



Overnight Middle School Leadership Retreat (Grades 7-8)

Introduction

Beyond Differences free student leadership retreat teaches students how to be empathetic, kind leaders on their school campus. Students are empowered to make everyone at their school feel valued, accepted and included.

Parent Conference Call

*We ask that all parents for both new and returning middle school students try to attend **ONE** of the following parent calls with Brian McDaniels, Marin County Regional Program Manager and Eva Iglesias, San Mateo County Program Manager. They will review what your child should expect at the retreat and answer any questions you may have.*

When:

- Tuesday, December 4th from 6:00-6:30 PM
 - **Call:** (669) 900-6833 and enter the meeting ID: 200 432 441
- OR
- Thursday, December 6th from 9:00-9:30 AM
 - Call: (669) 900-6833 and enter the meeting ID: 773 955 375

Retreat FAQs

When: Your student will come on one of the following dates:

- **November 10th and 11th (please see times below)**
- **December 8th and 9th (please see times below)**

Where (North Bay): Drop off is at 8:00am on Saturday at the Beyond Differences Office- 711 Grand Avenue, San Rafael. Pick Up is Sunday at 4:00pm at the same location. We will be in front of the Bay Building (first building on the right).

Where (East Bay): Drop-off is at 7:30am on Saturday at Rockridge Bart Station. Pick up is at 5:00pm on Sunday at Rockridge Bart Station.

Where (South Bay): Drop-off is at 7:00am on Saturday at Central Middle School in San Carlos. Pick up is at 5:00pm on Sunday at Central Middle School.

Retreat Location: The retreat will be held at Walker Creek Ranch at 1700 Marshall Petaluma Rd, Petaluma, CA 94952.

Emergency #: 415.491.6600 or call the staff at the bottom

Transportation: We have organized buses.

Packing Checklist

- Water bottle!!!
- Warm jacket
- Sneakers/tennis shoes
- Change of clothes that includes layers for warmth
- Sleeping bag (or a twin sheet and a blanket) and pillow
- Toiletries (Tooth paste, tooth brush, hair brush, etc.)
- Hat/cap
- Day Backpack



Important Guidelines

- **Technology:** Cell phones and all other forms of technology will be collected by Beyond Differences staff at the beginning of the retreat to inspire students to make friendships with other students at the retreat. **We encourage your student to leave their cellphone at home.**
- **Please, no food or snacks.** We will provide all food and snacks on the retreat. When students bring food it attracts animals and creates divisions in student groups. If your child has a medical need, please talk to our Beyond Differences' staff.

Questions

If you have any questions, please contact:

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