

WHO:

ALL youth (6th-12th grades) in the Presbytery of Scioto Valley! *Plus, adult leaders/chaperones too.*

WHEN:

Friday, November 14th (7PM) – Sunday, November 16th (12:30PM), 2025 Check-in is on Friday from 7-7:30PM!

WHERE:

NEW LOCATION!
KIRKMONT CENTER

6946 CO. Road 10, Zanesfield, OH 43360

COST:

\$80 per participant (early bird registration) \$100 per participant (when you register after October 1st)

WHAT TO EXPECT:

We will be exploring this year's theme, Who Am I? (written by our 2025 PSV Youth Retreat Leadership Team), and sharing in times of worship during several large group sessions. These times will be full of fun, music, and thought-provoking messages. We will break into small groups, led by our fabulous adult leaders, where we will dig deeper into who we are and how our faith speaks to and shapes our identity. There will also be organized games, free time (with new opportunities this year – like low ropes course and canoeing), great food, a campfire, trivia (a favorite every year), and time to form new friendships with youth from all over the presbytery! You won't want to miss this AMAZING weekend!

FAQ:

HOW DO I REGISTER? Registration will open in mid-August and be open through October 31st (or until spots are full – space is limited to 100 participants)! Go to https://psvonline.org/youth-events/ and click on the "Individual Registration" link for the registration form. We also need each congregation to fill out one "Group Hold" form (found on the same page). Both youth AND adult chaperones will need to register!

HOW DO I PAY THE REGISTRATION FEE? Check with your congregation - some churches prefer that individuals make payments to their congregation, who will then make one payment to the Presbytery. Your congregation might also decide to collect individual payments and mail them all in at once. If your congregation prefers for individuals to make payments directly to the Presbytery, please make checks out to THE PRESBYTERY OF SCIOTO VALLEY with YOUTH RETREAT 2025 in the memo line. Mail checks to The Presbytery of Scioto Valley, 4131 North High Street, Suite B, Columbus, OH 43214-3001. We will also have an online payment option on the PSV website. **Please make payment BEFORE the Retreat!**

WHEN DO WE ARRIVE? Plan to arrive with your group between 7-7:30PM on Friday. *If you need to arrive later for some reason OR if any of your congregation's participants need to leave early, please let the Leadership Team know ASAP!*

WHEN WILL WE DEPART? We depart on Sunday by 12:30PM – there will be grab-n-go snacks, but no lunch on Sunday.

WHAT MEALS ARE PROVIDED? Pizza and s'mores are provided on Friday. Breakfast, lunch, a mid-day snack (during free time), dinner, and evening snacks are provided on Saturday. Breakfast and grab-n-go snacks are provided on Sunday.

CAN I BRING FOOD & DRINKS? Due to food allergies, we ask that you do NOT bring food, snacks, or drinks. If you have food restrictions, please let your leaders know so we can make arrangements with our meal providers. Kirkmont's kitchen staff can provide suitable meals for most diets. We DO encourage everyone to bring a reusable water bottle.

WHAT IS THE ADULT TO YOUTH RATIO? Each congregation is <u>required</u> to maintain a ratio of 1 adult to every 6 youth of the same gender. (Let us know if this is a problem for your group.) Please, do not bring more adults than necessary, as space is limited. Note: All adults <u>MUST</u> have a recent background check on file with their church, read and follow the <u>Child Safety Policy</u> of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley, and go through a training (on Zoom) provided by the Leadership Team prior to the Retreat. We will ask all adult chaperones/leaders to sign a Covenant of Conduct form upon arrival.

WHAT ARE THE SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS? Most participants will be in rooms that have twin-size bunkbeds and will be sharing a room with 2-12 others (depending on the room size, etc.). Participants will be in rooms with those of their same gender. Youth and adults do not sleep in the same rooms. Make sure to bring bedding and a pillow. If we reach our max limit, some youth will be on cots/rollaway beds in the large, multi-purpose room of Croft House. If you have a special housing accommodation need/request, please reach out to Rev. Lanie Sipes BEFORE Sunday, November 2nd.

WHAT SHOULD I PACK? Bible; Journal & Pen/Pencil; Reusable Water Bottle; Jacket/Coat; Clothes (*for indoor and outdoor activities*); Shoes (*2 pairs recommended – at least one pair of tennis shoes*); Sleeping Bag/Bedding/Pillow/Blanket; Towel/Washcloth; Toiletries/Deodorant/Bug Spray; Shower Shoes; Medicines & Prescriptions (*if needed - brought in original packaging w/dosage and freq. of administration*); Flashlight; Cellphone & Charger (*optional - use during free times only*); Board Game/Cards (*optional - make sure to label with your name*).

DO <u>NOT</u> PACK: Snacks/Drinks, Personal Electronic Devices (other than cellphone), Drugs, Alcohol, Fireworks, Firearms/Weapons, etc.

OTHER QUESTIONS?

Contact Rev. Lanie Sipes

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