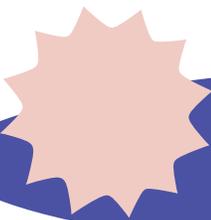




# Overnight Guide



# OVERNIGHT STUDENT WEEKEND ADVICE

**The purpose of this guide is to serve as a template to assist you while you open your home to a group of students for Student Weekend.**

These are merely baseline suggestions. First Naples will not be facilitating the host homes this year and you will be responsible for the students you have in your home and for transporting them to the events. By all means, feel free to exceed these suggestions in your efforts to host an environment ripe for meaningful growth in the lives of the students who will be staying with you!

## LODGING

This is based on your availability and desire to host students. There can be a few in a room to sardines packed in! You can also choose to do Friday night and Saturday night or just one day.

- **Keep to the same gender** in your home and make sure no opposite gender family members are in the same space as sleeping students.
- **Make students aware of sleeping arrangements** before entering your home and if they need to bring sheets, pillow, ect.
- **You set the rules, so clearly communicate them** from the start what is expected. (Lights out, phone usage, areas they shouldn't be, ect.)
- **Set a time** for them to be at your house so they don't go out after services. (11pm or earlier)

## FOOD

Dinner is provided Friday and Saturday night, and breakfast on Saturday and Sunday morning at the church. All other meals need to be covered by either the student or host home.

- **Ask the students to bring snacks/drinks** to share or have a few on hand for night
- **Pro tip: supplying warm and cold snacks go a long way** (ie. ice cream, brownies, chips w/ cheese dip)
- **Ask about food allergies** before providing food to students. (No late night ER trips, ya know?)
- **Make sure they have cash** if they'll be staying around for lunch on Saturday.

## TRANSPORTATION

The Host Home needs to touch base with parents and students about directions and rides to your home. All Fri.-Sat. Drop-Offs and Pick-Ups are at the Commons and Sunday Drop-Off is in the Student Center.

- **Transport times:**
  - FRIDAY PM** Check-In 6:00pm, Pickup at 10:15pm
  - SATURDAY AM** Drop-Off at 9:00am, Missions done at 12:30pm
  - SATURDAY PM** Drop-Off at 6:00pm, Pickup at 10:30pm
  - SUNDAY AM** Drop-Off at 10:15am (Student Center), Pickup at 12:45pm (After Service)
- **Be careful trusting students to ride with one another** without parental consent. Written consent is best. (Email or text.)
- **Get parental permission** for students to ride with you to your house.

## DISCIPLINE

The students are in your household and therefore under your supervision. First Naples is not liable for discipline issues if they may arise. This is an organic fun night with friends, therefore, if there is an issue speak with the student directly (we suggest not in an enclosed space but within view of others), contact their parents, or send them home.

- **No video games above “T” rating.**
- **No movies above “PG” rating**
- **No pranks** (They get messy and hurtful very quickly)
- **Students should have approval by their parents and you to come and go.** You don't want missing students. Use your discretion.
- **If there is an issue,** contact their parents and send them home. If it is pertinent to student well-being, speak with Kris or Josh the next day.

## STUDENT INTERACTIONS

As far as being relational with the students, there are no real expectations here, but we do encourage you to engage students in your home in a positive way. Don't hover over them, but studies show meaningful relationships with 'non-parent' adults are critical in faith development for teenagers. **Don't be afraid to get to know these students! You may be the only adult expression of Jesus they will see!**

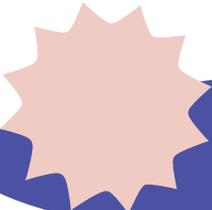
## FRIDAY NIGHT

Don't panic! When students arrive, direct them to where they will be sleeping (couches, beds, floor, etc). Prepare beforehand of when and where you want to lay out the house rules to the students.

### SAMPLE DEBRIEF QUESTIONS

You may choose to have a time each evening to sit down with the group and have them talk through what they learned that day. If you are at the main sessions, we would suggest writing down a few questions that were given during the service to ask again back at home. Here are some sample questions you can ask:

- **Have you ever felt there was more to life than what you're living?** (Our tagline for the event is: Student Weekend is for all 6-12th grade students in the SWFL area to find community, find hope, and find the “more” that's often missing from daily routines, busy schedules, and navigating school and friends)
- **What's something that stuck out to you during the main session?**
- **What's a question you have about what was shared tonight?**
- **What's something you would like to change after hearing the message?**
- **What's your next step in your faith walk?**



# OVERNIGHT STUDENT WEEKEND PACKING LIST

## WHAT TO BRING

- **2 complete changes of clothes** for Saturday AM and PM
- **Church clothing for Sunday** (Students can wear their Student Weekend shirt to service)
- **1 set of modest nightclothes**
- **Toiletries** (Toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo and conditioner, body wash, deodorant, washcloth, hand sanitizer etc.)
- **Towel** (Dirty clothes do not suffice, talking from experience here)
- **Sleeping bag or Inflatable bed** (Reach out to the family hosting students for this)
- **Pillow**
- **Paper Bible**
- **Pen**
- **Snacks** for the group to share!

## WHAT NOT TO BRING

- **Bad attitude**
- **Weapons** of mass destruction
- **Prank material**
- **Alcohol or drugs**
- **Knives**

## CELLPHONE GUIDELINES

- **Though students are allowed to have their cell phones for the event, we highly encourage them to keep them stored away.**
- **Students on their cell phones at your house is up to your discretion,** but off and in a common place during sleep hours is recommended.

## MEDICATION

- **All medication is the responsibility of the student** and any concern should be addressed directly with parents or guardians.

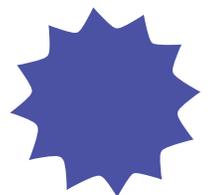
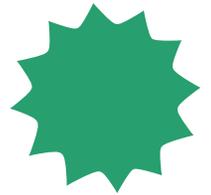
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## GENERAL TIPS

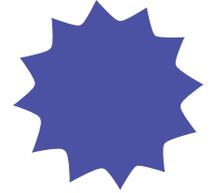
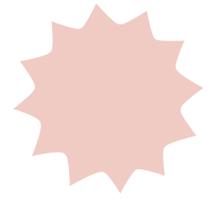
- **Be yourself!** There is no need to pretend to be someone else.
- **Love students, but also lead them.** You will have times when you will want them to think you are the coolest, but make sure you lead them. Hosting a group is not a popularity contest and they need to be encouraged in Christ (but let's be honest, you're already pretty cool.)
- **Don't give up when you have a tough group or when they don't meet your expectations.** They can, and will, be a great group if you lead them the way they need to be led. Study your group and meet them where they are.
- **Pray, pray, and pray** some more for and with your students!
- **Allow the Holy Spirit to speak and teach through you.** Pray for this each day.
- **Keep personal time with the Lord a priority throughout the weekend.**
- **If you have many active students, allow them to be active through lively activities.** Try to plan activities that will encompass all students—active, artistic, thinking, and so on.
- **Look for students who need encouragement and encourage them.**
- **Build them up as a group + challenge students to minister to one another.**

## SMALL GROUP MANAGEMENT

- **Set expectations** from the beginning (and hold students to them) to make the rest of the weekend easier. **Be consistent** from day to day.
- **Allow rowdy/active students to be active.** Forcing an active student to sit alone in silence will most likely cause a larger distraction (as they try to distract others from a distance).

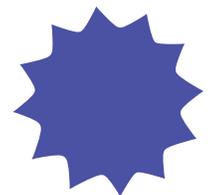
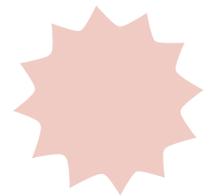
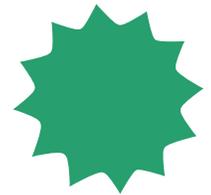


- **Be prepared!** Do not procrastinate in setting up for Bible study. If you are prepared, you will have confidence and in turn, Bible study will run more smoothly.
- **Set the tone the first night and watch your own attitude and enthusiasm.** Students will feed off of you (Pro Tip: C O F F E E).
- **Do not yell over your students.** Silence is your friend (especially at night).
- **Address disruptive behavior immediately.** Pull students aside, make expectations clear.
- **Give all students a note card to hold throughout Bible study.** If they are too nervous to ask questions out loud or if it is not pertinent at the time, they can write them down to ask you later.
- **Establish a healthy learning environment from the beginning.** Students must feel safe and comfortable to participate and ask questions.



## COUNSELING

- **While counseling a student is a private moment, it is important to not be alone with a student.** Always keep yourself in a place where you can be seen.
- **If more than one student approaches you for counseling, ask to meet with each student one at a time** to prevent pressure for other students making decisions.
- **Ask open-ended questions** such as “Why do you want to talk to me?,” “What is God doing in your heart?,” and “Why do you want to make this decision?”
- **When using Scripture in your conversation, use your Bible and encourage the student to read the verse.**
- **If the student begins sharing something with you and says, “Please don’t tell anyone,” you cannot promise them this.** They may share with you an experience or situation that you need to report to church staff or a parent as soon as possible.
- **Follow up.** Make sure whatever decision a student makes is not just kept to the two of you. Encourage the student to share with someone on staff or with a parent. Follow up with the student after the event to encourage them in their walk with Christ. If they made a salvation decision, follow up with them about what it means to be baptized and discipled.
- **Celebrate!** Whatever decision the student makes in their walk with Christ should be celebrated. **We want them to know that while following Jesus may not be easy at times, it is the BEST decision they could ever make!**





# STUDENT WEEKEND SCHEDULE

## FRIDAY

- 6:00** Check-in in Commons  
Dinner in courtyard
- 6:45** Doors Open
- 7:00** **SESSION 1** | Chad Glover
- 8:30** Groups/Snack
- 9:15** **LATE NIGHT**
- 10:15** Pick-up in commons

## SATURDAY AM MISSION PROJECTS

- 9:00** Drop-off in Commons  
Donut/Coffee Bar
- 9:30** **MORNING RALLY** | Pastor Alan
- 10:00** Mission Projects
- 12:30** Pick-up in commons (NO LUNCH PROVIDED)

## SATURDAY PM

- 6:00** Check-in in commons  
Dinner in courtyard
- 6:45** Doors Open
- 7:00** **SESSION 2** | Chad Glover
- 8:30** Groups/Snack
- 9:25** **LATE NIGHT** | Sean Emory - Illusionist
- 10:30** Pick-up

## SUNDAY

- 10:15** Drop off in Student Center
- 10:30** Small Groups
- How to study the Bible
  - Next Steps
  - Living on Mission
- 11:10** Head to worship
- 11:30** Worship
- 12:40** Pick-up in Commons