

BE YOUR OWN

SUPERHERO

OPERATION SNOWBALL 2017



8:00AM FRIDAY,

7:00PM SATURDAY,

NOVEMBER 3 – NOVEMBER 4

LUTHERAN OUTDOOR MINISTRY CENTER – OREGON, IL

REGISTER BY:

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

QUESTIONS? CALL MR. M

630-493-8218

OPERATION SNOWBALL

Operation Snowball is a retreat-type leadership program that allows teens to participate in small group discussions about issues that are important to them. Professional presentations, workshops, activities, and small group discussions all combine to assist teens in learning to make healthy choices and enhance their self-confidence. The emphasis is on developing and refining responsible decision making skills and creating a positive impact. The name comes from the idea that, "If I have a positive impact on you then you can have a positive impact on someone else, and the effect Snowballs." The program began as a teen-led, alcohol, tobacco and drug abuse prevention program, and has now expanded to include other issues that teens face on a daily basis. It is an interesting combination of fun and an honest sharing of thoughts and opinions. Snowball is two days away from home, school, and Lisle. No stress, homework, or tests. No everyday problems. The event is planned for teens, by teens and is meant to be a definite "time-out" from the real world.

SNOWBALL IS A GREAT PLACE TO

- Make new friends
- Participate in teen-led small group discussions
- Discover something new about yourself
- Hear amazing speakers
- Play games
- Meet other teens with various opinions & values
- Have loads of fun
- Enjoy two whole days planned just for you!

SO WHAT DO YOU DO AT SNOWBALL

Before leaving for Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center, teens will check in at the Lisle Senior High School. Once at camp, teens will be assigned to small groups. Your small group is your family for the next two days. Your small group will meet and reflect at various times throughout the event - usually after large group. Large groups are presented by the teen staff and outside speakers. Each activity is different, but we always talk about taking a chance on Snowball, being yourself, meeting new people, and making good choices. Part of Snowball is devoted to mini-workshops. Workshop topics range from very silly to very serious. (You get to choose!) Of course, we eat a lot too! Meals are provided by Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center. In addition, small groups are known for having a great snack supply!

OPERATION SNOWBALL PERMISSION FORM

PARENT / GUARDIAN

I hereby give permission for my son / daughter

(name of participant)

to attend Operation Snowball on November 3-4, 2017 at Camp Benson.

Parent / Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Home/Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

STUDENT

I agree to abide by Lisle Senior High School rules and regulations throughout the Snowball event on November 3-4, 2017. In addition, I fully understand and agree with the following expectations of a Snowball participant.

EXPECTATIONS

- You will be present for the event in its entirety.
- You are open to experience the event.
- Unplugging from the electronic world.
- All prescription and over-the-counter medications will be turned in to Mr. M.
- You will have fun!

PLEASE SIGN

(Participant signature)

OPERATION SNOWBALL REGISTRATION FORM

Registration fee \$75. NO registrations will be accepted after Friday, October 27. Please make checks payable to Lisle Senior High School and return the permission form, registration form, release form and your registration fee to Mr. M.

Participant's Name: _____

Age: _____ **Grade:** _____ **Gender (circle one):** M F

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



OPERATION SNOWBALL MEDICAL LIABILITY TRANSPORTATION AND PHOTO RELEASE FORM

I grant my permission for the taking of photographs and/or video at this Snowball event in which my son/daughter may be included. I understand that such photographs and/or video may be used for publicity and/or fundraising purposes.

I hereby release Lisle Community Unit School District #202 Snowball staff, including but not limited to Lisle Community Unit School District #202 personnel from any liability in connection with this trip and agree to indemnify and hold harmless School District #202 and any of its employees or agents from any such injury.

I further authorize and give permission to the school personnel to give permission for any medical and/or surgical intervention that may be required in case of emergency treatment if necessary. If medication is to be administered during the event, an adult staff member has my permission to dispense the medication.

FOOD ALLERGIES OR RESTRICTIONS

CURRENT MEDICATIONS

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION TO BE TAKEN AT THE EVENT

OTHER PERTINENT MEDICAL INFORMATION

PARENT GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE

WHAT IS IT LIKE THERE

Snowball takes place at Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center. It's far enough away from Lisle that you will become completely immersed in the two-day event. It's like being at camp, but instead of swimming and hiking, you talk about being a teen. Each Snowball is planned by teen directors and teen staff who know the current issues and what you want to do and hear. You choose the workshops you want to attend, and you hear about topics of interest to you.

Snowball is an opportunity to think about what is important. It is a time to process honest feelings in an effort to gain inner strength and knowledge that will give you a new perspective on life. Do yourself a favor and join us for the experience of a lifetime.

WHAT DO PEOPLE GET OUT OF IT

We hope that everyone who attends Snowball will take the spirit of the event home with them. The Snowball perspective allows teens to make a positive impact on their peers at school and in their community. In addition to increasing the likelihood that teens will make healthy choices, Snowball is effective in increasing leadership skills and social-emotional awareness; making teens less susceptible to peer pressure.

WHAT DO TEENS SAY ABOUT SNOWBALL

- It's a remarkable place. It surrounds you with love, friends, confidence, fun and support.
- Snowball is my safe haven.
- It lets you release all the stresses and burdens that everyday life puts onto a teenager.
- Snowball is not being afraid to be yourself.
- Snowball doesn't end after the retreat. the friendships made there last for years to come.
- Snowball let me quit hiding behind the shadows of everyday life just to be myself.
- Snowball is a place where you can go and make best friends.
- They don't judge you and they listen to what you have to say.
- Snowball is about making healthy decisions and being supported the whole time.
- I was never afraid to open up at the event.
- IT'S FUN!!!

HOW DO I SIGN UP

Return the registration form and fee to Mr. M by Friday, October 27. In addition, please invite your parents to attend the orientation meeting at Lisle Senior High School on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at 7:00pm.

HOW DO I GET THERE AND HOME

We will provide transportation to Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center and back to school on Saturday. It is your responsibility to find transportation to the high school on Friday morning and home from school on Saturday night.

WHAT DO MY PARENTS HAVE TO DO WITH IT

Parents are encouraged to attend the parent program for an overview of the event.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST

Fee for attending Operation Snowball is \$75. Fee includes food, transportation, lodging, t-shirt, pictures, professional presentations and all materials. What a deal! Make checks payable to Lisle Senior High School. Financial Scholarships available, call or see Mr. M for details.

WILL I BE ASKED TO RAT OUT MY FRIENDS

No. You will not be asked any uncomfortable questions. Confidentiality is VERY important to everyone who attends Snowball. It is important to be open to the experience of the event, but everyone's "right to pass" is also respected.

PARENT INFO

Parents are strongly encouraged to attend the parent session at Lisle Sr. High School on Saturday, 7:00-7:30pm. An overview of the event will be given, as well as a sampling of the Snowball experience. Students will be returning to the high school at 7:00pm. Parents are responsible for arranging transportation home for the teens on Saturday, regardless of their attendance at the parent program.

THINGS YOU SHOULD BRING

- TOWEL
- PILLOW
- GLOVES
- CAMERA
- UMBRELLA
- OPEN MIND
- PAJAMAS
- WASH CLOTH
- EXTRA SHOES
- EXTRA SMILES
- EXTRA SOCKS
- SLEEPING BAG
- ALARM CLOCK
- WALKING SHOES
- EXTRA CLOTHES
- EXTRA BLANKET
- WARM CLOTHES
- SHOES FOR SHOWER
- PERSONAL TOILETRIES
- FLASHLIGHT WITH BATTERIES

ONE MORE THING

Don't forget to invite your parents to the parent session at the school on Saturday evening. You will need a ride home so they might as well come on in and see what you've been up to!

PARENT ORIENTATION

**Saturday, November 4, 2017 from 7:00-7:30pm
at Lisle High School Commons Area.**

Students will be returning to the high school at 7:00pm. Parents are responsible for picking up their teen at the high school.

QUESTIONS CALL MR.M AT 630-493-8218

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