

## 2023-2024 Rhetoric School Retreat: 9TH-12TH GRADE STUDENTS

### Why a Retreat?

Community...we were made for community. At Cary Christian School, we have the incredible opportunity to build deep lasting relationships with our K-12 structure and smaller class sizes. Relationships, however, require intentional focus. This retreat is designed to reach the following goals:

- Provide opportunities for students to focus on their own relationship with God by creating quiet time space for individual reflection and cabin night devotions with their parent chaperone and cabin mates.
- Provide opportunities for students to strengthen relationships with others in their grade and with their teachers through safe, fun activities.
- Provide opportunities for the CCS Rhetoric School to become more unified in school spirit.
- Provide an opportunity to speak with our Rhetoric School students as a whole community.
- Have fun!

### Safety Protocols:

In order to contract with the charter bus company and camp, we must agree to follow their company protocols. **Know that by allowing your child to participate in this retreat, you are agreeing to follow these protocols.**

- **Charter Bus** - Abide by their current health and safety protocols.
- **Camp Sea Gull** - To minimize illness at camp, they ask that parents monitor the temperature and health of each participant daily beginning five days prior to our arrival at camp. We will not collect health forms yet will expect that our community will respect each other and the camp staff by following the expected process. We will ask each student if that have been temperature and symptom free for the past five days before boarding the bus.
  - Each student must be able to acknowledge that they are temperature and symptom free since August 11.
- **Cary Christian School** - You will need to fill out the Medical Consent Form in Magnus by Friday, August 4.

### Details of Facilities:

Camp Sea Gull in Arapahoe, North Carolina.

- Wednesday, August 16, 9:00 am - Depart for Camp Sea Gull
- Friday, August 18, 12:45 pm - Depart for Cary Christian School

Cabin information:

- Cabins will be assigned by grade level, boys and girls in separate cabins/separate areas, 8-14 in each cabin (depending on grade level and attendance), chaperoned by one adult per cabin.
- Cabins have single beds, screens (open air), indoor bathrooms, and showers.

Space used:

- Most activities will be outside in open air. There are indoor and covered outdoor facilities we will use if we have rainy weather (or as we call it at camp - "liquid sunshine")
- Outdoor amphitheater will allow our entire group to be together for meetings.
- There will be an indoor, air-conditioned meeting room that will be available us.

**As with any field trip, the decision to send your child is at the parent's discretion. Because the teachers will be traveling on this retreat, there will not be classes at Cary Christian School for the Rhetoric students on these days.** More information on what to bring/not to bring and schedule details will be shared the first week of school.

[\*\*Click here to RSVP \(yes or no\)\*\*](#)

*All responses and health information must be submitted by Friday, August 4.*

We are excited to spend time together on this retreat!

Diane Hillsgrove  
Dean of Students

