

# **ENCOUNTER 2010 // PREPARATION NOTES**

## **BEFORE YOU COME:**

### **financial notes**

- ❖ Total cost per person is \$115. Your original registration fee amount applies toward your balance. Two (2) leaders come for free in the month of January.
- ❖ Final numbers and the remainder of your \$60 deposit per person is due at the 4 week date (see contract for your actual date)
- ❖ You are financially responsible for the numbers you provide at your four week date. If we do not receive both the \$60 per person registration fee and actual numbers by this date, you will be financially responsible for your initial numbers.
- ❖ You must call to change the number of males and females. For example, if you hold 10 female spots and 10 male spots and then realize you have 8 females and 12 males, we cannot put those extra males in the girl's dorms and vice versa.

### **leader s notes**

- ❖ The ratio of campers to leaders is 7:1 per gender.
- ❖ Students in grades 6-8 are allowed to attend our Middle School Retreats.
- ❖ Students grades 6-12 are allowed to attend our Teen Retreats.

### **medical forms**

- ❖ Medical forms are required for every student and leader.
- ❖ In addition to the enclosed copies, forms are also available through [monadnockbible.org](http://monadnockbible.org).
- ❖ Distribute and collect these forms before you arrive ensuring that each form has the proper signatures.
- ❖ Medical forms will be collected at registration and reviewed by our nurse.

### **what to bring**

- ❖ Bedding: sleeping bags or sheets, pillowcases (pillows are provided and a limited supply of blankets are available upon request.)
- ❖ Hygiene: towels, face cloth, hygiene items
- ❖ Attire: winter sports clothes, modest one-piece swim suits, extra socks, warm foot gear, etc.
- ❖ Personal items: Bible, camera, ice skates, etc.

### **what not to bring**

- ❖ Technology Items: radios, iPod or MP3 players, 2-way radios, CD players, TVs, personal gaming devices, computers
- ❖ Attire: Immodest clothing, attire with offensive language/symbols
- ❖ Other: weapons of any kind, cigarettes, drugs or alcohol, ski-snow boards, sleds

### **prepare your leaders**

- ❖ Take time to carefully select and thoughtfully prepare your leadership team. Remember that you and your leaders will be responsible for any behavior issues.
- ❖ An essential part of preparation is ensuring your team is prepared to have one-on-one conversations with your students about things of God, and specifically the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- ❖ Consider scheduling a strategy meeting with your leadership team to set goals for your group, pray for the students, and plan how you will work together for the weekend. In other words - prepare a game plan.

### **prepare your students**

- ❖ Be creative in promoting the winter experience to your students. If you have come before, use student testimonies, play a game from the winter, or collect photos from last year. Some groups find it helpful to gather a few weeks before coming to go over expectations for the trip.

## **WHEN YOU ARRIVE:**

### **checking in**

- ❖ One of our staff members will meet you as you pull onto the property to provide you with your room assignments. This will allow your students and leaders to unload immediately.
- ❖ Please send one leader to the office to pay any balance your group may have, hand in medical forms, and pick up leader's materials for the weekend.