



We're getting ready for an incredible confirmation trip this March. And the reason I'm emailing you is because you have a child that might be interested in joining us for this exciting weekend. If they do (I promise) they'll have a blast!

Let me answer a few questions regarding confirmation:

1. *What is confirmation?* Let's start here. Confirmation is designed for students in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and above who would like to become a member of The Ridge. The retreat will focus on the meaning of the Christian faith, the history and teachings of the United Methodist Church, and an explanation of the baptismal and membership vows they will profess. You can learn more about the conference retreat by visiting the South Georgia website: [www.sgaumc.org/confirmation](http://www.sgaumc.org/confirmation).
2. *Where is the retreat?* We'll be heading over to our conference retreat center (Epworth By The Sea) located on St. Simon's Island. It's a beautiful place to spend a weekend! There will be around 500 other youth from all over the conference attending this event. You can find out more by visiting the website: [www.epworthbythesea.org](http://www.epworthbythesea.org). Please know that your child's safety is important to us! The Ridge utilizes the "Safe Sanctuary" policies of The United Methodist Church. We have a wonderful group of chaperones already excited about the retreat as well!
3. *When is the retreat?* March 2-4, 2018. We will leave around noon on Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> and return on the 4<sup>th</sup> around 6pm.
4. *What is the cost of the retreat?* \$100. We'll need to cover the cost of the conference, transportation and meals. We've do our very best to keep the cost down! However, PLEASE DO NOT LET THE COST KEEP YOUR CHILD FROM THIS EXPERIENCE! Please let me know if you need help. There are scholarships available.

5. *When will my child officially join The Ridge membership?* Once completing confirmation, they will have the option to become a full member of The Ridge UMC. Our plan is to have confirmation Sunday on Mother's Day, May 13.
6. *Is anything else required?* Yes. We'll plan to have class sessions at the beginning of each month... on February 4, April 10, and May 6. We'll go over Membership 101, cover any material that may have been unclear or left out of the retreat and prepare the youth for confirmation Sunday. **A Parent Representative is required to attend the first meeting with their students on February 4.**
7. *What do I need to do?* Please let us know as soon as possible if you're interested in having your child attend this year's retreat by completing the attached registration form and sending in your deposit of \$50. Space is limited at Epworth. The sooner the better!! Registration deadline is December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Your child is the future of The Church! I look forward to being a part of such a wonderful group!

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Please fill out this form if your student will be participating in Confirmation at The Ridge and the Confirmation Retreat at Epworth by the Sea. **Please turn in the Registration forms and your \$50 deposit by Sunday, December 10th.** You can bring your forms and check to service on Sunday or to the church office between 8:30a.m. and 3:30p.m. Monday through Thursday. The total cost for Confirmation is \$100/student. The balance of \$50 is due before we leave on for the retreat on March 2nd.

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent or Guardian Names:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Cell #s:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Student Cell #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency contact (different than above):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency contact Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**T-Shirt Size:** \_\_\_\_\_ (All shirts are adult sizes, S – XXL)

**By signing this form you are legally committing to pay the retreat cost of \$100 regardless of whether or not your youth attends the retreat. All fees are non-refundable.**

**Signature of Parent/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_