

WELCOME WEEKEND INFO SHEET

Registration open from Mar. 27th-May 12th (@Students Office or online at bethelfc.com/students)

1. What is Welcome Weekend?

Welcome Weekend is our introductory trip to student ministries for incoming 7th graders. This year's Welcome Weekend is a three-day lakeside experience for students to build community and grow in their relationship with God. We'll have boats, campfires, s'mores, delicious food, games, worship and more!

2. Who is Welcome Weekend for?

Welcome Weekend is for incoming 7th graders at Bethel Church. Students are encouraged to invite their friends!

3. When is Welcome Weekend?

This year's retreat takes place over Memorial Day weekend. We'll gather at Bethel **Saturday, May 25th at 9:30am**, and return **Monday, May 27th at 5:45pm**.

4. Where is Welcome Weekend?

This year's retreat is at the Wiest lake home on Bad Medicine Lake, MN. Bad Medicine Lake is roughly 90 minutes from here.

5. How much will Welcome Weekend cost?

Welcome Weekend is free! We fully cover the cost for students and any friends in their grade.

6. What will students learn at Welcome Weekend?

This year, we'll be going through Romans 12. Our theme is "Rise Up," or how to offer our lives to God and be transformed by His truth. We'll cover topics including: the gospel, how to have a quiet time, spiritual gifts, and more!

7. What other activities will there be?

The Wiest's lake home has a fire pit, lots of lawn space, boats, and a volleyball net. The water will still be chilly, but we will be able to take boat rides. We'll also get to hear from a special guest speaker, a former NFL Vikings player! Throughout the weekend, we'll play games, have campfires, and have a lot of fun together!

8. Where will students sleep?

The lake home is large enough to accommodate all students and leaders inside, with appropriate separation for guys and girls.

9. Who should I contact in case of emergency?

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Packing List

What to Bring:

Clothing – sweatshirt, jeans, jacket, shirts, socks, pajamas, underclothes, swim suit, etc.

Shoes – tennis shoes for running around, sandals/flip flops

Towel

Toiletries (**remember deodorant!**)

Bible, journal, pen/pencil

Pillow

Blanket/sleeping bag

Backpack or small bag

Water bottle

Any required medications

(optional) Fishing rod, Frisbee, snacks, bug spray, etc.

What NOT to Bring:

Illegal substances

Fireworks, weapons, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, etc.

Energy Drinks

Electronics (games, etc.)

Inappropriate clothing that doesn't meet the clothing policy (See below)

Bethel Student Ministry Clothing Policy:

All dress must be modest, in good taste, and not offensive to others. Please use your judgment, and respect Bethel Students' staff and leaders' judgment, in addition to the below guidelines. If you have any questions about the clothing policy, feel free to ask a staff member.

Tops: All tops should have adequate cover-up, without being too revealing (no cleavage, midriffs, bra straps showing). No inappropriate words or symbols.

Shorts/Skirts: All shorts/skirts should have adequate cover-up with little to no upper thigh showing. Underwear should not be visible.

Tightness: Leggings/exercise/yoga pants are allowed if shirt covers to mid-thigh.

Swimwear: We require females to wear one-piece swimsuits or tankinis (no midriff showing), and males to wear trunk-style swimsuits.

If students are found to be breaking any of these rules, they will be asked to change.

Other Things to Know/Bring:

Cell phones may be brought but should not be used during the weekend except for emergencies. All meals will be provided. Students are welcome to bring snacks.

Drop-Off/Pick-Up Information:

Saturday, May 25th

9:30am Arrive at Bethel

Monday, May 27th

5:15pm Arrive back at Bethel

Schedule (tentative)

Saturday, May 25th

9:30am Arrive at Bethel
11:45pm Arrive, unpack, icebreakers
12:15pm Lunch
1:15pm Club Time #1
2:00pm Scavenger Hunt
3:00pm Game Time
4:00pm Team Building a Raft
6:00pm Dinner
7:00pm Club Time #2
Cabin Time (small groups)
8:30pm Movie/Game Time
11:00pm Lights Out

Sunday, May 26th

8:30am Breakfast (pack lunch)
9:30am Itasca State Park
Club Time #3
Quiet Time
12:00pm Lunch
1:00pm Club Time #4
4:00pm Jenga Tournament
6:00pm Dinner
7:00pm Game Time
8:30pm Club Time #5
Extended campfire worship
9:30pm S'mores, bonfire
10:15pm Cabin Time (small groups)
11:00pm Lights Out

Monday, May 27th

8:30am Breakfast
9:30am Club Time #6
Individual quiet time
10:30am Game Time
12:00pm Lunch
1:00pm Pack Up
1:30pm Service Projects/Clean up
2:45pm Closing Prayer & Worship
Snack
3:15pm Leave
5:15pm Arrive at Bethel