth page at: and brought along to the event registration at The Nook.

HOW DO I REGISTER?

1. Simply collect the names and shirt sizes of the young people and adults who wish to participate.
2. Fill out the group registration form, and the group housing form. Mail those forms along with a check for the deposit, or the total event fee, to the Office for Children, Youth & Family Ministry at 900 S. Arlington Ave, Room 220 B, Harrisburg, PA 17109.
3. **On September 4th, download the Group Registration Form, and mail it with a deposit check:** <http://www.lss-elca.org/youth-family/events/winterfest/>
(You may want to have a check prepared in advance so you can mail that day!)
4. Then, print out the event covenants, medical forms and child abuse disclosure forms, distribute them and get them filled out before the event.

How will I know our registration is official?

Once we receive your congregational Group Registration Form and Group Rooming List, with the deposit check in the Office for Faith Formation & Youth Ministry, we'll send a confirmation email to the lead advisor for the group.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Wednesday, October 31st, 2018

Registrations accepted on a first-come, first-served basis!