

Winterfest 2026 Trip Information

Depart: Friday, February 13 @ 12:00 PM from Clear Creek Gym

*Please drop off 30 minutes early at 11:30pm

Return: Sunday, February 15 @ 3:00 PM to Clear Creek Gym

Primary Contact: Brecken Hudgens (918) 625-3848 or Blair Bailey (678) 906-1727



*Please inform Brecken and Blair ASAP if your child will not be able to make the 12:00pm departure. We usually have a few chaperones come-up later and may be able to make alternative arrangements if we know ahead of time.

Event Fee: \$120 (covers lodging, event pass, transportation)

Personal \$: Approximately \$75 (students will be responsible for 5 meals. Most dining options in Gatlinburg are sit down restaurants). Additional spending money is at your discretion.

- Packing:
 Toiletries
 - Rain gear
 - Warm and comfortable clothes for 3 days
 - Sleepwear
 - bible/notebook/pen
 - Aside from cell phones, we discourage any other electronic devices and are not responsible for anything that may be stolen or lost.

Lodging Arrangements: We are staying at the Edgewater Hotel (402 River Rd. Gatlinburg, TN 37738) Each of our rooms will have an adult chaperone along with four students, depending on our overall numbers. Students will be expected to be in their rooms by 11:30PM with their chaperone. Chaperones have all been background checked and undergone our church's SAFE training course.

Free Time: While there are considerable amounts of "free time" - in which students can explore the shops and restaurants in Gatlinburg - everyone will be required to have a chaperone with them at all times. They must be in groups of at least 3 and go with another age group, as long as there is a chaperone. Since most of our students have a smartphone, we will use the GroupMe app to communicate en masse, and chaperones will be able to contact their groups as needed. Those without smartphones will most certainly be with someone who does.

Money Management: Once we arrive in Gatlinburg, we will coach the students on basic money management [don't spend it all on toys, save enough for each future meal], however we do not require chaperones to manage students' money, and it is ultimately each students' responsibility. That said, we'll ensure no one starves if the funds run dry!