



## February 2-4

**Winter Blast** is a retreat held at Hidden Acres Christian Center in Dayton, Iowa for **7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders**. Winter Blast is always tons of fun as well as faith building. Relevant teaching, awesome worship, indoor basketball courts, snack bar, hanging out, sledding, dodgeball, hot tub, eating out, fun group games, indoor swimming pool, making memories with your friends and your youth group are some of the things you can expect this year at Winter Blast!

The cost for the retreat, camp stay, & meals while at Winter Blast is \$130. You will also need enough money for Friday dinner (fast food) & Sunday lunch (fast food). If you want, you can bring money for snacks or camp merch while at Winter Blast. If you need financial assistance, please contact Ryan Smith at [rsmith@gracemc.org](mailto:rsmith@gracemc.org) or at the church office- 641-423-9401 .

### Schedule Friday

4:00	Arrive at church to pack the bus
4:30	Depart from church
5:30	Eat
7:00	Winter Blast!

[www.hacamps.org](http://www.hacamps.org)

For more information about where we will be staying and everything they have to offer, check out the website above

### Saturday

Winter Blast all day, baby!

### Sunday

8:00-11:00am	Winter Blast
12:00ish	Lunch
1:45-2:00	Arrive at Grace Church in Mason City

In order to go, complete & have all of the following turned into Ryan Smith by **Wednesday, January 10...**

1. Read through this whole packet & understand it. Ask questions if you have them.
2. Parent/Student Oath Form & the Medical Release Form.
3. Pay the \$130 fee (Make checks to Grace Church, put Winter Blast in memo, and give to Ryan)
4. Tell everyone else in your Foundry Small Group that you're going & they need to go too!

I love Winter Blast; I went every year when I was a student and have been a part of it as a leader for many years. We will be challenged to think about how we are daily living our lives for Christ. We will also have a chance to have a lot of fun. Please pray that God prepares our attitudes as He challenges us at Winter Blast. Parents, please be sure to read through this with your student & ask any questions that you may have *before* we go. - Ryan Smith

# Ryan's Expectations

## & PACKING LIST

1. Display a Christ-like attitude at all times!
2. Be where you're supposed to be when you're supposed to be there
3. Listen & do what the adult leaders say
4. No cell phones during main sessions, lessons, or group times. Have fun with whom you're with
5. No tobacco, alcohol, or drugs of any kind
6. Respect the camp. The people at Hidden Acres work very hard to make it a great place to stay at and hear from God, so treat the place and the people with respect.
7. Wear appropriate clothing
  - I don't want to see cracks of any sorts- boys or girls. -See the Packing list below.
8. Boy/Girl guidelines...
  - a. NO TOUCHING
  - b. No sharing blankets
  - c. No going off in couples (whether dating or not)
9. Vehicle rules...
  - a. Girls sit with girls
  - b. Guys sit with guys
  - c. Keep it clean (in every sense you can think of)
10. Sleeping arrangements...
  - a. Be respectful by being clean & quiet
  - b. Get plenty of sleep so you're fun to be around
  - c. No guys in girls rooms, no girls in guys rooms
    - a. If this happens, you will be sent home immediately.
11. HAVE FUN & MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE'S LIFE!

1. Respect Yourself!
2. Respect Others!
3. Respect the Place!

### Packing List

Casual, warm clothes...toiletries...deodorant...Bible & pen...extra \$ for camp store (not necessary) ... PJs... **snacks for Ryan** ...sleeping bag & pillow... coat/pants/boots for snowy activities... towels (pool & shower) ...modest swim suit (see no crack rule) ... \$\$\$\$ for 2 fast food meals...& a great attitude!

### A Good Rule of Thumb to Follow

Don't do anything stupid that you know, or even think, might get you into trouble. Think before you act, it always helps. Don't think about how far you can go and get away with it. Instead, think about how you can draw nearer to God through your actions. Be a Christ-like example in all you do.

### Consequence

If you choose not to follow the rules, then arrangements will be made for a parent to come pick you up. Trust me, the trip back will be one of the worst trips of your entire life. Don't allow it to get to this point.

# Parent/Student Oath

I'm really excited about this trip because I know it's going to be a lot of fun. However, I don't want anyone to ruin the trip. So, that's what this sheet is for.

Students, by signing this sheet, you are saying that you agree to abide by all the rules and accept the consequences if you break the rules.

Parents, by signing this sheet, you are agreeing to pick your student up, from wherever we are, if he or she breaks the rules.

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Grace Church Medical Release Form

Effective dates: The year of 2023-2024

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.

Student lives with (circle one): Father Mother Both Other \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Carrier: \_\_\_\_\_

Employed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Carrier: \_\_\_\_\_

Employed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Carrier: \_\_\_\_\_

Employed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

## Medical Information

Family Physician: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on insurance card: \_\_\_\_\_

## Health History (Please attach a separate sheet)

1. Please list any illnesses or medical conditions.
2. Medications- taking and/or allergic to?
3. Any activity restrictions?

## Consent For Emergency Treatment

If your child should require medical attention while on an activity with the above listed church group for injuries received or illnesses contracted prior to coming, please send us information necessary to give him/her proper medical service during this time. In case of emergency, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the church group sponsor representative to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and order injection, anesthesia, or surgery for my child as named above. I also hereby give permission for my child to participate in all activities. I agree to hold harmless the above-named sponsor, the sponsoring church or group from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, and causes of action whatsoever which may arise due to the participation of myself or my child/ward. I realize, also, that in the event of illness or injury while participating in its activities, medical treatment may be required, I hereby give permission for any such treatment to be rendered, and I agree to bear the cost of such treatment.

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Father's/Guardian's Signature

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Date

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Mother's/Guardian's Signature

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Date