

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Where and when are we meeting for the retreat?

- Out of town delegates should fly into either Houston Hobby International Airport or George Bush Intercontinental Airport (<http://www.fly2houston.com/>) and plan to arrive by 4:00pm local (Central) time. Travel arrangements from the airport to St. Thomas University will be communicated prior to the retreat. Return flights should be scheduled no earlier than 3:00pm local (Central) time.
- Local participants may be dropped off at St. Thomas University by 5:00pm. All participants should plan on being at the campus by 5:00pm so that the evening activities can proceed with all in attendance. No participants will be permitted to bring automobiles to the campus. All participants must be dropped off on Wednesday June 26th and must be picked up by 12:00 noon on Sunday June 30th at St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church, 16900 Cypress Rosehill Rd., Cypress, TX 77429 (<http://www.stsavahouston.org/>).
- If you are making other travel arrangements (i.e. rail) please contact Chris Radanovic at chrisrad@mindspring.com to coordinate pickup.

2. Who is chaperoning the youth during this event? The Youth Ministry Committee will provide qualified chaperones. There will be one chaperone for no more than eight youth attendees.

3. What activities will take place at the retreat? The retreat will include several spiritual presentations and discussions relevant to being an Orthodox teenager. Recreational and service activities in the host city will be organized. Participants will attend church services both on campus and at St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church.

4. What should the participant bring to this retreat?

NOTE: St. Thomas University has the following dress code for summer conferences: "Maintain modest attire when in public areas of university housing. Modest attire as defined by the university means clothing that covers all private areas completely, and is not too short, low-cut or tight. Clothing must be worn over bathing suits at all times and shirts must be worn at all times."

Clothes & Miscellaneous to pack:

Toiletries: comb, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, sun screen, deodorant

Clothing: daily change of underwear, socks, other clothes (shorts, t-shirts, etc. for outdoor recreational activities), pajamas

For boys: pants and suitable shirts for church services (jeans, t-shirts, and tennis shoes are not acceptable!)

For girls: skirt and blouse, or dress (dresses and blouses should have sleeves; skirts and dresses should be knee length. Nothing short)

Swim Wear: We will have an opportunity for swimming at the conference. Participants should bring church appropriate swimwear consisting of **one piece bathing suits** and towels. Unnecessarily revealing swimwear will not be permitted. Please remember this is a church sponsored event, swimwear should be appropriate for a church sponsored event.

****Please do not send valuables -- jewelry, etc. -- with your teenager. We will not be responsible for its security.**

****Remember that this is a spiritual retreat. Inappropriate clothing is a distraction to the other participants and will not be allowed.**

5. What should the participant not bring to this retreat?

- Linens: St. Thomas University provides bath towels, face cloth, sheets, pillow, pillow case, etc
- Automobiles – Out of town participants will meet at the Holy Cross campus. Local participants must be dropped off and picked at the campus. No personal participant cars will be permitted on the campus.
- Any Items Harmful to Other Retreat Participants
- Radios, Walkman, Tape Players, DVD players, video iPods, laptops
- Food – all food will be provided by the retreat center

6. Where is the retreat campus? The retreat will be held at St. Thomas University. The St. Thomas website is: <http://www.stthom.edu>. Driving directions to the seminary will be provided after the registration period is completed.

7. How do I contact the retreat administrators in case of an emergency?

The emergency contact for the retreat will be Chris Radanovic, the secretary of the Youth Ministry Committee. In case of emergency please call Chris on his mobile phone at (717) 841-6794. Chris will be present throughout the entire retreat.

8. What time should I schedule my travel arrangements for?

Flights arriving at a Houston Airport on 6/26 by 4:00pm local (Central) time and leaving Houston on 6/30 no earlier than 3:00pm local (Central) time.

Keep this page for reference. Please only return the following registration form pages.