



Greetings! This letter is to confirm that we have received your registration to attend the 2022 **Winter Retreat**, a program of the Student Statesmanship Institute (SSI). Below you will find all the information needed to attend.

Arrival: Plan on arriving Friday evening at 7pm at Michindoh Conference Center ("Michindoh," 545 E Bacon Rd, Hillsdale, MI 49242). Participants will be given a schedule for the weekend and directed to their dorm. They will be free after that point until the first session begins at 8:45pm. Please contact the office if you know will be arriving later than 7pm. Dinner will not be provided, and participants should eat before arriving. **If you are unexpectedly running late on Friday, please call or text Aimee Chauvin at 517-231-8174.**

1. **Schedule Information**

There will be five sessions over the course of the weekend discussing "Community and the Gospel." The remainder of the time will consist of meals and free time with various scheduled opportunities including gym access (basketball, volleyball, broomball, and 9-square), a game room, tubing, and a fire pit. Individuals can also feel free to bring additional items for free times such as board games, cards, or instruments. Lights out will be at midnight. A tentative schedule is included at the bottom of this document. The final schedule will be distributed on Friday.

Sunday will open with individuals packing up and loading luggage before breakfast. There will be one morning session followed by free time until departure at 2pm.

2. **Additional Details**

--**Dorms rooms** accommodate 8-14 people each.

--**Meals** will be provided starting with breakfast on Saturday and ending with lunch on Sunday.

--**Food Allergies** or any special dietary needs or restrictions that will require any degree of consideration should have been noted on the registration form. If we are made aware of dietary needs, we will be sure to communicate them to Michindoh. **SSI must be made aware of a participant's allergies and special needs requests at least three weeks prior to the start of the program.** If you have additional concerns, please contact our office at (517) 321-6233.

--There is no required dress code for the winter retreat.

--**Packing List**

- **Bedding:** Sleeping bag or blanket, sheets (twin size mattress), pillow, etc.
- **Toiletries:** Towel, washcloth, body wash, shampoo/conditioner, hand soap, comb/brush, toothbrush, etc. Participants may want to bring flip flops for the showers.
- **Supplies:** Bible, pen/pencil, notebook, alarm clock, cell phone, reusable water bottle.
- **Clothing:** Casual clothes for sessions and free time, warm clothes and winter coat for time spent outside. Optional: Athletic clothing for gym games including closed-toed shoes, snow gear for tubing.
- **Games/Entertainment:** Michindoh will provide gym materials (basketballs, volleyballs, etc.) and tubing equipment. Feel free to bring any additional materials for free time activities (board games, musical instruments, cards, etc.).
- **Snacks:** Meals will be provided from Saturday breakfast through Sunday lunch, but participants are welcome to bring snacks if they are so inclined.

3. **Policies:** Participants of SSI's Winter Retreat are expected to:

- Maintain the highest moral standards and maintain a clear personal witness through proper and appropriate conduct, language, and dress.
- Come with an intent to learn and grow closer to God and to each other, recognizing that participation in sessions is necessary to achieve these goals.
- Respect the property, privacy, and rights of others, whether associated with SSI or Michindoh.
- Refrain from drinking alcoholic beverages or using tobacco in any form or any type of illegal substance while at the Winter Retreat.

SSI "Community and the Gospel" Retreat

Michindoh January 27-29, 2023

TIME

EVENT

Friday

- 7:00 PM Group arrival; move into cabins
- 8:45 PM Michindoh Orientation
- 9:00-10:15 PM Session #1
- 10:30 PM Back to Cabins
- 12:00 AM Lights out

Saturday

- 8:00 AM Wake-up
- 8:50 AM Breakfast
- 10:00-11:15 AM Free Time
- 11:15 AM-12:30 PM Session #2
- 12:30 PM Lunch
- 1:30-3:35 PM Free Time (tubing, potential gym broomball)
- 3:35-4:20 PM Small Groups
- 4:20-4:35 PM Group Picture
- 4:35-5:50 PM Session #3
- 5:50 PM Dinner
- 7:20 PM Session #4
- 8:55-11:45 PM Free Time (open Gym)
- 11:45 PM Back to Cabins
- 12:00 AM Lights Out

Sunday

- 8:00 AM Pack, Clean-up, and Load Luggage
- 8:50 AM Breakfast
- 10:30 AM Session #5
- 12:30 PM Lunch
- 2:00 PM Group departure