



# Winter Weekend 2018

Sponsored by VoX & the Illinois South Conference  
of the United Church of Christ

## INFORMATION PACKET

### PARTICIPATION

**Youth:** Winter Weekend is for all Senior High Youth (currently in grades 9 - 12) and their adult chaperones.

**Chaperones:** Adults, age 21 and older. A minimum of 1 adult chaperone is required for each 7 or fewer youth participants. Churches are also asked to provide male and female chaperones in proportion to the male/female break-down of their group (i.e. 2 male and 6 female youth = one male and one female chaperone.) This requirement is related to supervision in sleeping areas. Churches are encouraged to team up with other churches in their area to make this work. If you are having a problem with this, please contact Christy Pursell at [cpursell@iscucc.org](mailto:cpursell@iscucc.org) or 618-654-2125.

### DATES & LOCATION

Saturday, January 13, 2018 through Monday, January 15, 2018  
DuBois Center • 2651 Quarry Road • DuBois, Illinois 62831

### ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

The event begins with check-in from 10:15-11:15 am on Saturday morning. The program will begin promptly at 11:30 am, so plan to arrive in time to get settled. On Monday, the event will close no later than 1:00 pm.

### CONTACTS & IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

#### BEFORE the Event

**Program:** Rev. Kris Avise-Rouse at [pastorkris@stpaulucc4u.org](mailto:pastorkris@stpaulucc4u.org) or (618) 281-5102

**Registrar:** Christy Pursell at [cpursell@iscucc.org](mailto:cpursell@iscucc.org) or (618) 654-2125

#### DURING the Event

**Leadership:** Rev. Kris Avise-Rouse, (618) 540-7439

**DuBois Center:** On-Call Pager at (618) 791-6545

Please use these "during the event" numbers only in case of an emergency. Participants and leaders will be out and about, involved in the program during most of the day and evening.

## \$ EVENT FEE \$

\$150 per person, limited to first 100 youth and chaperones who have sent a space reservation form and deposit postmarked by December 8, 2017, and have paid the balance and sent in the registration and required paperwork postmarked by January 4, 2018. (\$165/person after that date.)

The event for each youth and adult participant includes two nights' lodging. **Bring your OWN SACK LUNCH for Saturday** (there will be time to eat after the program begins). Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided on Sunday as well as breakfast on Monday. **LUNCH WILL NOT BE PROVIDED ON MONDAY.**

## REFUNDS

\$10 of the event fee is considered to be the deposit. Deposits are **NON-REFUNDABLE**. Payments for the balance of the event fees are refundable ONLY if cancellation is received by Thursday, January 4, 2018.

## COVENANTS

Enclosed, there is a covenant for youth participants and a separate covenant for adult chaperones. Please take the time to review these carefully. All attendees (youth and adults) will be expected to abide by these. These covenants are to ensure the well-being of all participants and to emphasize our responsibilities toward one another. Please return a signed copy of the appropriate Covenant for each youth and adult with your Group Allocation/Registration form by January 4, 2018.

## HOUSING

Housing will be assigned according to gender (males together, females together). Local church groups will be assigned together for overnight lodging when possible. Smaller groups may be combined within cottages. Chaperones should work in advance with neighboring churches to ensure adequate supervision in male and female sleeping areas. If you are having problems with this coverage, check with Christy Pursell as soon as possible at 618-654-2125 or [cpursell@iscucc.org](mailto:cpursell@iscucc.org). Notes regarding arrangements for male-female sleeping area coverage should be sent with the Group Reservation Form, so housing can be correctly assigned.

## HEALTH CONCERNS - VERY IMPORTANT!!

Local church chaperones are responsible for first aid & health issues for their participants. Chaperones should carry **Permission to Treat** authorizations for each adult and youth attendee and come prepared with basic first aid supplies. NOTE: The authorizations included on the "Permission & Authorization" form include this authorization. Be sure chaperones keep a copy for their use. In an emergency, the event coordinator will provide back-up supplies and support. We recommend that medications be kept by the church chaperones. ***It is the responsibility of the family and/or each local church to provide health and accident coverage for their participants.***

## ADULT LEADERSHIP - SAFE CHURCH/CONDUCT VERIFICATION

The Illinois South Conference and many of our churches have adopted "Safe Conduct" policies as tools to help us provide the safest environment possible for those we serve. Implementation of these policies is on-going. We have instituted procedures for adult chaperones and other

adult leaders involved in Conference-sponsored youth programs with an overnight component. Even though youth attend these events with chaperones from their own church, they are often involved with adults from other churches in small group settings and, sometimes, in the sleeping areas.

In addition to the **Registration & Health Information** form and **Covenant**, adult attendees need to submit the following:

1. Disclosure Statement dated within the past 12 months
2. State of Illinois, Department of Children and Family Services AUTHORIZATION FOR BACKGROUND CHECK, or a completed background check that has been returned from the State, dated within the past 12 months. **If your church already utilizes the DCFS system**, a copy of a current report signed by the pastor, dated within the past 12 months, may be submitted, and an AUTHORIZATION FOR BACKGROUND CHECK WILL NOT BE NEEDED.

**START NOW** to ensure that you have a report in hand by the **January 4, 2018** deadline for forms. If you have questions about this procedure, contact the Registrar.

## **POLICY ON TOBACCO PRODUCTS**

The possession and/or use of tobacco products is not allowed by persons under the age of 18 and/or **ANY YOUTH PARTICIPANTS**, even those who are 18 years of age or older, at any ISC-sponsored youth event. The use of tobacco products by adult chaperones is allowed only at designated times and in designated places. There is no smoking in any building at DuBois Center, within 15 feet of any building, or in the woods.

## **DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE**

The possession and/or use of alcohol and/or illegal drugs or controlled substances will not be tolerated at any Conference-sponsored youth event or retreat. The one exception might be the provision of wine as an option during communion. This includes every participant and leader, youth and adult. Such activity is destructive to the spirit of Christian community we hope to build at all our youth events. The possession and/or use of alcohol and/or illegal drugs or controlled substances will result in the offending parties being sent home **AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE**.

## **OFFERING**

We are asking the youth to help with two offerings.

1. Sunday morning, we will collect a cash (or check) offering to support Uni-Pres Kindercottage. We suggest the youth of your church, connect with the entire congregation as a mission.
2. We also ask the youth to collect and bring facial tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, wet wipes, and or Clorox wipes for Uni-Pres Kindercottage. Let's see how large of a stack we can create.

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## THINGS NOT TO BRING

Please **DO NOT** bring expensive or valuable items or lots of money or any of the items listed below:

Illegal drugs or controlled substances • alcohol or tobacco products • skate boards • fireworks • weapons (including knives & hand guns) • food for the bunk room (Bugs love it!) • clothing that promotes sex, violence, alcohol, drugs, etc. (e.g., NO Co-ed Naked, Budweiser, etc.) • inappropriate clothing - too tight, too short, too revealing • items that will detract from the event

The Illinois South Conference and DuBois Center and their staff/representatives are not responsible for the loss, damage or theft of personal property.

## CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT LIST (Do Bring)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Pre-packaged Snacks to SHARE with entire group in Oak Lodge
- \_\_\_\_\_ Water bottle
- \_\_\_\_\_ Comfortable clothes for two days
- \_\_\_\_\_ Two or three pairs of shoes and lots of dry socks
- \_\_\_\_\_ PJ's
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rain gear, Sweaters, Gloves and a Jacket (Weather permitting, some activities may be outside.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sleeping bag (or sheets & blankets) and pillow
- \_\_\_\_\_ Wash Kit (soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Towel and Wash Cloth
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bible
- \_\_\_\_\_ Paper & Pens or Pencils
- \_\_\_\_\_ Any extra \$\$ needed for the trip to and from the event
- \_\_\_\_\_ Any Necessary Medication (***Please be sure that the home church chaperone is aware of any medications to be taken and any special medical considerations.***)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Any Necessary Forms if not yet turned in
- \_\_\_\_\_ Camera (optional)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Offerings (monetary or collection items) for Uni-Pres Kindercottage (optional) See page 3 of the Info Packet.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Positive attitude 😊