

# WAVES OF GRACE

**NOV 2-3, 2024 GILMER, TEXAS  
GILMONT CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER**

## **REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

[Register Here](#)

Waves of Grace is a weekend retreat open to youth in 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade at Camp Gilmont in Gilmer, TX. The retreat begins at 10 am on Saturday, November 2 and ends at 2 pm on Sunday, November 3. Optional Friday evening arrival available.

### **SPECIAL REDUCED COST FOR THIS EVENT!**

**\$60** -- Youth who participate in Presbytery Youth Leadership teams (CYMC, PULSE, SHYC Planning Team). Adult sponsors of these groups attend at no cost.

**\$120** -- All other youth and adults

Cost includes activities, lodging, snacks, and meals (Saturday and Sunday lunch, Saturday dinner, and Sunday breakfast).

### **ARE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE?**

Yes! Youth may apply for a Prairie Valley Legacy Fund (PVLf) scholarship up to 50% of their cost.

[Online fillable PVLf scholarship application](#)

## HOW DO I REGISTER BY OCTOBER 24?

1. Collect registration information and payments from youth and adult sponsors.
2. Register your youth and adult sponsors at this registration link:  
<https://gracepresbytery.regfox.com/waves-of-grace-youth-retreat>
3. Pay fees at registration with a credit card OR choose Check option and mail a check for the amount due to:

Grace Presbytery  
Attn: Kat Studley  
6100 Colwell Blvd., Suite 100  
Irving, TX 75039

4. Copy and paste the links to the forms listed below to an email to parents and adult sponsors for completion. Grace Presbytery will receive electronic copies of the completed Jotforms. You will receive an emailed copy of the Consent and Emergency Form for your records. Parents will need to print and sign the Gilmont Liability Release form and you will bring it with you to the event.

Grace Presbytery Children and Youth Parent Consent Form and Emergency Form  
<https://form.jotform.com/242739322948163>

Grace Presbytery Youth Event Community Covenant  
<https://form.jotform.com/242750456304049>

Gilmont Liability Release Form -- [Waiver and Liability Release](#)

5. If you have not submitted a copy of your church's Approved Adult List this year or you are adding a newly background checked adult sponsor, please submit the Approved Adult List form at the end of this document to Kat Studley ([kat@gracepresbytery.org](mailto:kat@gracepresbytery.org))

Our **registration deadline is October 24**. We suggest you set your registration deadline for parents several days earlier so you will have time to follow up with parents who have not yet completed your sign-up process.

## **DO WE NEED ADULT SPONSORS?**

Yes! Each church is asked to send 1 sponsor for each 7 youth attending, including youth who participate in Presbytery Youth Leadership. If your church is sending both female and male youth, please send at least 1 male and 1 female sponsor, even if you are bringing fewer than 7 youth. Adult sponsors will participate alongside the youth in the fun. Look for details soon on a special opportunity for our youth leaders at the retreat sponsored by Presbyterian Youth Workers Association!

## **I AM HAVING A HARD TIME FINDING SPONSORS. CAN OUR YOUTH STILL ATTEND?**

We want all youth to participate! We prefer youth to attend with adults from their home church to foster relationships that will endure past the retreat, but it is not always possible. If your church is unable to send the requested sponsors, please contact Jen Bluestein ([jen@gracepresbytery.org](mailto:jen@gracepresbytery.org)) to discuss partnering with another church to sponsor your youth.

## **WHAT GROUP DO OUR YOUTH SIGN UP FOR AND WHAT WILL YOUTH DO AT THIS RETREAT?**

At registration, you will assign your youth to one of these groups:

### **1. Navigators**

Confirmation group for all ages. Led by Gilmont staff, Rev. Kenny Rigoulot and Crosby Palmer. Youth in this group will explore what is confirmation and begin to think about their own faith stories. They will also have camp fun like crate stacking, hiking, and more. This group is perfect as an introduction to confirmation for youth who will begin the process in the spring or as a chance for youth already participating in confirmation to deepen their bonds outside of the church walls.

### **2. Captains**

Captains are youth who participate in Presbytery Youth Leadership. You will be notified of the youth from your church who are confirmed participants in CYMC, PULSE or SHYC Planning Team. These youth will have fun while they learn the valuable skills of leading small group discussion, energizers, and games. There will be plenty of time for camp fun!

### **3. Sailors**

This group is for youth who want to have all camp fun and who are not a navigator or captain. Ships (and retreats) need LOTS of sailors. Sailors will be led by Austin College Activators in all the camp classics – games, arts and crafts, Bible reflection, and more!

## **I HAVE NEVER BEEN TO CAMP GILMONT. WHERE WILL WE SLEEP AND WHAT WILL WE EAT?**

Youth and adults sponsors will be housed by church in cabins with twin beds and bunks. Depending on group size, some cabins may house more than one church. You will need to bring your own bedding, and you will share bathroom facilities.

Camp Gilmont kitchen staff provides meals and snacks from Saturday lunch until Sunday lunch. They will do their best to accommodate special dietary needs, including gluten and dairy free, food allergies, and vegetarian diets. Please provide these requirements at registration.

### **ARRIVAL TO CAMP GILMONT:**

Camp Gilmont is located at:

6075 State Highway 155  
Gilmer, TX 75644

We know that the drive to Camp Gilmont is long for some of our churches. To accommodate these churches, we are offering optional arrival from 7 pm to 10 pm Friday evening. No food or programming will be provided on Friday evening. Adult sponsors from your church will be responsible for supervising your youth. You must indicate at registration that your group will arrive on Friday evening.

Saturday morning arrival time begins at 8 am. Allow time for your group to arrive and settle into their cabin space before beginning activities at 10 am. Breakfast will not be provided on Saturday, but snacks will be available.

### **WHAT TO PACK?**

Weather appropriate clothes and shoes  
Sleeping bag or bedding for twin size bed  
Pillow  
Towels and Toiletries  
Flashlight  
Prescription medication (in original bottle)

## **IS THERE A SCHEDULE?**

Below is our schedule for the weekend. This is subject to change depending on weather conditions and other factors.

Friday, Nov 1 Optional Arrival – No Programming

### ***Saturday, Nov 2***

8:00-10:00	Arrival
10:15-11:00	Large Group #1
11:00-12:00	Small Group #1
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-5:30	Camp Activity Rotation (may include canoeing, crate stacking, or archery)
5:30-6:00	Free Time
6:00-7:00	Dinner
7:00-7:30	Free Time
7:30-8:30	Large Group – Faith Questions
8:30-9:30	Small Group #2
9:30-10:00	Vespers
10:00-10:45	Cabin Group Time and Wind Down
11:00	Lights Out

### ***Sunday, Nov 3***

8:00-9:00	Breakfast
9:30-10:30	Large Group
10:30-11:30	Small Group #3
11:30-12:30	Lunch
12:30-1:00	Small Group #4
1:00-1:45	Worship
2:00	Depart

## **HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?**

Contact Jen Bluestein at [jen@gracepresbytery.org](mailto:jen@gracepresbytery.org) or 214-393-5616.

# GRACE PRESBYTERY

## Acknowledgment of Child Abuse Prevention and Leadership Screening Program 2024

CHURCH: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned representatives of the above-named church hereby acknowledge that this church (check one)

maintains its own written policy

has adopted the presbytery's policy to help prevent the abuse of children and youth.

All individuals listed on this form are currently members of this congregation and have been screened including a security background check conducted in accordance with church and/or presbytery guidelines. These individuals have been authorized to work with the children and youth of this church.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Capacity with Church \_\_\_\_\_ Capacity with Church \_\_\_\_\_

Background Checks have been conducted through (Name of Organization):

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