

# RELEVANT STUDENT MINISTRY

helping students discover real life



March 16-18th  
CLARKSVILLE, TN

## WHAT IS MERGE?

Merge is a weekend long retreat designed for middle school and high school students. The goal of this retreat is to help students merge their lives around Jesus, and His next steps for their relationship with Him.

Merge is a weekend for students to separate from their normal, typical, routine, and instead for a little over 48 hours connect with spiritual friends, leaders, and mentors to reflect on what their life currently looks like, what it could look like, and begin taking steps to live a real life with Jesus.

## WHO:

6th-12th Grade

## DATES:

March 16-18th

## LOCATION:

Clarksville. Students will stay in the homes of host families and leaders of background checked Grace Community Church members.

Gatherings will be held at Grace Community Church (2853 Dunlop Ln.)

## COST:

\$75. Which covers-- Food, merchandise, supplies, speaker, band, production, and fun activities.

## PAYMENT:

When you register for Merge18 you are required to pay. Go to **RelevantStudents.com/Merge** and click the payment link if you would like to donate for another student to go to camp. Also, we have a discount code available for parents paying for more than one child to attend MERGE18, so email [VRiggins@GraceClarksville.com](mailto:VRiggins@GraceClarksville.com) to get the discount code. **ALL PAYMENTS ARE FINAL AND NO REFUNDS ARE AVAILABLE AFTER MARCH 1ST, 2018.**

# REGISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION

Students can be dropped off at Grace on Friday March 17th between 6:00-6:30. Students will check-in and place their bags in the main hall in designated areas until they leave.

Students will be transported in groups, by an adult, for the rest of the weekend. Students are to be picked up from Grace Community Church on Sunday morning at 10:15AM. (If your family attends Grace Community Church, you may arrange to meet your family there.)

High school students are welcome to drive themselves, but they will turn in their keys to their leader when they arrive at their host home, and they will not be returned until the next session. This is to ensure everyone's safety for the weekend.

## TIME AWAY CARDS

If your student will need to leave Merge due to a game, competition, doctor's appointment, etc., we ask that you complete and turn in a Time Away Card during registration on Friday night. It is important for our leaders to know about your arrangement ahead of time so that we can ensure that every student is accounted for.

Time away cards will be available at the registration table beginning at 6:00 on Friday night.

# SCHEDULE

## FRIDAY MARCH 16

- 6:00- Registration
- 6:45- Gathering
- 8:00- Small groups (at host home)
- 9:30- High School Late Night
- 12:00- Lights out

## SATURDAY MARCH 17

- 8:00- Breakfast (at host home)
- 8:30- Quiet time (at host home)
- 9:30- Gathering
- 10:45- Small groups (at host home)
- 12:00- Lunch (in town)
- 2:00- Down time
- 5:30- Dinner (at host home)
- 6:30- Quiet time (at host home)
- 7:30- Gathering
- 9:00- Small groups (at host home)
- 12:00- Lights out

## SUNDAY MARCH 18

- 8:00- Breakfast (at Grace)
- 9:00- Gathering
- 10:15- Go home and sleep

# Packing List

- Bible
- Pen
- Notebook or journal
- Sleeping bag and pillow or pillow and blanket
- Clothes
  - Comfortable clothes for lounging around
  - Warm clothes for being outside
  - Normal clothes for everything else
- Sweatshirt or jacket
- Tennis shoes
- Toiletries
- Towel and wash cloth
- Phone charger
- An open mind and good attitude

What Not To Bring:

Things that can be easily broken or hard to replace

# Rules:

1. No weapons, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, etc.
2. No pranks. Period.
3. Respect others, their stuff, and their space.
4. Keep your host home clean and leave it cleaner than when you got there
5. Be serious when it's time to be serious, have fun when it's time to have fun

\*Time Away- Students who have filled out time away cards may leave/be picked up when they are designated to leave, but only in that instance unless pre-approved by Van Riggins.

\*Student Drivers- Student with a drivers license may drive at Merge, but keys must be collected by leaders at the end of the night, and may not be returned to students until the morning. CONTACT

For questions, concerns, or more information contact:  
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