



2026 PARENT HANDBOOK

WAKE WKND 2026 PARENT HANDBOOK

We are so excited to have your student(s) join us for Wake Weekend 2026. We take the care of your student seriously, and we want you to be well-informed about everything happening during their time with us. Below you will find some great answers to questions you may have.

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OVERVIEW

This Year's Theme: Purpose – *Created for More.*

We were created for more than a comfortable faith. We were created to know Jesus and to make Him known. At Wake Weekend, students will discover how God has uniquely designed them to live out this purpose in their everyday lives.

Key Verse: *Matthew 28: 18-20*

Main Session Speaker: Josh Rutledge

Josh Rutledge is the Vice President of Spiritual Development at Liberty University, where he has served since 2015. His passion and calling are the spiritual formation of the next generation of the church. A frequent speaker on campus at Liberty, he speaks to thousands of students annually, with an aim toward equipping students to live out their faith in the context of the culture around them. He and his wife, Meredith, along with their four children, live in Lynchburg, VA.

Contacts:

- Email: students@biltmorechurch.com
- Phone: 828-651-6201
 - *Note: This number will only be monitored during the scheduled time of the event.*

Merch for purchase: On Friday and Saturday, students will have the opportunity to purchase merchandise *while supplies last*. We will accept cash or card payment.

- Hoodies: \$40
- Hats: \$20
- Stickers: \$3
- Bracelets: \$5
- Bag Tags: \$10

**Each student attending will receive a Wake WKND t-shirt, which was included in the cost of their registration. They will receive the shirt at pick-up time on Saturday. We ask them to wear them back to church on Sunday morning following WAKE.*

CHECKING IN AND OUT

CHECK-IN

By 12:00PM on Friday, February 27, you will receive a QR code for check-in. This will come via text and email. It is important that you have this accessible and ready to go to make check-in easier for you and other participants.

**If you register on site day of, you will receive a QR code Saturday morning by 8:00AM.*

If you do not receive a QR code, it is because you have an outstanding balance or an issue with your registration. To ensure a quick check-in without having to go to the help desk, please make sure your balance is paid ahead of time.

Student Drivers: If your student will be driving themselves, there will be a designated parking area for them. As they arrive on campus, they must follow directional signage to the student parking zone.

If your student is experiencing any symptoms of illness, please keep them home. If a student displays signs of illness while in our care, parents will be contacted for pick-up.

Friday: Doors open for check-in at 6:45 PM. Arrive early to get in line!

If you *have* received a QR code and your student's balance is paid in full, they can be dropped off and wait in the check-in line. If not, you must come *inside* the building with them to complete their registration before leaving the property.

Each student must have a printed sticker, lanyard, and booklet to enter the Worship Center.

Saturday: Doors open for check-in at 8:30 AM.

Your student will need to present their QR code again in order to participate. They will receive a new sticker for that day and place it on their lanyard.

PICK-UP

Friday: Dismissal from the last session is 10:30PM. **Please be in the parking area matching your students' campus by 10:30PM.** You do not need to come inside. Your student will watch for your car in the pick-up line just like they would at school. Once your student is with you, follow the directional signage to exit through the service gate.

Saturday: Dismissal from the last session is 5:30PM. **Please be in the parking area matching your students' campus by 5:30PM.** Same as Friday, remain in your car and in line until your student is with you.

[VIEW THE PARKING MAP HERE](#) or at the bottom of the booklet.

If you do not see your student, please try to contact them first and let them know you are waiting. If you cannot get a hold of them, call the campus specific number that you will find listed under schedule accommodations.

If your student has plans to go home with a friend from Wake on Friday night, please make sure that your transfer needed items *prior* to your student checking in. We will not be responsible for any lost or stolen items.

SCHEDULE ACCOMODATIONS

We understand that scheduled drop off and pick up times may not work for some students' schedules. **To let us know of any early pick-ups or late arrivals for your student in advance, we ask that you complete the form attached in the parent email by Thursday, February 26 by 3PM.** This will help us ensure that we know who is arriving and leaving the campus at all times.

CHECKING IN LATE

If your student is checking in late, a parent/guardian should walk the student to the entrance to the right of the main lobby entrance and head to the Help Desk. Once checked in, the student will be directed to their group by a staff member or volunteer. They must enter through the lobby and be fully checked in to participate.



If you have a student driver, please ensure they understand that they must stop at HQ and check-in before finding their group.

PICKING UP EARLY

If your student is being picked up early, the person listed for pick up on the form must come to the Help Desk. A volunteer will ask to check a valid ID to ensure that students leave with the proper adult. Once verified, the student leader will be contacted to send your student to the lobby to meet you for pick up.

If you have a student driver that will be leaving early on their own, you must complete the above form so we are aware that you have given your student permission to leave.

Connecting with your campus staff member in the event of last minute changes for your student:

- Arden: 828-651-6296 (Bradley) 828-651-6291 (Savannah)
- Brevard: 828-651-6266
- East Asheville: 828-651-6294

- Franklin: 828-651-6237
- Hendersonville: 828-651-6243
- Waynesville: 828-651-6259
- West Asheville: 828-651-625

SCHEDULE

Find the full student schedule for the weekend [HERE](#).

EXPERIENCE

Worship: Biltmore Worship will lead students throughout the weekend, creating space for them to pause, refocus their hearts on God, and respond together to who He is and what He is doing in their lives. **You can find the playlist [HERE](#).**

Main Sessions: During Main Sessions, all students will gather in the worship center for worship and to sit under the teaching of God's Word. After each session, students will have an opportunity to respond to what the Lord is doing in their hearts. Our Care Team will be available to pray with students and help them discern their next step of faith—whether that's learning more about who Jesus is, trusting in Jesus for salvation, pursuing baptism, or growing in repentance and obedience to Christ.

Connect Groups: Connect Groups are small groups of students led by student ministry approved adults designed to build relationships, share the Gospel message of Jesus Christ, and communicate God's Word. During Wake, students will have connect groups following each main session. Groups are organized by campus and grade, and will be separated into male and female groups.

Your students assigned Connect Group will print on their sticker at check-in. No changes to groups will be made after assigned unless the student is a first time guest.

Breakouts: Upon registration, your student has the opportunity to register for breakouts. The breakout they selected will print on their sticker at check-in. These breakouts are all designed to help students focus on and learn more about their purpose: being created for more.

- **You Matter:** Students will learn about the great worth and value God has placed on their lives - not because of anything they do, but because of who God is.
- **Your Words Matter:** The book of James tells us that our tongues can be used for great good or great evil. In this breakout, students will reflect on how they use their words - online, to friends, to family, and in general. They will learn how to use our words to reflect God's character!
- **God's Word Matters:** Studying the bible can be intimidating, but it's much simpler than we think or make it out to be. In this breakout, students will learn an extremely practical method to studying God's word.

- **Your Ministry Matters:** In Paul's instruction to Timothy, he reminds him that God can use him - even at a young age. In this breakout, students will be encouraged in how God can use them right now to impact the kingdom and make disciples around them.

Students will attend the breakout selected at registration. Once registered, their breakout is secured and no changes will be made during the event. Their breakout and location will print on their sticker on Saturday morning.

Free Time: We want Wake Weekend to have a huge spiritual impact on your students. Learning about Jesus should be transformational.....and fun! Free time is designed to help engage students' interests and provide time with peers to help build gospel centered friendships and biblical community.

Students will have the opportunity to sign up for various tournaments during free time, enjoy the craft room, hang out on the athletic fields, or check out the food and dessert vendors. There is something for everyone to enjoy.

FOOD

Friday: Students should eat dinner before checking in. We will not provide any meals on Friday and we will not have any food available for purchase. Students will receive a *light snack* after the main session. Water will always be available.

**Franklin students will eat a provided dinner while traveling on the bus to Wake.*

Saturday: Students should eat breakfast before checking in. Chick-Fil-A will be provided for lunch which includes: sandwich, chips, cookie, bottled water. During free time, vendors will be onsite with food, dessert, and coffee available for purchase.

**Franklin and Waynesville students who stayed overnight will receive breakfast before the opening session.*

For Students With Food Allergies: You should have listed your students allergy or dietary restriction on their registration. We will provide alternate meal options to accommodate needs.

SAFETY

The safety and well-being of your student(s) is our highest priority. Trained security personnel will be present on campus throughout the entire event.

All leaders serving with students have completed a thorough onboarding process, which includes: applications, background checks, reference verification, and required policy + safety training.

COMMUNICATIONS

We will be communicating with you throughout the weekend. You will receive a recap email after the final session on Friday and Saturday. We hope this provides you with some insight on what your Student has learned and also answers any questions you may have for the following day.

If your child makes a profession of faith or has an interest in baptism, we will also be reaching out to you to discuss how we can come alongside you in helping them take their next step.

PREPARING FOR WAKE

WHAT TO BRING

Your student should bring:

- Bible
- Pen
- Cash, card or digital payment (tap to pay) for merch and snacks during free time

**We will have water bottles available, as well as a water bottle refill station.*

Upon check-in, each student will receive:

- Lanyard
- Name Tag
- Booklet

Medication/ Life Saving Medical Device:

All epipens and inhalers will be allowed to remain with the student and/or the student leader. We would ask that the student stop by the Wake nurse and notify them that they have their devices on their person.

TECHNOLOGY USE

Your student can bring their phone, but we do ask that they limit phone use.

Phones can be used for things like Bible apps, taking pictures, or group communication, but avoid using them during worship, sessions, connect groups, and activities. We want students to stay present and enjoy the experience!

Please have a conversation with your student about using their device responsibly during their time at Wake.

BEHAVIOR

It is our hope that each and every student attending will have an amazing experience. We understand that every student learns and responds differently, and we will do our very best to care for them well. ***If a student exhibits inappropriate behaviors, we will be in contact***

with you. Depending on the severity and/or consistency of the behavior, we may ask that the student be picked up.

Examples of inappropriate behaviors:

- Excessive use of vulgar/inappropriate language
- Disrespect to volunteers, staff, peers or property
- Threatening behavior and comments
- Physical harm to themselves or others
- Running from leaders
- Attempting leave campus without being properly checked out by a parent/guardian

AFTER WAKE

Wake continues into Sunday morning! The “*Final Session*” is worship and student programming at each campus. We encourage your students to attend student programming and sit in worship to celebrate all God did throughout the weekend. We will have breakfast during programming and amazing moments for students to share all about the life change that happened during Wake. Don't forget.....wear your t-shirt!

For information on what time student ministry meets at your campus, click [HERE](#).

NEXT STEPS:

Biltmore Church wants to continue to partner with you in discipleship!

If you don't currently have a church home, we would love to see your family at one of our campuses each Sunday. For service times and locations, visit biltmorechurch.com.

If your student has questions about salvation or baptism, we would love to connect with you. Please send an email to students@biltmorechurch.com and we will reach out to you.

RESOURCES:

For resources and to learn how the church wants to partner with you in discipleship, visit our [Phases](#) page. Within each Phase, our goal is to identify the overarching goal for the child, events and programs that help us get there, and key Spiritual Markers we are praying would come into fruition. You'll also find recommended resourcing for families within each Phase that we'll keep updated on a monthly basis.

CAMP WEEK INFO:

Camp Week is just around the corner! Plan ahead for the summer. Your student does not want to miss an amazing week at Crossroad's Summer Camp, July 20-24. Registration will open on March 1 and close on July 6. Find all the details at biltmorechurch.com/camp.

