



What Is Walking Wisely Weekend?

It is a high-energy, fun-packed weekend retreat for all middle school students and their small group leaders. There will be incredible worship, helpful teaching, and life-changing small group discussions. Walking Wisely helps students focus on relationships in their lives and how to use the influence that God has gifted them with the help of trusted leaders and friends.

When & Where Is Walking Wisely Weekend? How Much Does This Event Cost?

February 3 - 5 2023. Sessions, small groups, and several meals will take place at Southside Church in Peachtree City. Students will stay with their groups and leaders at various host homes throughout our communities. Free time will take place at various locations throughout our communities.

The registration costs for this year are as follows:

\$175 for registrations between November 13 - December 18

\$190 for registrations between December 19 - January 15

\$210 for registrations between January 16 - January 29

Registration will close at midnight on January 29th. No students will be allowed to register after this time.

What Should My Student Pack?

- **Sleeping Bag + Pillow**
- **Clothes** | *comfortable clothes/shoes for the weather AND clothes/shoes that are ok to get a little dirty during free time*
- **Toiletries + Bath Towel**
- **Bible, notebook, pen**
- **Snacks** (optional!) | *personal snacks and/or to share with cabin mates*

What Is A Host Home And How Do You Choose Host Homes?

A Host Home is the place where your students group will spend the night and eat breakfast during Walking Wisely. Typically, parents of a student in the group offer up their home to the group. Small group leaders stay with their groups and all adults over the age of 18 in the home are background checked before approving the groups host home. Other adults and friends of older siblings are not permitted to visit during the weekend. If you'd like to host your students group or any other group, go to <https://southside.org/walking-wisely/host-homes/> for more information.

What Is The Student/Leader Ratio?

Although, we do not know the exact ratios until after registration closes, we like to have one leader for every eight students.

Will Cell Phones Be Allowed At This Event?

So that we can maximize your student's overall camp experience and limit distractions, leaders will collect all cell phones at times that they see fit throughout the weekend. (We prefer that they leave their cell phone at home.) You can contact your student's small group leaders or a Transit staff member if you need to reach your student in the event of an emergency.

How Will Parents Be Contacted In Case Of An Emergency?

Someone on our staff will call the phone number you provided us when you registered your student. At check in, you will be provided with contact info for the Transit Staff on site for the weekend.

What If My Student Has A Food Allergy?

Please indicate this in your student's registration. We will do our best to accommodate your student's food allergy.

Will There Be A Medical Professional At Walking Wisely Weekend?

Yes. We will have trained medical professionals present throughout the event. If your student is on medication, we will collect their medication at check-in along with instructions for administering the medication. Our nurses, along with your student's small group leaders, will help ensure your student takes their medication correctly.

How Do You Determine The Costs Per Student For Your Events?

Many factors play into this decision, and parents are often surprised to learn that our events do not pay for themselves. There is a portion of our yearly Transit budget that supplements the event cost. Some cost factors include facility rental, transportation, camp production, medical professionals, security, lifeguards, and much more. Also, since we ask so much of our small group leaders, we use registration costs to cover their expenses for attending. So, when you pay for your student to attend one of our events, a portion of that money is used to cover the cost of their small group leader.

Do you offer scholarships or other payment options for camp?

Yes! We will never allow a student to miss camp because of a financial situation. You can apply for a needs-based scholarship to camp on our website at southside.org/walking-wisely. We can offer payment plans for families as well. For more information, please reach out to a Transit Team Member.

What Are The Details For Check-In?

Check in begins at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, February 3rd at your students' host home. Leaders + some parents will transport students to the church for Session 1!

What Is The Cancellation Policy?

All cancellations must be sent in writing to the Transit Team. Cancellations made between Sunday, **November 13** and Sunday, **December 18**, will receive a full refund. Cancellations made between Monday, **December 19** and Sunday, **January 15** will lose a \$75 deposit. Cancellations made after **January 15** will receive no refund of any kind.

What Else Do I Need To Know?

We wish to respect and partner with you as parents, ensuring that your student has an excellent camp experience. There are however a few things that will cause your student to be removed from camp:

- We will not tolerate fighting.
- We will not tolerate inappropriate posts + behavior on social media.
- Guys are NOT allowed in girls host homes at any time.
- Girls are NOT allowed in guys host homes at any time.
- We will not allow students to leave their cabins after hours.
- We will not allow drugs, alcohol, tobacco, fireworks, or weapons of any kind.
- If problems arise, we will ask you to come and pick up your student.

If you have further questions, we would love to help address those. Feel free to reach out to the email addresses below for more information:

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