

Winter Haven Christian School
Masterpiece Gardens Retreat Information
September 11th & 12th 2014

In order to start off the school year on a positive spiritual note, Winter Haven Christian School will be providing a retreat for our students. This retreat is an opportunity to build relationships, get a spiritual focus and get to know fellow students and teachers.

We will be arriving at Masterpiece Gardens in Lake Wales around Noon on Thursday, September 11th and children need to be picked up at Masterpiece Gardens by 2:00 PM on Friday September 12th. With transportation being an issue (number of kids and due to the fact that we can no longer use church buses), for us this year it would be helpful if students were dropped off and picked up at Masterpiece Gardens. Since the arrival time is at Noon students would not be required to be in school Thursday morning.

The retreat is an important part of spiritual development and as a result we strongly encourage all students to attend. This event is at no cost to our families and is part of the Bible curriculum. Students not attending will be marked absent and are expected to do a project that will be the equivalent of 2 days' worth of Bible assignments.

Dormitories are being used for the girls and the boys and we will provide chaperones and of course rooms will be separated by grade level and gender.

If due to a medical reason or for an extenuating circumstance students cannot sleep overnight parents may choose to pick up their child on Thursday evening at Masterpiece Gardens and drop them off in time for breakfast on Friday morning. If you have a special circumstance, please contact Jeannette Williams at jwilliams@whcsonline.org or Joseph Klein at jklein@whcsonline.org.

Please provide us with the information on the next page and return it to your child's homeroom teacher by **Tuesday, September 2, 2014.** **THIS IS A STRICT DEADLINE!**

What is provided at the Retreat Center:

- 1. Dinner on Thursday, Breakfast on Friday & Lunch on Friday.**
- 2. Fun activities with a spiritual focus led by Pastor Mike Jarrett and his team (same team as last year).**
- 3. Recreational facilities at the camp including games and activities.**
- 4. Modern and very clean dorm facilities.**

**Winter Haven Christian School
Masterpiece Gardens in Lake Wales
September 11th (Thursday) and 12th (Friday) 2014**

Please fill out one form per child if you have more than one child in grades 6&up

Name of Child _____ Homeroom _____ (Grade & Teacher)

1. Child attending (Check One):

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No (Please contact Mr. Klein jklein@whcsonline.org or Mrs. Williams jwilliams@whcsonline.org with an email explaining why. Students not attending will be marked absent and given an alternate assignment that will be part of their Bible grade).

2. Transportation to Masterpiece Gardens Thursday (Check One):

- ☐ We will drop off our child at Masterpiece Gardens between 12:00 – 12:15 on Thursday September 11, 2014. Lunch will not be provided on the first day.
- ☐ We need to have our child taken to Masterpiece Gardens from the school. I understand my child will be in a car pool driven by a teacher and/or a Parent designated by Winter Haven Christian School. I also understand that lunch on Thursday is not provided for my child.

3. Transportation from Masterpiece Gardens Friday (Check One):

- ☐ I or a person from my authorized pick up list can pick up my child at Masterpiece Gardens on Friday September 12, 2014 at 2:00 PM.
- ☐ I need my child brought back to WHCS on Friday afternoon. I understand my child will be in a car pool driven by a teacher and/or a parent designated by Winter Haven Christian School.

4. Please provide any special circumstances or needs (medication, diet, carpooling with a classmate, etc.):

5. Can you help WHCS? (Check all that apply):

- ☐ I can help chaperone the event overnight.*

Name and age of chaperone _____

- ☐ I can help drive students back and forth from WHCS to Masterpiece Gardens.*

Name and age of driver? _____

*Chaperones must be screened by WHCS and will be selected by the WHCS Board of Directors. Chaperones must be 25 & older and a parent and/or legal guardian of a child at WHCS. We may not need every parent who is willing to chaperone and we apologize if you are not selected. All drivers must have a copy of valid insurance and driver's license on file here at the school.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

This form is the permission slip for students who are attending the retreat.

**Winter Haven Christian School
2014 Middle School & High School Retreat Information**

What to bring:

- ☐ Change of clothes
- ☐ Bible, pencil and notebook
- ☐ Bedding: Sheets, blankets, and pillow (Sleeping bags are usually more convenient for campers)
- ☐ Blindfold for those sensitive to light while sleeping. (The exit signs in the dorms at the camp are bright)
- ☐ Soap, wash cloths, and towel
- ☐ Comb, toothbrush and modest sleepwear
- ☐ Gym activities require sneakers
- ☐ Raincoat or umbrella
- ☐ Flashlight
- ☐ Bug Spray
- ☐ Sun Screen
- ☐ Needed medications (all medications are to be given to Mr. Klein or Mrs. Williams prior to the retreat in the original prescription bottle).

What to leave at home:

- ☐ Radios, CD players, iPods, electronic games (Game Boys, PSPs), cell phones, etc. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!**
- ☐ Valuables (such as jewelry, expensive cameras, etc.)

Location and Directions to the Camp from WHCS

Drive 17.7 miles, 27 min

Winter Haven Christian School
1700 Buckeye Loop Rd
Winter Haven, FL 33881

1. Head north on Buckeye Loop Rd toward Columbia Dr 0.2 mi
2. Take the 3rd right onto Country Club Rd N/Lake Buckeye Dr. Continue to follow Country Club Rd N 3.9 mi
3. Turn left onto FL-542 W/Dundee Rd 2.1 mi
4. Turn right onto US-27 S 4.4 mi
5. Turn left onto Chalet Suzanne Rd 1.7 mi
6. Continue onto FL-17 Alt 4.2 mi
7. Turn left onto Great Masterpiece Rd 1.2 mi

Masterpiece Gardens
3900 Great Masterpiece Rd
Lake Wales, FL 33898

Website:

<http://www.masterpiecegardensretreatcenter.com/>

Links to the conference center can be found on the WHCS special events page located at whcsonline.org