



# Student/Parent Information Packet

## **Conference Dates:**

Monday, July 26 – Thursday, July 29

## **Conference Location:**

Bradenton Christian Retreat Center  
1200 Glory Way Blvd, Bradenton, FL 34212  
(941) 746-2882

## Dates & Times

**Registration:** Monday, July 26<sup>th</sup>- registration begins at 7:30 am at the Fort Myers location (12400 Plantation Rd., Fort Myers, FL. 33966)

**There will be a mandatory PARENT MEETING following registration at 8:30 am.**

**Departure:** Monday, July 26 at 11am from the Fort Myers location

**Return:** Thursday, July 29 at 12:00pm to the Fort Myers location

## All Things Student Conference

### Pray for Conference

Please begin praying now for Student Conference. Pray that students will have a fun week and truly experience the presence of the Lord. Pray for safe travels to and from Bradenton. We also encourage you to pray for our Pastors that will be speaking. Pray for each student and leader to experience life transformation through the Holy Spirit. We know that God is going to transform hearts and lives through the experiences during the week and we invite you to partner with us and pray for the best four days of these students' lives!

### Waivers

The Student Conference Consent/Medical/Liability Form **MUST be completed** and signed by the parent or legal guardian. The form can be found in the email that was used during registration. **Students will not be able to attend Conference without a signed waiver.**

### Medications

Medications (with the exception of EpiPens and inhalers) must be turned in to the Conference Medical Personnel. During registration, the medical team will be available to receive all medications at the medical station. Students are not allowed to leave their medications with an adult leader, staff member, or pastor. Any prescriptions or medications, over-the-counter or otherwise, turned in to the Conference Medic must be in the original bottle and must have the student's name on the original label or it will not be accepted. Place all medications in a gallon size zip lock bag with detailed instructions of how it should be administered.

### Spending Money

Meals (besides Monday lunch) will be provided during the week by the Retreat Center. Please send money with your child for lunch at the UTC Mall on Monday. If you would like to provide your student with extra spending money, there will be Student Conference Merchandise on sale, as well as a Snack Shack. Please keep in mind that students are responsible for keeping up with their own money. **Conf Merch** will be sold Monday morning in the foyer before departure.

## No Phone Zones

We are encouraging a more “unplugged” Conference this year, to encourage students to be more connected to God and less connected to the world. Cell phones, iPads, electronics and headphones/air pods will only be permitted in the hotel rooms and must be left in the hotel rooms during the day. **Student’s phones and electronics are NOT permitted in sessions, during meal times or any scheduled Conference activities.** Students will be able to check in with parents in the mornings before sessions, during free time in the hotel rooms, and at night after sessions. If there is an emergency, you can contact the hotel number listed on the front of this packet or by texting the Next Gen Pastor at 239-246-1380.

## Luggage

Students are permitted to bring ONE piece of luggage and one carry-on sized bag. Please be sure to properly label each with the luggage tags provided at registration on the day of departure. Bedding and linens will be provided by the Hotel. **DO NOT BRING ANYTHING THAT YOU WOULD NOT WANT TO LOSE.** Anyone found with drugs, vape pens, tobacco, alcohol or any mind altering substance will be sent home immediately and may be subject to legal actions. **All luggage and bags are subject to being searched at the time of arrival.**

## Packing List

- Bible and Pen
- Beach Towel
- Sunscreen & Bug spray
- Refillable Water Bottle
- Flip Flops
- Bathing Suit
- Shorts and T-shirts
- Jacket or sweatshirt
- Personal Care Items
  - Shampoo/Conditioner
  - Body Wash
  - Toothbrush/Toothpaste
  - Comb/Brush
  - Deodorant
  - Feminine Products
- Money for Monday lunch
- Theme Night Attire
  - Monday – U.S.A.– red, white, blue
  - Tuesday – Neon Night
  - Wednesday – Squad Colors

Recommended: Sleeping bag and/or blow up mattress.

## Squad Competitions

Squad Competitions are on at Student Conference again this year! Squads will have different opportunities throughout the week to win points for their team. The winner of Squad Comps will be announced on last night of Conference. Squads will be assigned prior to leaving for Conf and they will be based on small group sizes. Please model **good sportsmanship** and be prepared to win or lose GRACEFULLY! 😊

Squads

**Red**- Jaime Taveras

**Blue**- Pastor Cassie

**Yellow**- Pastor Kevin

## Dress Code

Please, no low-cut shirts, short shorts or bare midriffs. Shorts must have at least a 3" inseam. Please avoid clothing with questionable logos, emblems, or wording. Ladies must wear a one-piece bathing suit or tankini style only. If you only have a bikini, please bring a tank-top or t-shirt to wear over it. No "cheeky" swimsuit bottoms.

## General Rules & Guidelines

1. Smoking, drinking, vaping, tobacco, alcohol or any mind-altering chemicals are not permitted. Any possession, buying or using of these items will result in the student going home at the parent's expense.
2. Students are not permitted to leave the main group without adult supervision.
3. Guys and girls are not allowed in each other's rooms. Floors at the hotel have been separated by gender.
4. Students are not allowed in rooms alone with other students. Room leads must be present. (*except for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders*)
5. The 11:00pm curfew is for all students, as well as all Mentors and Room leaders. Sneaking out after the 11:00pm curfew will result in going home.
6. Please remember that you are representing Christ and Next Level Church. Please treat other people and the hotel with respect. Please leave the hotel and meeting spaces better than you found them.
7. Students are not permitted to leave the Bradenton Christian Retreat Center for any reason.

## Lost & Found

Lost & found items from Conference will be placed at the Merch Booth during the week. Students are responsible for their personal items during the week.

## Morning of Departure Registration

### Station 1: Luggage Drop Off

There will be a station outside of the building to label and drop all luggage off.

### Station 2: Registration Check In

Registration will be located inside of the foyer. At this station, students will check in and receive their wristbands. After registration, parents and student will be directed into the Auditorium for the parent and student meeting.

### Station 3: Missing Information Station

Students will be directed to the Missing Information Station if they are missing a medical/liability form and/ or payment. Once all forms and payment have been collected, students will be directed back to Station 2.

### Station 4: Medical Station

If a student has medication that needs to be turned in, it will be turned in to the Conference Medic here. Please make sure it is labeled in a gallon size ziplock bag with administering instructions.

**\*All parents are asked to stay for the 30 minute parent meeting at 8:30am.**

## Daily Schedule

Monday July 26<sup>th</sup>:

- 7:30 am – Registration Begins (*donuts & water available*)
- 8:30 am- Parent Meeting in the auditorium
- 8:45 am- Squad Comps start
- 10:00 am- load buses
- 11:45 am – UTC Mall Sarasota for Lunch
- 1:00 pm – Load buses and head to retreat Center
- 1:30 pm – Arrive at Retreat Center
- 4:30pm – Welcome Party
- 5:00 pm- Dinner
- 7:00 pm – Evening Session
- 8:30 pm – Small Groups
- 11:00 pm- Curfew

Tuesday July 27<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday July 28<sup>th</sup>

- 8:00 am – Breakfast
- 9:15 am- Morning Session
- 10:30 am – Small Groups
- 11:15 am – Breakouts
- 12:00 pm – Lunch
- 1:30 pm – Squad Competitions
- 3:00 pm – Free Time
- 5:00 pm- Dinner
- 6:00 pm – Clean Up/Rest in Rooms

7:00 pm – Evening Session  
8:30 pm – Small Groups  
9:30 pm – Special Worship

Thursday July 29<sup>th</sup>:

8:00 am – Breakfast  
9:00 am – Clean & Pack Up  
9:30 am – Location Team Meetings  
10:00 am – Load Busses  
10:30 am – Busses Depart  
11:45 am – Arrive at Fort Myers Location

\* Middle School Students should with an adult leader at all times. (*ex. At the mall, visiting Snack Shack, during free time, at the pool, etc.*)

\*High School Students are permitted to do activities around the retreat center without an adult but may NEVER leave the property.