

August 23, 2021

Let's goooo!!!! It is September and we are excited to be getting ready for fall and another year together. As we kick-off this school year, our desire is to help everyone prepare and prioritize our minds, hearts, and lives to walk with Jesus. One of the ways we do this is by gathering together at our **SALT** retreat.

In Matthew 5:13, Jesus tells us that we are the "salt" of the world; The Message says, ¹³ "Let me tell you why you are here. You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness?"

This year the **SALT** retreat is open to ALL freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors that are looking to take a step up in leadership and ownership and maturity in faith. We are inviting you and asking if you want to take this step towards student leadership. This is NOT a "Dunes" or "Out of Towns" style retreat. This retreat is for those who have trusted in Jesus and desire to step up in leadership, serving, and influence amongst your families, communities, peers, and church.

During the **SALT** retreat we will have sessions where we will get into the Word, worship, and look at Biblical leadership. We will be more detailed in our desire for your role as it pertains to Bible Studies and small groups at HSG this coming year and how our Wednesday nights can be most impactful. You can also expect to spend time hanging together, doing activities, and overall having a ridiculously good time.

It is best for everyone to be with us for the entire time (leaving Good Shepherd Saturday and returning Sunday evening) so please plan to attend this retreat in its entirety. Space is limited and we are not able to take everyone.

Lastly, we are requiring that everyone planning on attending the retreat produce proof a negative covid test taken 48 hrs before the retreat. This is regardless of vaccination status. If you are unable to get tested at your doctors office, you can visit <https://govstatus.egov.com/or-oha-covid-19-testing>. You can also take an at home over the counter covid test. Be sure to bring a mask with you, as well.

We are really excited to see what the Lord has in store for this year and to see what He does through you! This retreat is crucial for gaining the momentum as we head into the fall so, please let us know if there is anything we can do to get you there. By attending **SALT** we hope that this helps get you excited for this next year and being an *essential* part of Student Ministries.

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SALT Retreat details for students:

Date: September 18-19

Time: Meet at the church at 10am Saturday, Sept. 18. We will return to Good Shepherd on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 19

Cost: \$60 - [registration & payment is online](#)

What to Pack: sleeping bag/pillow, shower/toiletry items, towel for showering and possibly for swimming in the river, Bible, journal, swimsuit, water shoes for river (no flip-flops), water bottle, flashlight