

STS CONFERENCE 2023

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DECEMBER 28-30



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Cell Phones & Lights Out

The cell phone policy that applies for the Winter Conference is as normal. Any and all students are allowed to take their cell phones and use them **only during appropriate times**. This includes talking, texting, Facebook, Instagram, Tic Tok etc. **THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED** to use their cell phones or tablets during session times other than for the use of a bible app. Please understand that this means they need to download the app and turn the phone on airplane mode during session so they are not receiving text or updates during session time. Our preference is a hard copy of the Bible but you make that call. Inappropriate use of any electronic device will cause a student to lose their privileges. Each student will receive one warning before losing their device. Parents will be notified if a student loses their cell phone privileges. btw.....“Lights Out’ is for students and electronic devices. If your student is caught out of their room after “Lights Out” for any reason other than a fire or emergency, parents will be called to come get them or will be responsible for their Greyhound Ticket to return home. No Joke, No Exceptions!

PLEASE INFORM YOUR STUDENT OF THESE PRIOR TO OUR TRIP

What to Bring

CHECKLIST

- Bible (Hard Copy preferred), pen or pencil and note pad or notebook.
- A Desire to be challenged and an open mind to be changed.
- Enough Clothes for 3 days and for appropriate weather conditions.
- Jacket or Coat
- Money for meals not provided & snacks (**See Last Page For Details**)
- Pillow if you plan on sleeping on the way up.....good luck with that.
- Personal toiletries (deodorant, comb, soap, deodorant, toothbrush, deodorant, etc..... **Please note that Body Spray or Perfume is NOT deodorant**)
- A Positive, Christ Like Attitude Is Required
- FLEXIBILITY IS KEY..schedules and times may change..Just ROLL WITH IT

What NOT to Bring

CHECKLIST

- Non-Christian behavior or **Anything** that will disrupt this time for us or any other participating church.
- Any inappropriate clothing (Again NOTE: If you have to ask it probably is not appropriate)
- Expensive jewelry or heirlooms.
- Tobacco products, alcohol, or illegal drugs.
- Weapons of any kind.
- Fireworks or pranking paraphernalia.

Parents please note that if your student brings any of the items listed or considered as “not to bring”, it will be taken and not returned until we return to the church. Any items that would be deemed inappropriate by any of our adult leaders, it will also be taken and possibly not returned. Please make sure that your student does not bring anything of this nature. Thank You!!

Now that we got that covered, let's move on to the schedule and stuff.....

Daily Schedule

This is a tentative schedule and is subject to change at any time for no apparent reason. Just roll with it.

Thursday Dec 28th

5:00-5:30 am - Loading up and getting ready to roll (This means be there by 5:00am)
5:30 am - Rolling out.... leaving for TN (Time Changes to Eastern Standard)
11:00 - Lunch at Burger King, Zaxbys, Panda Express, Firehouse or Salsaritas
at Exit 11 N Chattanooga. (need \$)
5:00 pm - Dinner
6:00 pm - Leave for Session 1 (Be back on the vans before 5:55)
6:30 pm - Worship and Session 1
9:30 pm - TeenLife Small Group Time/Evening Devotion
10:30 pm - In Rooms (No Leaving your room except for emergency)
11:30 pm - Lights Out (This includes all devices)

Friday Dec 29th

8:00 am - Devotional / Breakfast
9:00 am - Leave for Session 2
9:30 am - Worship and Session 2
11:00 am - Back to the Hotel
11:30 am - Leave for Lunch & Free Time (need \$)
3:30 pm - Back to the Hotel and freshen up for the evening
4:30 pm - Dinner @ Bennetts
6:00 pm - Leave for Session 3
6:30 pm - Worship and Session 3
9:30 pm - TeenLife Small Group Time/Evening Devotion
10:30 pm - In Rooms (No Leaving your room except for emergency)
11:30 pm - Lights Out (This includes all devices)

Saturday Dec 30th

7:30 am - Devotional/Breakfast **Pack and Load up**
9:00 am - Leave for Session
9:30 am - Worship and Session 4
11:00 am - Leaving and heading home (Time Changes back to Central Standard)
Stopping for fast food at the most popular restaurant...serving billions? (need \$)

FAQs

How much money do I need?

Please bring \$30 for Dinners to be collected before we leave on Thursday morning. We will be eating at least once at a sit down restaurant for a nice meal and paying for Dinners on one check so that we receive a group discount. Adjust other amounts as needed for your students desired amount of eating and tourism.

Thursday - Lunch Fast food (\$6-\$12) / Supper (\$5 covers dinner, drink and tip)

Friday - Lunch Fast food (\$6-\$12) / Supper (\$25 covers dinner, drink and tip)

Saturday - Lunch Fast food (\$6-\$12)

Cash for Stuff, T-shirts, Snacks or any other items they might want to purchase.

I have not completely paid for the trip, when is the last day to have this done?

Total Payments are due before Dec 17th. If you are paying installments, please try to have your balance paid before Sunday, Dec 17th. If for some reason you foresee a problem in this, please contact BJ and make arrangements ASAP.

What happens during Free Time on Thursday? Good question. Currently we are looking at several options that would be fun, relaxing, safe and cost efficient for our entire group. Currently we are working on a group scavenger hunt that will pretty much take up our entire free time. If anything else comes about, we will send out an email/text ASAP.

Where will you be staying?

Willow Brook Lodge, 3035 Parkway, Pigeon Forge, TN 37863

How can I contact my student during session times?

If your student does not have a cell phone or they are without their phones during session times, you may contact them in case of an emergency by calling one of our adult leaders.

Jeremy Jones 334-538-3678 / Brandon Knuckles 334-430-3916 / BJ Parson 334-315-3866

Nicole Parson 334-569-2700 / Nan Murchison 334-799-6287 / Sheri Jones 334-590-2614



2023 Winter Conference Release

Participants Name _____

I, the undersigned, do for myself (or for and on behalf of my child under 18 years of age) give permission for an attending physician or hospital to administer medical care if deemed necessary by the adult representatives of Thelma Baptist Church (TBC) and the physician or hospital staff. I, the undersigned, do for myself (or for and on behalf of my child under 18 years of age) hereby release from all claims and forever hold harmless the directors, officers, employees and agents of TBC from any and all claims and demands for personal injury, sickness, and/or death, as well as property damage and expenses, of any nature incurred by myself (and/or my child under 18 years of age). I also assume personal responsibility for any and all medical bills (for myself and/or my child under 18 years of age).

COVID-19 : Scott Dawson Evangelistic Association (SDEA), Strength to Stand Conferences (STS) and Thelma Baptist Church (TBC) has taken enhanced health and safety measures for conference. They have limited session size, will require masks as stated by the health department, will require all team members to wear masks, will clean the venue thoroughly between sessions, and will practice social distancing. However, SDEA/STS and TBC cannot guarantee that you or your student will not become infected with COVID-19. By signing, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that my student or I may be exposed to or infected with COVID-19 by attending STS and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, or death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at STS may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, STS staff or other groups attending STS. I understand and agree that this release includes any claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of SDEA/STS/TBC, its staff, and representatives, whether COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any STS event.

PLEASE BE SURE A COPY OF YOUR CURRENT INSURANCE CARD IS WITH YOUR STUDENT DURING ALL EVENTS.

Printed Name of Parent/ Guardian: _____

Signature of Parent/ Guardian: _____

Date: _____