

Valley Ridge District Youth Weekend at Virginia Tech Wesley

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Valley Ridge District Youth Weekend at Virginia Tech Wesley February 17-19. Cost is \$20 per person.

Information about the weekend:

Registration begins at the Wesley building at 6pm on Friday night. The students of Wesley will lead us over the weekend in activities, worship and mission. This is not a "Large" feel weekend, but an alternate, intimate "Methodist" feeling weekend focused on our connection as a district and as siblings in Christ.

What will your group get:

1. An awesome weekend! No we will not have a big band or speaker, but we will have some awesome college young people who will invest in our youth and love on our youth and share the good news of Jesus with them!
2. Food - It is a cheap weekend, so plan accordingly if you have anyone with special dietary needs. We will provide ice cream Friday night, pizza for lunch Saturday, subs for dinner Saturday. And a continental style breakfast Saturday and Sunday morning.
3. A T-shirt! We are going to order a bunch of sizes. We cannot guarantee you will get the sizes you want - because we just don't know who will show up. But hey - a free t-shirt is a free t-shirt! Be sure to send us sizes if you know ahead of time.
4. Fellowship - we get to hang out with each other! And we all are some pretty awesome people - you know this right? We are all made in the image of God! Sometimes we just need that reminder!
5. Some great photo opportunities!
6. Your students will meet some new people. We will set them up in small groups. This is a little chaotic at first as we separate them, but it is only temporary.
7. Some great moments with your students! Trust me - God will set you up with some great moments!
8. Some awesome free time with your students on Saturday at Virginia Tech.

Where will we sleep?

We are staying at Alta Mons this year. All facilities are heated! Most everyone should have a bed, but some people could end up on the floor or couches. We will let you know before you come if you need to bring any air mattresses. The beds are bunk beds and you will need sheets or sleeping bag.

Groups may share the same house depending on group sizes.

What is the schedule?

Friday night registration at 6pm at Wesley, followed by our first session and small groups. Around 10pm, we will head to Alta Mons for the night.

Saturday we will have continental breakfast At Alta Mons and head to Wesley for the day.

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Sunday we wake up, continental breakfast, clean up and worship at Crockett Springs UMC

Can I change my numbers later?

Yes! We get it! Youth ministry is herding cats! Just email your changes to Bret Gresham at wesfound@vt.edu

What is there to do during the free time on Saturday afternoon?

1. Tours around Virginia Tech
2. A scavenger hunt around VT
3. Some activities in Blacksburg if you want to book them. More details sent later after you register your group.

Cell Phones?

Alta Mons is in a remote valley and there is no cell coverage. For emergencies please direct parents/guardians to use the Alta Mons land line at 540-268-2409.

What are groups responsible for?

1. Registering below and making sure we have updates on names and genders so we can plan accordingly.
2. Safe Sanctuaries - It is up to your church to make sure you have enough adults and follow safe sanctuaries.
3. Your church is responsible for your own permission/medical forms - think of it this way...this is your own church retreat that you just happen to be sharing with other church groups but you don't have to plan it!
3. Transportation. We understand Alta Mons is a bit further than we have stayed in the past, but Alta Mons is AMAZING!!
4. Watch and supervise your group.