

Dear Parent or Friend,

_____ has registered to attend an Encounter retreat coming up in a few short weeks October 18-20. For more info on what Encounter is, please call or visit www.encountermn.com.

We would like your help in three specific areas. The weekend is full of special surprises—please don't spoil them by sharing this information with them.

1. **Send Mail - Notes of Encouragement/Care Packages:**

All attendees receive mail each day of the weekend. We'd love for this mail to come from you and other family and friends. It can be a card letting them know you are praying for them or a note of encouragement and love. Another way could be sending a small gift or favorite snack/treat. Please label the mail you send as follows: "Friday", "Saturday " and "Sunday" with their full name so we can make sure they receive it in the order you prefer. **Please contact other friends and family to send mail, too.**

2. **Write a Special Letter:**

Each attendee receives a deeper heartfelt letter on Sunday. This letter should be very personal...a letter of affirmation, encouragement and love. This is an extremely important part of the weekend for each young adult. This letter should be labeled very clearly so it will not be mixed up with their regular mail. Please write on the outside of the envelope their full name (first and last) and "Special Letter". If for some reason you can not provide this letter, a close friend, mentor, or pastor could write it. Please let us know as soon as possible so we can provide accordingly.

All mail and "Special Letters" should be sent to or dropped off at:

Youth for Christ; P.O. Box 625; Willmar, MN 56201 - Physical Address: 106 Litchfield Avenue SW
OR given to their sponsor (listed below) no later than Thursday noon, October 17th.

*If time doesn't allow, you may e-mail your letters to joppa@yfcminnesota.com.

3. Attend the Closing Celebration Service:

The weekend ends with a Closing Service beginning at 4:00 pm on Sunday, October 20th at Refuge Church (see address below). We realize that this may be impossible for some of you to attend. Perhaps you know someone in the community who could be there to provide this support for your attendee.

Each attendee has a friend who encouraged them to attend the weekend that we call a sponsor. They should be contacting you or you may contact them if you have any questions. Sponsor's name + phone #:

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the Encounter Admin. at 320.220.7357!

Encounter and Closing Service will be held at:

Refuge Church
1000 6th St SE
Willmar, MN 56201
