



# Seventh-day Adventist® Church

FLORIDA CONFERENCE

To Whom It May Concern:

The Florida Conference Youth Ministries Department sponsors a yearly four-day weekend retreat for high school-age students. At this retreat, we help students: 1) clarify their personal values, 2) learn to make positive choices, 3) practice their social skills by engaging with other teens, and 4) deepen their spiritual convictions. We want our students to be their best and return to their communities and schools ready to make a difference.

This year's retreat will be held at our camp north of Gainesville from October 9 to 12, 2025. We realize that this takes the students away from their academic endeavors, but this event helps them develop some habits and skills that will help them succeed in life and become even better students.

This year, they would need to miss Friday, October 10, 2025. Please consider excusing their absence from attending school as they join us for this event.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read this request. We trust that you will have a great school year. If you have any questions about the event, please call the Youth Ministries Department at (407) 644-5000 or email me. The email is below for your convenience. Thanks again.

Impassioned by God's Grace,

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