



Senior Launch Retreat – FAQ

What is the Senior Launch Retreat?

The Senior Launch Retreat is a weekend experience designed exclusively for graduating seniors. It's a time to celebrate your accomplishments, deepen your faith, and prepare for the next steps in life. You'll reflect on your journey so far, receive practical tools for success, and form lasting connections with your peers and leaders.

Where will my student stay?

Your student will be staying at Elk Ridge Ranch in French Lick, Indiana, which offers two separate buildings onsite for accommodations. Students will be housed by gender in separate buildings, and all meals and teaching sessions will take place in the common area of the male cabin. Please note that due to the available accommodations, students may be required to share a queen or king bed with another student.

What activities will be included?

The weekend will feature a mix of activities including time in beautiful cabins, skiing, fun at a waterpark, plenty of time playing games and laughing with others, and powerful teaching sessions. You'll also participate in group discussions and activities aimed at helping you maintain your faith and build meaningful relationships in the years ahead.

What is covered in the cost?

The cost of the retreat covers all food, transportation, retreat materials, housing, an indoor waterpark ticket, and a ticket to Paoli Peaks. Please note that the cost does not include your student's ski or snowboard rental, or their lift ticket for Paoli Peaks.

<https://www.paolipeaks.com>

How will the retreat help prepare for life after high school?

The retreat is designed to equip you with the tools and support needed to navigate the challenges of adulthood. Through sessions on faith, relationships, and personal growth, your student will leave with a clearer vision for their future and a strong sense of community.

When will students depart and return from the retreat?

Students will depart for the retreat on Friday, February 14, 2025. Check-in will begin at 4:30 PM at Connection Pointe Brownsburg, and students will depart for Elk Ridge Ranch at 5:30 PM. They will return to Connection Pointe Brownsburg on Monday, February 17, 2025, at approximately 1:15 PM.

What should I bring to the retreat?

A packing list will be provided closer to the event, but in general, please plan to bring clothing for each day, personal toiletries, and anything else you may need to be comfortable during the weekend. Bedding and towels will be provided by the property managers, so there's no need to bring those. Be sure to pack for a variety of activities, including outdoor adventures, and plan accordingly for cooler weather.

Retreat Packing List:

- **Clothing:**

- Casual clothes for everyday wear
- Appropriate clothing for Paoli Peaks (temperatures may vary, so be prepared for cold weather)
- Pajamas
- Swimwear (for indoor waterpark. Please no speedos or two-piece bathing suits)
- A pair of comfortable shoes
- Ski/snowboard gear (if you're bringing your own equipment, including boots, helmet, etc.)

- **Toiletries:**

- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Shampoo, conditioner, and soap
- Deodorant
- Any personal medications

- **Miscellaneous:**

- Bible, journal, pen
- A reusable water bottle
- Warm hat and gloves (if weather calls for it)
- A small backpack or bag for carrying personal items

Is there financial assistance available?

Scholarships are designed to allow students to attend who would otherwise not be able, not to reduce the cost of the event for those who can afford the full registration. If you are need of scholarship assistance, please click [here](#).

Who can I contact for more information?

If you have any additional questions, feel free to reach out to the Students Team at students@connectionpointe.org We're happy to help!

How is safety and supervision handled during the retreat?

Your child's safety is our top priority. The retreat will be supervised by experienced adult leaders who are trained to provide a safe and supportive environment. We ensure that all activities are appropriately managed and that students are supervised throughout the weekend.

What if my student has dietary restrictions or other special needs?

We want all students to have a positive experience, so if your child has any dietary restrictions or special needs, please let us know during the registration process. We'll do our best to accommodate them.

Are Cell Phones allowed?

To limit distractions so students can fully connect with God and their peers upon arrival to Elk Ridge

Ranch, students' phones will be collected and kept in a secure room. Phones will be returned to students during excursions each afternoon and then recollected once back at cabins. On Monday morning, all phones will be returned to students when we check out of cabins.