

# **SJTD District GOYA Retreat 2023**

## **In His Image**

**March 31 – April 1st**

We have established a standard of dress which allows for both individual expression and concern for others. These appearance standards are meant to promote self-respect, love of Christ, humility, and pride within our Greek Orthodox community. A youth's appearance should represent the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Atlanta in a positive manner and should glorify God.

The fashion world is developing new styles all the time, and the styles are not always right or wrong; however, in a day of constantly deteriorating cultural styles, we feel we must set a minimum standard. It is important to remember that conformity to our standards is expected for all youth, advisors, chaperones, staff, and adult volunteers. Together we form the body of Christ and our outward appearance and actions should reflect this at all times.

### **SHIRTS & BLOUSES:**

No sleeveless shirts, including tank tops or halter tops. Please refrain from anything low-cut, or with bare shoulders, bare back, and/or stomach. T-Shirts must not include inappropriate words or pictures. All tops should be of a fit and fabric (not see through fabric) that do not reveal undergarments. Tight fitting tops are not permitted.

### **PANTS:**

Students may wear pants, jeans, and Capri's that are in good repair and present a neat, well-groomed appearance. Yoga Pants are permitted with a shirt that covers the hips.

### **PACKING LIST FOR GOYAnS & ADVISORS**

- Sleeping Bag & Inflatable mattress
- Pillow
- Toiletries
- Socks and Underwear
- Sleeping Clothes
- Sweatshirt and/or Jacket for the Evenings
- Comfortable Shoes
- Flashlight
- Christian Attitude, Willingness to learn and grow in Faith!

## **Youth Covenant**

- I am an Orthodox Christian and attend Church regularly.
- I am active in GOYA and/or Catechetical School, and/or another Orthodox Youth Group.
- I understand that it is a privilege to be a participant of this event and will conduct myself and represent my Church and my family in a Christ-like manner at all times.
- I will participate in all activities throughout the weekend, remain in my assigned cabin, and be on time.
- I will respect all property including housing, athletics, outdoor, and indoor facilities.
- I will be held personally responsible for my actions.
- I will refrain from bullying, and using offensive language, alcohol, tobacco, and/or illegal drugs while at this retreat.
- I understand that if my behavior is not becoming of an Orthodox Christian, I will be asked to leave immediately at my expense.
- I will respect others, including clergy, advisors, staff, cabin mates, and myself.
- I understand that failure to comply with this covenant and all rules will result in my expulsion from this event and possible suspension from participation in future events.

**We will be collecting all Cell Phones and all other electronics.**

For emergencies during the GOYA Lenten Retreat Call 585-752-7139