High School Float Trip Informational Packet

If you love having an adventure in God's creation...If you love hanging out with friends...If you love being chased by wild animals... Ok, Maybe not the last one. But if you answered yes to the first two, then you need to sign up for the High School Float Trip. This informational packet is meant to answer many of your questions.

- Where are we going?
 - We will be going to Discovery Ministries and float the Current River. The first day we will hang
 out, swim in the pool, play group games, and relax next to the campfire. The second day we
 will float 11 miles in canoes. The third day we will pack up and be back before lunch in
 Springfield.
- What do we eat?
 - You will need to pack a small cooler with your personal snacks and SEVERAL bottles of water for the river. We will be on a six-hour float. Please make sure you pack enough water.
 Northside will provide all the other meals including lunch on the river.
- Where will we sleep?
 - We will sleep in air-conditioned dorms at Discovery Ministries. You will need to bring bedding or sleeping bag and a pillow.
- What if I don't know how to Canoe?
 - No worries. We can pair you up with an experienced canoer that can help teach you how to canoe.
- More Questions? Great! I would love to hear them. Feel free to send me an email at Benton@NorthsideChristianChurch.net or a call at 217-741-5528.

High School Float Trip General Information

Where: Discovery Ministries | 866-307-1947

When: July 24-26, 2025

Who: 9th grade - Seniors

Cost: \$100 per person

Deadline to sign up: June 30, 2025

Meet: Thursday, 2:30 pm at Northside Christian Church

Return: Saturday, 11:00 am at Northside Christian Church

High School Float Trip Packing List

Please Bring:

- Two changes of clothing
- Modest Swimsuit
- Girls: no exposed mid-drifts
- River Shoes
- The river bed is rocky. You need sandals with a heel strap, water shoes, or old tennis shoes. DO NOT wear Flip Flops on the river or around Discovery Ministries.
- Old Clothes to wear on the river. (T-shirts, shorts, etc.)
- Bedding (Pillow and Sleeping Bag or twin bedding)
- Jacket (If it is just raining, we will still float.)

Towels

- Closed toe shoes to wear around the campsite
- Toiletries (Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Soap, Shampoo, etc.)
- Shower shoes
- Sunscreen and Bug Spray
- Snacks and drinks in a personal cooler. Make sure you include bottled water.
- Bungee cords to tie the lid of your cooler shut and to tie your cooler into your canoe.
- Glasses strap (So you don't lose your glasses in the river)
- Camping Chair (We will have some Picnic tables at the campsite)
- Pajamas or clothes to sleep in
- Water Bottle
- Flashlight
- Football, Volleyball, Playing Cards, Spike ball, Frisbee, etc.
- \$15 for the general store, and ice for your cooler.

Please Do Not Bring:

- Weapons, Drugs, Knives
- Alcohol, Drugs, Tobacco, Vapes
- Immodest Clothing
- Prank Items

- PLEASE LEAVE YOUR PHONE AT HOME.
- <u>Life Jackets:</u> All students will be required to wear a life jacket while floating. While you will be provided one from Discovery Ministries, you may find your own life jacket more comfortable.

God designed us to be in community with each other, and sometimes we just need to unplug. I know this will be hard for some, but it is a good practice to have times when you are truly present with people.