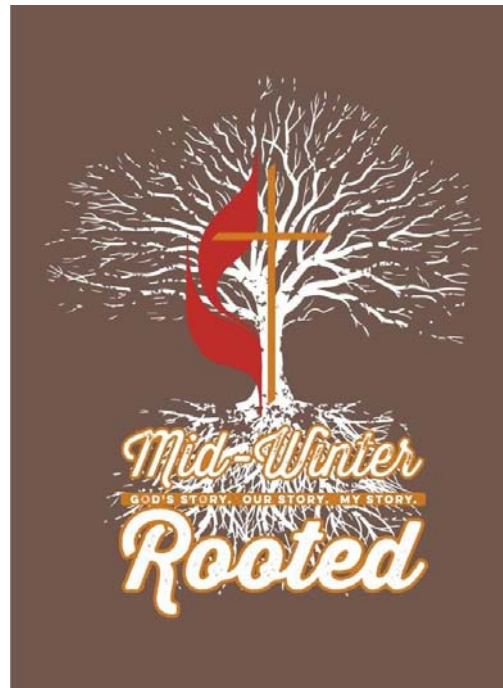


Mid-Winter 2016

“Rooted: God’s Story. Our Story. My Story.”

Frequently Asked Questions

- **What is Mid-Winter, and what will we do there?** Mid-Winter is an annual retreat for students in the Central Texas Conference, traditionally held every February. Your youth group may choose from two separate weekends (Friday 7 pm through Sunday 11 am.) Youth groups from all over the Conference will converge in one location to further their relationship with Jesus through dynamic speakers, celebratory music, thought-provoking small group discussions, and intentional worship centering around the weekend theme. Group games and free time sessions offer the opportunity to make friends from other churches, and to renew friendships from past Mid-Winters.
- **When is Mid-Winter?** February 5-7, 2016 or February 19-21, 2016.
- **Where will it be held?** Mid-Winter is at Glen Lake Camp and Retreat Center, Glen Rose, TX.
- **How will we get there?** Each group is responsible for their own transportation to and from Mid-Winter.



- **Who can go?**
 - Youth in grades 6-12 (as of February 2016)
 - Adults 21 and over who have completed the five steps of MinistrySafe through their local church. Groups need to bring at least 2 adults for every 10 students. If your group includes both boys and girls, you must bring at least one male and one female adult. Your group will be required to submit a MinistrySafe Compliance Form two weeks prior to the event.
- **How do we register?** Our website page, www.ctcumc.org/midwinter2016, contains all the registration links and downloadable forms (i.e. Medical Release and Liability Form).
 - Group Leaders (Youth Director, Youth Leader, etc.) may register their groups online through November 30, 2015, estimating their projected group size. Group Registration is not mandatory, and there is no deposit required; this does, however, ensure your group’s spot is reserved at your preferred session, and is vital in assisting CTC with cabin assignments.
 - Individual Registration (for *all participants*, whether youth or adults) opens November 2, 2015. Select the link for the Mid-Winter session your group plans to attend (verify the session with your Group Leader). You may pay online, or mail your payment to the CTC. Please do not mail your payment directly to Glen Lake Camp.
 - Individual Registration for Mid-Winter 1 closes January 29, 2016 (register by January 3, 2016 to qualify for Early Bird rate), and Individual Registration for Mid-Winter 2 closes February 12, 2016 (register by January 17, 2016 to qualify for Early Bird rate).
 - All participants should download the Medical Release and Liability Form, and return it completed, signed, and notarized to your Group Leader. When your group checks in, your Group Leader will turn in a form for each participant (keeping a copy of each for him/herself).
- **How much does the Mid-Winter Retreat cost?** \$100 for Early Bird rate (see above for registration deadlines to qualify), and \$125 Regular rate.
- **What is included in the cost? Do we need to bring additional spending money?** Your fee covers lodging, curriculum and supplies, our worship band, a 2016 Mid-Winter t-shirt, and meals while at the camp (Saturday breakfast, lunch, and dinner, and Sunday breakfast). Additional spending money is only necessary if you wish to shop in the Camp Store (it is only open for brief times during the weekend), if you wish to donate to the Youth Service Fund, or if your group notifies you to bring money for Friday night and/or Sunday afternoon meal.
- **Where will we sleep?** Everyone will sleep in cabins at Glen Lake Camp, divided by gender, and assigned by churches, with at least two non-related adults of the same gender in the cabin. The cabins are modern, with electricity, showers, bathrooms, and heating/air. Participants will sleep in individual twin size bunk beds.
- **What do we bring?** Before Mid-Winter, your Group Leader will be emailed a detailed “What to Bring” list to distribute to members of your group. For now, plan on weather-appropriate clothing for two days, hygiene items, and twin-sized sleeping bag or twin-sized bedding for individual use. Remember you will receive a Mid-Winter t-shirt to wear on Sunday! *Note: If you plan to bring electronics or other expensive items, please remember neither Central Texas Conference nor Glen Lake Camp is responsible for lost or stolen property.
- **What is the Cell Phone Policy?** Cell phones may be brought to Mid-Winter, but must be left in the cabins. This means they must not be in use or on one’s person when students are outside of cabins. Students will be in their cabins from bedtime to morning, and during a brief break in the afternoon.
- **What is the Medication Policy?** Churches should follow their local church medication procedure. Group Leaders (i.e. Youth Director, Youth Leader, etc.) will be responsible for the group’s medications. Central Texas Conference will not dispense medications (prescription or over-the-counter). All medications must be in a locked, secure location. Please contact Claire Condrey at clairecondrey@ctcumc.org with any questions.