

Middle School Retreat
February 24-26, 2012
PHAT HOUSE INFORMATION

Parish Houses Accommodating Teens

One of the most important needs we have during the MS Retreat is that of providing a safe environment in which to house the students.

In the hopes of strengthening existing friendships, forging new ones and establishing ties to the community we ask that students stay together for the duration of the retreat in homes of parishioners. Each PHAT HOUSE is assigned High School Retreat Leaders who are responsible for making sure that all rules are observed and that the Middle School Students get the rest they need.

As PHAT HOUSE parents, you are asked to transport the students from the church to your homes on both Friday and Saturday nights at approximately 10:15, and return them by 8:15 the following morning. Each student is asked to take a shower once during the retreat, (they will supply their own toiletries and towels). The students are fed a snack before leaving and upon returning to the church, but if you choose you may offer them snacks. You will be given any information regarding allergies with your contact information on Friday evening. We encourage you to set area boundaries and ground rules in additions to the ones set by the leadership teams.

In efforts to both protect all the retreat participants and the volunteers involved as well as remain in alignment with the standards set by the Diocese of Grand Rapids, all PHAT HOUSE volunteers are required to give permission for both a criminal and driving background check. This is conducted by the parish Business Manager, Joe Hakeem and the information given is held in the strictest confidence.

If you are willing to help us fulfill this important need or would like more information, please contact the Parish Office at 455-9310 and a Retreat Team Member will return your call as soon as possible.

Please keep in mind that if your child or children are participating in the retreat, you have the choice as to whether or not you want to have your children at your house or if you would prefer to have the experience of housing other children.

Thank you for expressing interest in hosting a group of Middle School Retreat participants.



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