

StF & GS Confirmation Retreat 2017

Packing List & Parent Info

Leave the following at home:

- A. **Books, homework, laptops, tablet computers, radios, mp3 players, and CD players.** These items will be taken up if observed during the weekend.
- B. **Cell phones are allowed in cases of emergency only.** Cell phone use is prohibited during all retreat activities. In case of emergency, the retreat leader (James Longoria) can be reached at (979) 492-4644.
- C. **Use of alcohol, drugs, and tobacco products is not allowed.** Please do not bring any of these items. Discovery of these items on the retreat weekend will result in dismissal from the retreat and removal of the candidate in question from the Confirmation program.
- D. **Personal food.** Food will be provided. Only snacks for the whole group or food necessary for personal dietary reasons will be allowed at the retreat center. Food is not allowed in sleeping areas.
- E. **Inappropriate Clothing.** Please don't plan on wearing revealing clothing or anything with inflammatory words or graphics. Anyone wearing clothes deemed inappropriate (at retreat staff's discretion) will be asked to change.

Please bring the following:

- A. **Enough casual, comfortable and modest clothing for two days.**
- B. **Close-toed shoes for outdoor activities and shower shoes (flip-flops) for shower areas.**
- C. **Towels, wash cloths, soap and other personal toiletries.**
- D. **Pillow and sleeping bag (or sheets and a blanket).**
- E. **Sleeping mat, air mattress, or cot.** If you don't have one of these items, please email James and we will find one for you.
- F. **An Open Heart and Mind!** "If today you hear His voice, harden not your heart!" Ps. 95

These items are encouraged but not absolutely necessary.

- A. Camera
- B. Bible, Catechism & Rosary (If you don't have 1 or more of these items, they will be provided for you.)

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1. Please have your child at Good Shepherd no later than 5 pm on Friday, August 11. The Good Shepherd Parish Hall will be open at 3:30pm to welcome youth who may need to be dropped off earlier.
2. Dinner **WILL BE PROVIDED** in the Good Shepherd parish hall beginning at 5pm.
3. Youth under 18 (all candidates) must be signed in by a **PARENT OR GUARDIAN** at the sign-in table in the Good Shepherd Parish Hall.
4. Youth joining the retreat later on Friday evening may **NOT** drive to the retreat with a youth or staff member under 21 years of age. This policy includes siblings.
5. All youth and staff will depart for our retreat site no later than 5:45 pm on Friday and will return to Good Shepherd on Sunday, August 13 by 5 pm.
6. If you plan on driving youth to and/or from the retreat please plan on being present at the following times and places:

Depart: Good Shepherd parking lot, Friday August 11, 5:30 pm

Return: Home of George & Karen Gebhardt (844 Trail Rock Dr. Johnson City, TX 78636, see map and directions on the following page) Sunday 8/13, 5:00 pm

Meal Teams

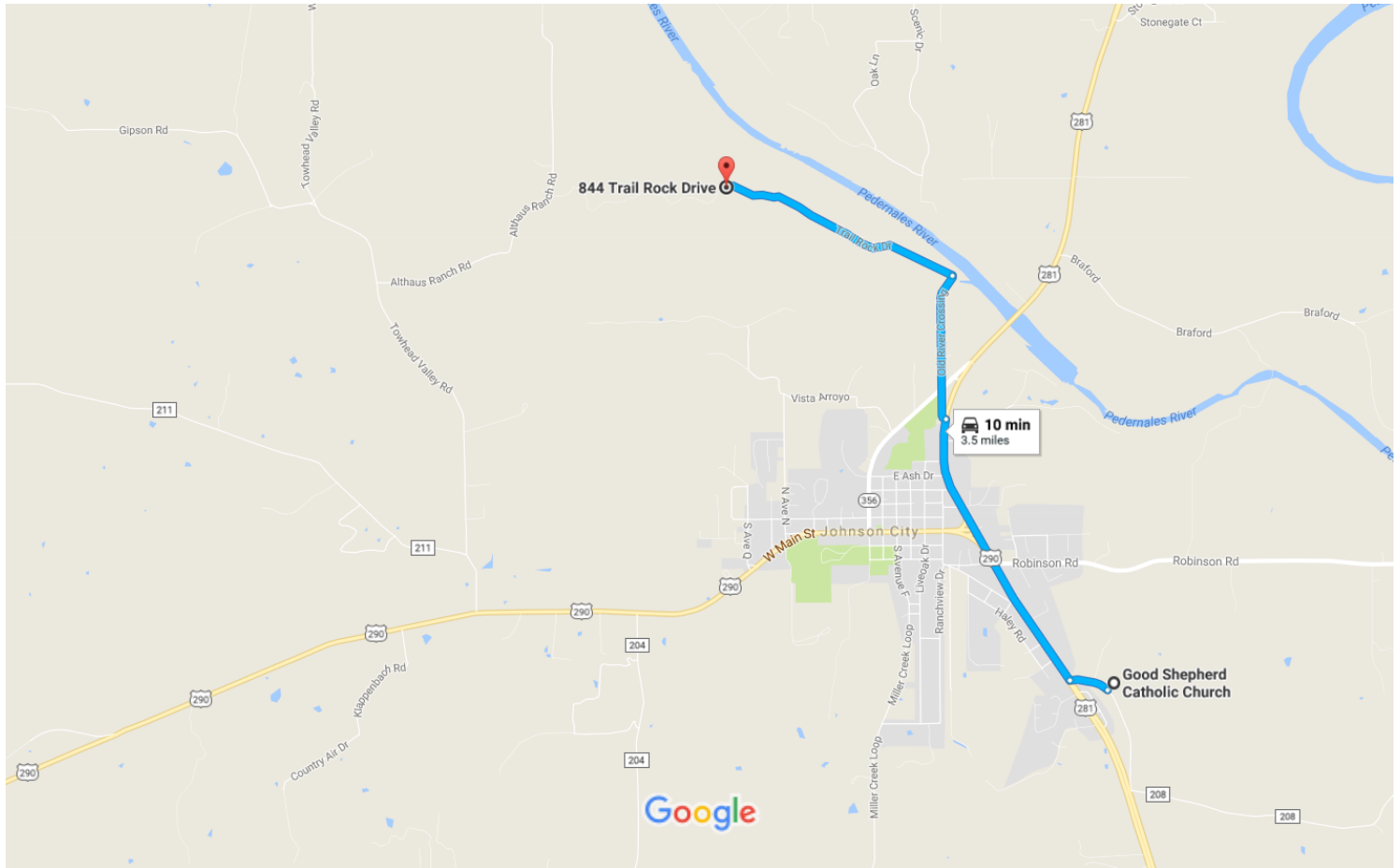
Parents are encouraged to participate on a meal team during the retreat. Parents are needed to provide side dishes and serve the retreaters and staff. For more information on meal teams, please contact James Longoria at (979) 492-4644.

Sacraments

Teens will have the opportunity to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and fulfill their obligation for participation in Sunday Mass. The retreat staff will encourage all retreaters to take full advantage of these opportunities. We ask that you please consider discussing the importance of participating in these sacraments with your teen before the retreat.

Questions or Concerns?

Please contact James at (979) 492-4644 or james@stferdinandblanco.org with any questions or concerns you may have.



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Good Shepherd Catholic Church

285 281 Loop, Johnson City, TX 78636

- ↑ 1. Head northwest on 281 Loop toward US-281 N/US-290 W 0.2 mi
- ➡ 2. Turn right onto US-281 N/US-290 W
i Continue to follow US-281 N 1.4 mi
- ↶ 3. Turn left onto Old River Crossing 0.7 mi
- ↑ 4. Old River Crossing turns left and becomes Trail Rock Dr
⚠ Partial restricted usage road 1.2 mi

844 Trail Rock Dr

Johnson City, TX 78636

These directions are for planning purposes only. You may find that construction projects, traffic, weather, or other events may cause conditions to differ from the map results, and you should plan your route accordingly. You must obey all signs or notices regarding your route.