



Welcome to an Unforgettable Confirmation Retreat!

Lake Junaluska • Where Faith, Fun, and Fellowship Meet

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Dear First United Methodist Confirmand Parents & Guardians,

What a joyful and milestone season this is! Your students are embarking on an extraordinary adventure—growing deeper in their faith and taking ownership of a personal decision that is truly theirs to claim.

We are absolutely thrilled to partner with your church community and family to host this unforgettable retreat!

What Awaits Your Students

This dedicated weekend away is designed to inspire, energize, and equip our young believers through dynamic hands-on experiences, creative expression, and authentic community:

- **Prayers & Presence:** Engaging spiritual practices, reflection, and community building.
- **Gifts & Service:** Hands-on service projects and creative expressions through art and music.
- **Witness:** Discovering how serving others transforms lives—both theirs and ours!

Throughout the retreat, students will create personal faith-journey keepsakes and gather practical, dynamic ideas to share back home with your own church body and through worship.



☀️ **Special Weekend Highlight: Cross Walk**

Our celebration culminates in a reflective walk together to the iconic **Lake Junaluska Cross and Amphitheater**. Standing beneath the illuminated cross—a historic beacon of hope and inspiration—serves as an unforgettable high point of our time together!

Grounded in Heritage, Open to All

Set against the beauty of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Lake Junaluska provides a vibrant setting to help students proudly claim their United Methodist roots:

- **Rich History:** Steeped in Wesleyan heritage, Lake Junaluska first opened its doors at Stuart Auditorium in 1913.
- **Centennial Legacy:** For over 100 years, our sanctuary has been a cherished home for relaxation, recreation, and spiritual renewal.
- **A Welcoming Space:** Connected to The United Methodist Church and open year-round for retreats, family events, conferences, and celebrations.

We can't wait to see you on the mountain!

Grace and Peace!

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