

Winterblast

Unchained | Feb. 23-25

Packing list

Bring:

- Clothes for three days
- Swim suit for water park*
- Pajamas or something comfortable to sleep in
- All necessary toiletries for two nights
- Bible, pen, & notebook
- All necessary medications for the weekend
- Sleeping bag if you use it instead of hotel bedding
- Extra \$\$ for snacks/Starbucks (optional)

Do not bring:

- Any old "Magic Quest" wands – students won't be able to play any of the treasure hunt games while at GWL.
- Tablets, gaming systems, or other handheld electronics
- Cell phone*
- Dangerous or illegal items (including knives, alcohol, fireworks, and drugs including vape pens)

Details about Winterblast

- February 23-25 2018 at Great Wolf Lodge
- **Check-in** at Northshore starts at 1pm
- **Return** to Northshore Church will be approximately 3pm on Sunday February 25th
- *Keep an eye on the Facebook group for our most updated return time.*

Dress Code:

Since we'll be in a water park all weekend the dress code is as follows. Bikini swim suits are not permitted for girls. If girls wear a bikini they must have a *top and bottom* that covers their swimsuit area. Running shorts, board shorts, Sofie shorts, or modest swim suit bottoms are suggested for girls. Girls should not wear bikini bottoms. Boys should wear full length swim shorts, no Speedo bottoms.

Cell Phone Policy:

Students should not to bring their cell phones to Winterblast. Every adult leader will have his or her cell phone that any student can use at any point throughout the weekend if they need to call home. Students who use their cell phones for alarm clocks won't need them, leaders will wake up the students in the morning. We'll also have lots of cameras and video cameras so that we get lots of memories throughout the weekend. Leaders will take pictures of their groups and pass on the photos at the end of the weekend.

General information about Winterblast

We'll leave early on Friday February 23rd so that we miss traffic going down to the hotel. The bus will leave at 2pm sharp - check-in starts at 1pm at Northshore. If your child is in school that means that he or she needs to get out of school early that day.

Great Wolf Lodge is a hotel, so that means students stay in hotel rooms with bedding and towels. Say goodbye to uncomfortable camp foam mattress pads!

We do Winter Retreat with a big group! There will be several other churches that will be with us at Great Wolf Lodge. They are all churches from around the Pacific Northwest and all churches that we have good relationships with. With such a big group, it means that the atmosphere for the weekend will be great!

But we also do Winter Retreat in small groups! All of the Northshore students will stay in their own rooms with a maximum of 5 other students and one adult leader that is 21 years or older in each room. After each session the students will have small groups with their room that are lead by their adult leader.

Only leaders have the key to hotel rooms. Every student will get a wrist band that gets them in and out of the waterpark but only one wrist band that is given to the adult has access to the hotel room. We like this because it helps to ensure that students aren't leaving their leader to go back to their room by themselves.

The water park is fun and thanks to a great staff at Great Wolf Lodge it's safe too. There are life guards all around that make sure that lines keep moving on the slides, students stay safe, and make sure that everyone has fun. The water park is also designed in such a way that there is one main entrance and exit so leaders can easily keep track of students.

We take care of all the meals over the weekend. We have breakfast in our rooms and lunch and dinner in the ballroom so that no student will ever have to leave the hotel to get food or spend money on eating out.

Students want to bring extra money for a souvenir or snacks or Starbucks (yes, there's a Starbucks inside of the hotel!) they are more than welcome. \$20 should be perfectly fine throughout the weekend.

There are a lot of fun things to do at Great Wolf Lodge and we want to make sure that students have the most fun! However, a few things that we won't be doing at Great Wolf Lodge is the Magic Quest game or the arcade because it doesn't do a great job of creating community. If your child has a wand from a previous visit to Great Wolf, we kindly ask that you hide it from them and play dumb when they ask about it.

FAQ's

If my child cannot get out of school early on Friday, can he/she still join you Great Wolf Lodge?

Yes of course! You'll have to arrange your own transportation however. Please clearly communicate this beforehand with Brenda.

Where is the Great Wolf Lodge?

Great Wolf Lodge is outside of Centralia WA, in Ground Mound, about a two hour drive away.

My child has dietary needs or restrictions, can you work with that?

Of course, please indicate on your registration form if there are special restrictions. If you need to let us know later please contact Brenda.

My child invited a friend to the retreat, will they be bunked together?

It is always our policy that if students invite friends they room together. Make sure to mark on the registration whether or not they invited a friend.

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