

Instructions:

Check-In opens @ 4:00p Buses will depart @ 4:45p

- **1. Need to leave Kalahari early or arrive late to the retreat?** A parent must fill out a Travel Deviation form and return it before the weekend of the retreat. Students must be driven to/from the retreat by an adult if not riding the bus. Forms can be obtained by contacting Brandon at brichter@graceforohio.org
- 2. Need to leave your car at the church for the weekend?

Please park your car in the rows nearest to N Leroy Rd. as indicated on the map

- **3. Luggage** should be brought inside to be labeled. It will then be loaded into a trailer.
- **4. Enter Grace at the front entrance.** All other doors will be locked.
- **5. Registration will take place inside this door.** Once students are checked in, they may no longer leave the Student Center.
- **6. Bagged supper will be provided on the bus.** Please note, this is the only supper provided on Friday. If you need more food, bring extra \$ or snacks.
- 7. We will return between 3p 4p on Sunday.

Check the Grace Youth Facebook for info and weekend updates @atgraceyouth **WHAT TO BRING:**

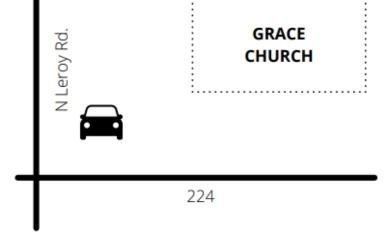
- 1 suitcase (duffle-bag or carry-on size)
- 1 bookbag to take on the bus
- Bible, notebook, pen
- Personal Items
- Swimsuit (Appropriate swim options for ladies include tankinis that cover most of your stomach, a one piece without massive cutouts, or a dark shirt over your two-piece.)
- Spending money
- Snacks for your room

DO NOT BRING:

- Weapons, fireworks, matches, lighters, alcohol, drugs, tobacco, or vapes
- Speedos, bikinis, crop tops, tank tops with straps that are less than two fingers wide, clothing with inappropriate language or illegal substances.
- Skateboards, scooters, or anything similar
- Video game systems

ROOMING ASSIGNMENTS:

Will be posted on Christmas day at graceforohio.org/youth and on social media @atgraceyouth



EMERGENCY CONTACTS

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Kalahari 2026 FAQs

What are the dates for the Kalahari Retreat?

January 9-11, 2026

How much does it cost to go to the Kalahari Retreat as a student? As a leader?

Students and Leaders are \$170 (includes: all meals, room, waterpark pass for the weekend, and transportation)

Is the Kalahari Retreat just a fun weekend for students?

Kalahari is the best weekend of the year for students in 6th-12th grades! Throughout the weekend, there are 4 sessions where students will experience powerful worship and dynamic Bible teaching from a guest speaker. They will also get free time to hang out with friends and leaders at the waterpark and arcade!

When does Kalahari Registration close?

Sunday, December 14th. If spots are still available, registration will remain open until they are filled.

Where can I get my the balance for my student's student account?

You can get that balance from Cathy Simms, the Next Gen Administrative Assistant, at csimms@graceforohio.org

How do I apply for financial assistance?

If you or someone you know are thinking that you cannot go to the Kalahari Retreat because of registration costs, please go to graceforohio.org/youth and apply for financial assistance.

Are there refunds?

After signing up for the Kalahari Retreat, as a student or leader, there are no refunds.

As a parent, how do I find out more information?

Please go to graceforohio.org/youth for more information or contact Brandon at brichter@graceforohio.org

I have a basketball game on Friday night or another conflict, can I come to the Kalahari Retreat after?

Yes! You'll need to fill out a "Travel Deviation Form" so we can know that you will not be on the bus. The form is only available through Brandon at brichter@graceforohio.org to discuss a separate transportation option. Students may not drive themselves, but may be dropped off at the Retreat by a parent, guardian, or other approved adult.

What time do you leave the church for the Kalahari Retreat on Friday the 9th?

Check-in opens at 4pm, and we pull out in the buses at 4:45pm.

How do I go to the Kalahari Retreat as a leader?

Visit graceforohio.org/youth and fill out the Leader Registration.