



Dear Parents:

We are very happy that your son/daughter is scheduled in the upcoming Chrysalis Weekend. THANK YOU for supporting your son/daughter in their decision to take part in the weekend. Below is information that will give you a better understanding of the Chrysalis ministry. Also feel free to visit our WEBSITE CCCHRYSALIS.COM

Enclosed you will find a copy of the Chrysalis Statement of Purpose. The statement will answer many questions you have about Chrysalis and will give you an overview of the weekend. We want you to be completely confident that this will be one of the most beneficial weekends of your son/daughter's life.

Whether the impact of the weekend on your son/daughter's life is dramatic or subtle, you can be sure that God has been at work in their life when the weekend is over. Dozens of youth and adults have been praying for your son/daughter and will continue to pray for him throughout the weekend. He/she will hear many informative and inspirational speakers and will have many powerful experiences of God's love during the weekend. We are very much aware, however, that the greatest impact God will ever make in the life of your son/daughter has been and will be made through YOU.

Aside from Jesus, you are the one who has prayed the most loved the most and sacrificed the most for your child and it is your encouragement that will secure a lasting impact from the weekend. Please continue to encourage them to continue growing through Bible study, prayer, daily devotions and involvement in a reunion group*and their church.

Also, there are THREE special ways in which you can support your son/daughter.

FIRST, there is a SPONSORS HOUR at 9-10am on the day of your son/daughter's arrival. This is a very special service that you will not want to miss. Please plan to be there.

SECOND is Candlelight Service at 8pm sharp on Sunday night. Your attendance is a surprise to your son/daughter. So PLEASE do not mention.

THIRD is the "closing" service at 5pm Monday before they leave the retreat center.

All these events are held in the FFA complex located at 1069 FFA Circle Road, N. Myrtle Beach, SC 29582. Dress is casual. Please come as you are.

THANK YOU for allowing us to have a small part in the development of your son/daughter's spiritual life. May God richly bless you!

*A reunion group has an adult leader, Chrysalis youth and their friends. The Groups provide accountability, support and encouragement for youth who desire to live as committed Christians.

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CHRYSALIS STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

It is the intention of the Chrysalis experience to offer the young person the opportunity, and to encourage them, to seek a dynamic friendship with God through Christ. Chrysalis declares the Gospel message of Jesus as the Christ who has come to offer that friendship to us. It declares the presence of this Christ through the fellowship of the community bound together by the Holy Spirit. In that community each young person is encouraged to grow toward being the unique person he/she was created to be and to grow in the service of Christ by serving one another and the world around them.

This dynamic spiritual growth involves dying to the old self and by the gift of faith, rising to the new self in Christ.

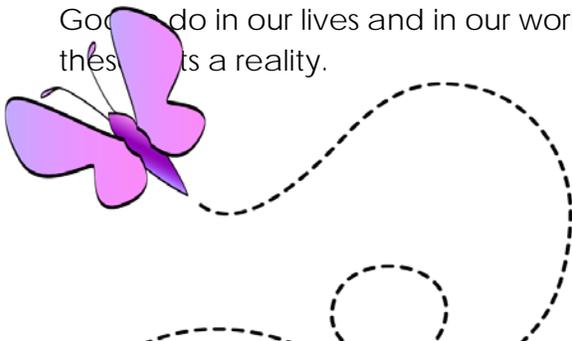
Day One builds toward a service of reconciliation with God in which one symbolically dies with Christ by letting go of all that stands between oneself and God.

Day Two focuses on the rising with Christ with the hope that each person can have a new life, as Christ rose on Easter morning. The goal is to build a community of love and worship leading up to the encounter with Christ in Holy Communion.

Day Three is centered on the love of God which empowers each person to serve, going forth to be Christ in the world. As a Christian increases in faith and hope, each seeks ways of loving in the name of Christ.

The symbol of caterpillar-chrysalis-butterfly is used to represent the death, resurrection and new life found in Christ. Chrysalis is the cocoon state of the butterfly. It is the intention of Chrysalis for each person to experience the living Christ, through worship, scripture, systematic teaching and the living Christian community. It is designed to encourage the young person to become intentional and more mature about living out his/her faith in God through Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Christian pilgrimage is one of continually dying to the old self and rising to the new self in Christ. This pilgrimage is a gift of faith and of grace and of hope. It is the gift of faith which brings us to a friendship with God. It is the gift of grace which empowers us to love---to love ourselves and others and ultimately God. It is the gift of hope which gives us a sense of what is possible for God to do in our lives and in our world. It is the goal of Chrysalis to help make each of these things a reality.



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NAME: _____ will be attending a CHRYSALIS weekend on _____.

Attendees on a CHRYSALIS weekend are called caterpillars. A CHRYSALIS weekends are times of intense study, worship and fellowship with other Christians. Although CHRYSALIS takes place in a group setting, the overall experience is indeed a very personal one, unique to each youth.

A **VERY IMPORTANT** part of this special weekend is the time when each youth receives personal letters, notes and cards that have been sent by family, clergy and friends. Knowing how meaningful these will be to the candidate, I thought you would want to be a part of this experience for the caterpillar listed above. These letters are evidence of the Grace of God through loved ones.

These messages express love and caring for the candidate, maybe about a shared experience or perhaps a humorous anecdote. Perhaps you will just put into words how special this person is. These will be given personally to the caterpillar listed above. Please address your notes directly to the candidate as **NO ONE ELSE WILL READ THEM. WE KEEP THESE GESTURES OF FRIENDSHIP A SURPRISE, SO PLEASE DO NOT DISCUSS YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN THIS PART OF THE WEEKEND WITH THE CANDIDATE.**

If you would like to write to the caterpillar listed above, I can assure you that your efforts will help make their weekend more meaningful! Please write your letter, place it in a sealed envelope with the caterpillar's **FULL NAME** on the outside and then give it to me or bring it to the events during the weekend. The deadline to provide letters will be on Sunday evening at 8pm.

If you have an issue bringing the letter or note, please contact me. You may also email the letter to me and I will print and give to the candidate. If you need anything else please feel free to contact the Registrar below.

Thank you very much for sharing in this weekend!

Blessings,
Coastal Carolina Chrysalis

P.S. Please do not send a gift. Your personal words of love and affirmation are sufficient.

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CHRYSALIS PACKING LIST

For
“Caterpillars”

** You will receive a packing list in your packet of information from Chrysalis. After working on many Chrysalis weekends, I decided to make my own “checklist.” This list may or may not be of help to you, but I get a lot of requests for it. Enjoy your Chrysalis Flight!!!

- **Medication:** When you arrive on Saturday morning, please let one of the Assistant Lay Directors (ALD’s) know about any meds you need to take while at the Chrysalis Weekend. The ALD’s will make SURE that you stay on schedule with your meds.
- **Sleeping Bag & Pillow,** sheets/blanket if you like. You will be sleeping in a dorm room on a bunk bed. The mattresses are for standard/single bunks.
- **3 or 4 Towels and Washcloths:** You will spend 2 nights at Chrysalis. Just in case your roommate forgets their towel/washcloth, it is MOST helpful if others have a “spare” to loan.
- **Flip-Flops / Shower Shoes (Optional):** The shower floors are concrete.
- **Toiletries: Toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo/soap, hair dryer, hair brush, Q-tips,** “shaving items” if applicable. It is VERY CONVENIENT to have a small basket or a large zip-lock baggie for your restroom articles; you will be carrying these items from your bunk to the restroom. Plastic-type baskets work great for the showers.
- **Mirror** (optional): There will be electrical outlets near the bunk beds. It’s just as easy to dry your hair or put on makeup at your bunk as in the restroom.
- **Clothing:** Bring enough changes of clothes in case the weather is unpredictable. Some folks are hot-natured & some are cold-natured. As a result, the temperatures may vary in the conference room. Pack clothes that would be comfortable for cool or warm weather. **Bring a jacket,** as you will go outside from time to time. **DRESS FOR COMFORT** (Work-out pants, shorts, T-shirts, Hoodies, Comfy jeans, extra socks, tennis shoes, sandals). Don’t forget your pajamas!
- **DIRTY CLOTHES BAG(s): Large White Trash bags with handles** (labeled with your name on both sides!!!) are EXCELLENT to have in your suitcase. I highly suggest a smaller plastic bag inside the big one, for WET items (washcloths, towels, etc.). This is really helpful throughout the weekend. You can either pack the dirty clothes bag back into your suitcase, or you can have it labeled to tie to your suitcase when you pack up on Monday.
- **Ear Plugs (Optional):** If you are a light-sleeper, you might want these in case one of your roommates were to snore during the night. (???)
- **A little bit of cash:** There is an excellent selection of devotions and literature and you might see something you’d like to get.

*** **PLEASE LEAVE YOUR WATCH AND CELL PHONE AT HOME.** These items take away from the Chrysalis weekend. Please commit your heart to Christ for this very special weekend, and be a good example to others on the Flight. The Chrysalis schedule is very organized, and the team will make sure that all is well while you are there. Thanks for your understanding & your cooperation!

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