

Winter Family Weekend

Cincinnati, Ohio • December 21-25, 2018

Iron *that* Sharpens Iron

Information Brochure

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Mission Statement

To enhance godly relationships through inspirational, educational, social and athletic activities in a moral and positive environment.

"My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love . . ." (Colossians 2:2, New International Version)

General Information

Important Phone Numbers

Coordinator.....Frank Dunkle (740) 648-0041

Assistant Coordinator.....Troy Phelps (513) 376-2005

Anointing—Call 513-239-0540 and the elder on duty will assist you. The Caribou Room will be used 30 minutes before and after services.

Information Desk—This is located in the lobby of the Great Wolf Conference Center and can be reached by calling (513) 459-8885 ext. 562.

Lost and Found—This is located at the Information Desk. Also check the Great Wolf Lodge front desk for any items turned in there.

Merchandising—It is inappropriate to sell, display or distribute material at our information tables, except as approved in advance.

Quiet Hours—Please be considerate of everyone and respect quiet hours in all hotel hallways from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. each day. The hotel will also have other guests who are not with UCG, so we ask for your consideration and respect. We request a curfew of 1:00 a.m. every night for all UCG Winter Family Weekend participants.

Water Park Information—The water park is open 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on the weekends and 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the weekdays. Please remember modesty in your swimwear as you enjoy this facility. The water park is available for use the entire day you check in, as well as the entire day you check out. **Please monitor your time in the water park; prolonged exposure to chlorine may cause sickness.*

Activity Information

Aunt Esther's Good 'Ole Funtime Band—We'll be playing foot stomping old timey and new timey music for everyone waiting outside of the Jelly show and anyone else who wants to mosey on over. Join us in the Conference Center Lobby at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday!

Band Showcase—Come on down to Ballrooms 1 & 2 on Sunday, Dec. 23, from 9:00-11:00 p.m. and enjoy an evening of live music with performances by the groups Twelve Minute Mile and The Buckeye Band.

Card Games, Board Games and Bean Bag Toss—At the far end of the East Concourse, just past all the amazing artwork, you will find a very welcoming game room for all to enjoy. We have card games, 30 popular board games, jigsaw puzzles, dominoes, ping pong and four bean bag toss sets—or bring your own game! Come relax with snacks all evening, or between events, starting at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Career & Education Networking for Young Adults—In past years at the Winter Family Weekend, we have offered an education and career networking event, where young adults could connect with mentors in a variety of professions and receive coaching on education, establishing a career, etc. We are unable to offer that event this year. However, we have numerous well-established mentors who would be glad to meet with interested young adults one-on-one to discuss education plans, career development, professional skills, financial

planning, etc. If you would be interested in teaming up with one of our “coaches”, please send an e-mail to Matthew Fenchel at mcfenchel@fuse.net. Please briefly describe your situation, what you would like to discuss, and contact information. He will then help you connect with a mentor, and the two of you can arrange a time and location to meet during the WFW.

Home Office Tour—There will be one tour of the Cincinnati UCG home office on Saturday starting promptly at 12:30 p.m. Please meet at the office, 555 Techne Center Drive in Milford. Allow 30 minutes’ travel time from the Great Wolf Lodge. See the information desk for maps.

Little Children’s Activity—Calling all children ages 0-3! We have fun things planned for you and your caregiver. Plan to show up at Northwest Territory C & D from 10:30–11:30 a.m. on Sunday and Monday to play!

Organized Preteen Activities—These activities are open to kids ages 5-12, on both Sunday and Monday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at Wall2Wall.

Performing Arts Expo—On Sunday, Dec. 23, at 7:30 p.m., please join us in Ballroom 3 for our Performing Arts Expo. This performance will showcase artists, musicians and performers of various ages who will share their talents with us. **Performers must register and attend a dress rehearsal/sound check on Sunday between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. Please contact Amy Stephens at (859) 512-8380 to verify your rehearsal time.*

Singles Social—After the Bible study on Friday, Dec. 21, join us in Fallen Timbers C for a wine and cheese social to meet, fellowship and make plans for the remainder of the weekend! We will supply the cheese. Please bring a beverage of your choice to enjoy, which can be purchased at the hotel lobby restaurant/bar (please do not bring beverages/bottles purchased elsewhere).

Special Occasion Dress Boutique— You can bring your formal or semi-formal dresses to Northwest C beginning at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday. The boutique will be open from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. You do not have to donate a dress to pick one up. Any remaining dresses will be donated to a dress boutique in another church area unless the owners claim them Sunday evening.

Sports—We will be using Courts4Sports for volleyball and basketball games, as well as preteen basketball. On Monday, Dec. 24, only, basketball games will be held at Kids First Sports Center. Please check the posted sports schedule

for times. All team captains and coaches, as well as those who have registered as individuals for basketball and volleyball, need to attend the organizational meeting held on Saturday, Dec. 22, at 5:30 p.m. The basketball meeting will be in Northwest B. All teen boys that would like to play basketball, please also attend this meeting as teams will be formed at this meeting. The volleyball meeting will be in Northwest C. Individual volleyball players who have pre-registered will need to pay \$30 at the meeting to be placed on a team. See pages 10-11 for pre-teen games location and times. No registration is needed. Parent volunteers are welcome!

Visual Arts Expo—Various works of art created by participants of the WFW will be on display in the East Concourse during the weekend. Be sure to visit this area to view the artistic talents of our brethren. Please refrain from eating or drinking in the expo area and do not touch the artwork. Selling of artistic works is prohibited while at the WFW. (Artists, please retrieve your pieces by 10:00 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 23.)

Sabbath Information

Youth Instruction (Grades K-6)—There will be two sessions of youth instruction classes from 10:00-10:50 a.m. and 11:00-11:50 a.m. for grades K-1, 2-3, and 4-6 in Northwest Territories B, C, and D, respectively. Children are welcome to stay for both classes; each 50-minute class will cover different material and will have a different set of teachers. **Please make sure there is a parent or guardian to check each child in and out from the youth instruction classes. Seventh graders and older, please attend the teen seminars.*

Parents’ and Mothers’ Rooms—During services and seminars, Fallen Timber A will be available for parents to quiet their children, and Fallen Timber B will be available for nursing mothers.

Applause—Please do not applaud for sermonettes, sermons or special music during the Winter Family Weekend. There is no biblical statement prohibiting applause, but since this is part of our service worshipping God, we request that you instead offer any appreciation to the individual.

Dance Information

Family Dance—Events will wind down with the annual WFW Family Dance beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 24 at the Great Wolf Lodge! We will have a DJ providing a variety of dance music and snacks will be provided. Don't miss this opportunity to spend time with friends. Come early and stay late!

Teen Dance—Calling all teens! Come hang out with friends on Saturday, Dec. 22, at 7:00 p.m. in Ballrooms 1 and 2. Dance floor, music, and pretzels will be provided. Be there! The dress is modest casual and camp rules apply. No shorts or swimwear, please.

Adult Dance—Adults age 18 and over are invited to join us on Saturday evening, Dec. 22, at 7:30 p.m., as we enjoy an evening of music, dancing and fun in a "Simply Elegant" atmosphere. Music will be provided by Mr. Rudy Rangel. Light hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served (alcoholic beverages will be available via cash bar for those of legal age). Dress for the evening is Sabbath wear to formal attire; please dress accordingly. There is no admission fee, but contributions for the event are appreciated and can be made at the entrance to Ballroom 3.

Saturday Seminar Schedule

Teen Seminar 10:00-10:50 a.m.

Made to Connect.....Ballrooms 4 & 5
Presented by Michael Phelps. We love technology and social media and the way it connects us to others. But does your relationship with these things ever feel a bit off, even if you can't quite put your finger on why? Do you feel like there are times you miss out on what – or who – is right in front of you? The best relationships are not those that are connected solely through a screen, but the ones connected through living life. Come ready to evaluate how connected you currently are and what kinds of connections you want in your life. We were made to connect!

Young Adult Seminar 10:00-10:50 a.m.

On Stewardship.....Ballroom 1
Presented by Bob Fahey. He who is faithful with little is faithful with much. The Kingdom of God demands faithful people. Learn several principles and practices of stewardship by which we demonstrate faithfulness in little and much!

Adult Seminar 10:00-10:50 a.m.

Mate Sharpens Mate.....Ballroom 2
Presented by Fred Kellers. This interactive seminar examines how we, as husbands and wives, can encourage our mates to be closer to God and His kingdom. How can we avoid discouraging our mate? If Jesus had married, how would He have encouraged His wife? And, if He had come as a woman, and married, how would He have encouraged His mate toward the kingdom?

Adult Seminar 10:00-10:50 a.m.

Helping the Hurting, Part 2.....Ballroom 3
Presented by Gary Antion and Samantha Cook. Have you known you needed support, advice or love and been too afraid to reach out and ask? Perhaps you've sought advice, then found that what you received might not be the wisest course of action? In order to successfully utilize the comfort others so willingly want to provide, it is important we know how to discern and implement information (as well as proactively ask when we need help). This interactive, discussion-based seminar will explore what it truly means to seek help, evaluate counsel and hold onto the hope that lies within us all. We look forward to seeing you there!

Teen Seminar 11:00-11:50 a.m.

The Quest for Sexual Purity.....Ballrooms 4 & 5

Presented by Mark Welch. Does God have any standards regarding human sexual behavior? Does God care about sex? Does God expect His human creation to strive for sexual purity? Just what is sexual purity? What are God's standards of sexual purity?

Young Adult Seminar 11:00-11:50 a.m.

On Stewardship.....Ballroom 6

Presented by Bob Fahey. He who is faithful with little is faithful with much. The Kingdom of God demands faithful people. Learn several principles and practices of stewardship by which we demonstrate faithfulness in little and much! *(This is a repeat presentation.)*

Adult Seminar 11:00-11:50 a.m.

Strategies for Effective Learning.....Ballroom 2

Presented by Dr. Crystal (Aust) Thomas, Dr. Philip Aust, and Jerold Aust, MA. One of the reasons you attend church services each week is to learn. During the week, you read your Bible, booklets, and listen to messages online for the purpose of learning and growing. Did you know there are strategies to help you learn more effectively? Just listening isn't always learning; that's short term memory. You can improve your long term memory in order to help yourself and others, and to improve your life. So if you really want to improve your learning quotient, simply attend this seminar presented by three accredited educators of the same family; it can help change your life, whether it's for school, work or church services.

Adult Seminar 11:00-11:50 a.m.

Godly Elements of an Effective Apology.....Ballroom 1

Presented by Matthew McDonald. How many relationships have we witnessed, or personally been involved with, that have been ruined because one or both parties failed to effectively apologize and seek reconciliation? As Christians, we are commanded to love each other and humble ourselves one to another. To effectively do this, we must be able to apologize in a godly manner when disagreements or problems arise. Today, let's talk about a few of these elements and how to integrate them into our relationships.

Sunday Seminar Schedule

Adult Seminar 9:30-11:45 a.m.

Earthquakes in End Time Prophecy.....Ballrooms 1 & 2

Presented by John LaBissoniere. Biblical prophecy reveals that the greatest, most powerful earthquakes in human history will occur at the time of the end when God "arises to shake the earth mightily" (Isa. 2:19). Where will these earthquakes occur and most importantly, why? We will examine various scriptures and discover interesting biblical facts and details in this PowerPoint-accompanied presentation.

Adult Seminar 1:30-3:45 p.m.

Wisdom is the Principal Thing.....Ballrooms 1 & 2

Presented by Gary Antion. In the Proverbs, wisdom is extolled for not only young people but for all. It is personified as God in some Scriptures. It is vital for us to live a godly life and interact with others. In this lecture-discussion seminar, we'll use the Bible to examine the components of wisdom and add one more important component to wisdom!

Monday Seminar Schedule

Adult Seminar 9:30-11:45 a.m.

Why Study Old Testament Prophecy?.....Ballrooms 1 & 2

Presented by Frank Dunkle. Are there other reasons to study prophecy than to know what will happen in the future? Yes, there are! This seminar will discuss a number of them. Then it will provide an introduction to several of the men that God called to the role of prophet. Who were they and what were they like? We can learn from their stories as well as from their messages.

Adult Seminar 1:30-3:45 p.m.

Untwisting Paul.....Ballrooms 1 & 2

Presented by Steve Myers. The Apostle Paul discusses several interesting issues in his letter to the Romans. When exactly are we saved? Is the Holy Spirit part of the Trinity? What is predetermined in our life? All of these topics are found in chapter 8! Come join me as we discuss these issues and untwist the writings of Paul (2 Pet. 3:16).

Schedule of Events

Friday 12/21	Saturday 12/22	Sunday 12/23	Monday 12/24	Tuesday 12/25
<p>Donations—If you would like to make a donation to offset the cost of the Winter Family Weekend, donations may be made at the Information Desk or at the adult dance. Any gift is appreciated.</p>	<p>10:00-11:50 a.m. Seminars for Teens and Adults (See Pages 7-8 for Details)</p> <p>10:00-11:50 a.m. Youth Instruction for Grades K-6 in Northwest B, C & D (See Page 5 for Details)</p> <p>12:00-1:00 p.m. Special Music Rehearsal</p> <p>12:30-1:30 p.m. Home Office Tour (Meet at UCG Home Office)</p> <p>1:15 p.m. Church Hall Opens</p> <p>2:30-4:30 p.m. Sabbath Services Sermon: Victor Kubik (Main Ballroom)</p> <p>5:30-6:15 p.m. Sports Captains/Individuals Meetings (Northwest B, C & D)</p> <p>7:00-11:00 p.m. Board Games and Bean Bag Toss (Ballrooms 5 & 6)</p> <p>7:00-11:30 p.m. Teen Dance (Ballrooms 1 & 2)</p> <p>7:30 p.m.-12:00 a.m. Adult Dance (Ballroom 3)</p>	<p>8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Basketball, Volleyball (Courts4Sports)</p> <p>9:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m. Seminars (See Page 9 for Details)</p> <p>10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Organized Preteen Games (Wall2Wall)</p> <p>10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Little Children's Activity (Northwest B, C & D)</p> <p>2:00-4:00 p.m. Preteen Basketball (Courts4Sports)</p> <p>4:30-7:30 p.m. Special Occasion Dress Boutique (Northwest C & D)</p> <p>6:30-7:00 p.m. Aunt Esther's Good 'Ole Funtime Band (Conference Center Lobby)</p> <p>7:00-7:30 p.m. Jelly's Game Show (Fallen Timbers A, B & C)</p> <p>7:00-11:00 p.m. Board Games and Bean Bag Toss (Ballrooms 4, 5 & 6)</p> <p>7:30-8:30 p.m. Performing Arts (Ballroom 3)</p> <p>9:00-11:00 p.m. Band Showcase (Ballrooms 1 & 2)</p> <p>11:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. Karaoke (Ballroom 3)</p>	<p>8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Basketball (Kids First Sports Center), Volleyball (Courts4Sports)</p> <p>9:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m. Seminars (See Page 9 for Details)</p> <p>10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Organized Preteen Games (Wall2Wall)</p> <p>10:30-11:30 a.m. Little Children's Activity (Northwest B, C & D)</p> <p>2:00-4:00 p.m. Preteen Basketball (Kids First Sports Center)</p> <p>7:30-11:30 p.m. Family Dance (Main Ballroom)</p>	<p>8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Basketball, Preteen Basketball, Volleyball (Courts4Sports)</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Hotel Check-out</p>
<p>4:00 p.m. Hotel Check-in</p> <p>7:30-8:30 p.m. Bible Study Presenter: Troy Phelps (Main Ballroom)</p> <p>9:00-10:30 p.m. Singles Social (Fallen Timbers C)</p>				

Speaker Bios

Gary Antion is a marriage and family therapist licensed in Ohio and Texas and a member of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists. He is an ordained elder and former ABC coordinator and Ambassador University associate professor for over 53 years. He is currently retired and does volunteer teaching and limited counseling in the Cincinnati area. He's been married 54 years to his wife Barbara and they have two daughters, two sons-in-law and four grandchildren. He is teaming with his granddaughter Samantha Cook.

Jerold Aust (MA, Speech Communication) is a long-time minister/pastor, speaker, senior writer for the *Good News/Beyond Today* Magazine, and Feast Coordinator. He taught speech communication at the University of South Alabama (7 years), online ministerial classes, ABC and Labor in the Word program. He's written two books: *EZSpeakers* (Amazon.com) and *Ronald Reagan's Rhetoric: Metaphor as Persuasion*. Jerold Aust's overarching goal is to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with a world buried in spiritual darkness.

Philip Aust is a minister serving the Atlanta and Buford, Georgia United Church of God congregations. He is a teacher by vocation prior to serving as pastor for Atlanta and Buford. His teaching background has long emphasized how people develop effective, meaningful relationships; he specializes in the development of future leaders. Philip holds a Bachelor's degree in Theology from Ambassador College, a Master's degree in Communication from California State University, Fullerton, and a Ph.D. in Communication from University of Oklahoma. Philip is married to Sarah Aust. They have two children.

Samantha Cook is a human capital business analyst for Deloitte in their government/public sector consulting practice and is based in Columbus, OH. Throughout her collegiate years at Centre College, Samantha was honored to be involved with Best Buddies International, where she now serves on the Board of Directors. Samantha loves to travel, watch the Cincinnati Bengals (almost) win and snuggle with her 5-year old Pomeranian, Pippa. As the oldest of 4 grandchildren on the Antion side, Samantha has always had a special relationship with her Giddo (granddad, Mr. Antion) and is honored to have the opportunity to present alongside him.

Frank Dunkle serves as a professor and Coordinator of Ambassador Bible College. He is active in the church's teen summer camp program and contributed

articles for UCG publications. Frank holds a BA from Ambassador College in Theology, an MA from the University of Texas at Tyler and a PhD from Texas A&M University in History. His wife Sue is a middle-school science teacher and they have one child.

Fred Kellers is a retired pastor who continues to serve the United Church of God congregations in central Tennessee.

John LaBissoniere serves in the Media and Communications Services department as Media Buying Agent and Circulation Manager. Additionally he is a Senior Writer for Beyond Today magazine. Holding a BA in Political Science at the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, John earned BA in Theology at Ambassador College, Pasadena, California in 1978. He was ordained an elder in 1994 and currently serves in the Knoxville and Kingsport, Tennessee and London, Kentucky congregations.

Matthew McDonald and his wife Betsy serve in the Dallas/Fort Worth congregations. They have two children, Avery (12) and Joah (8). Matthew and Betsy enjoy coordinating the youth instruction program in the local Dallas congregation. Matthew has spent the majority of his professional career working in the medical device industry. They recently relocated to the Dallas/Fort Worth area after spending 21 years attending/serving the Lubbock, TX congregation.

Michael Phelps, his wife Laura, and daughter Kelsey attend the Ann Arbor, Detroit, and Flint, Michigan congregations, where Michael serves as an Assistant Pastor. Michael and Laura both grew up in the church. They attended Ambassador University in Big Sandy for two years (1994-96), then returned home to complete their Bachelor's Degrees. Michael enjoys serving in the local congregations as well as with the camp program. He was previously employed as an application development consultant and enjoys spending time with his family, gardening, and running.

Crystal Thomas lives in Mobile, Alabama with her husband Scott and daughter Makayla, where she has worked in higher education at the University of South Alabama for over 21 years. She is a graduate of Ambassador College, has her masters in Educational Leadership, and PhD in Instructional Design and Development from the University of South Alabama.

Mark Welch serves as Operation Manager of Ministerial and Member Services. He earned a BA in Theology at Ambassador College, Pasadena, CA in 1978. He

married Barbara Lenke in October of 1978 and they have two grown children, Jaime and Matthew. Mark was ordained in 1985 and hired into the full-time ministry in 1989. Mark also coordinates UCG's Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Services and his wife, Barbara, is an interpreter for the Deaf.

Upcoming Local Event

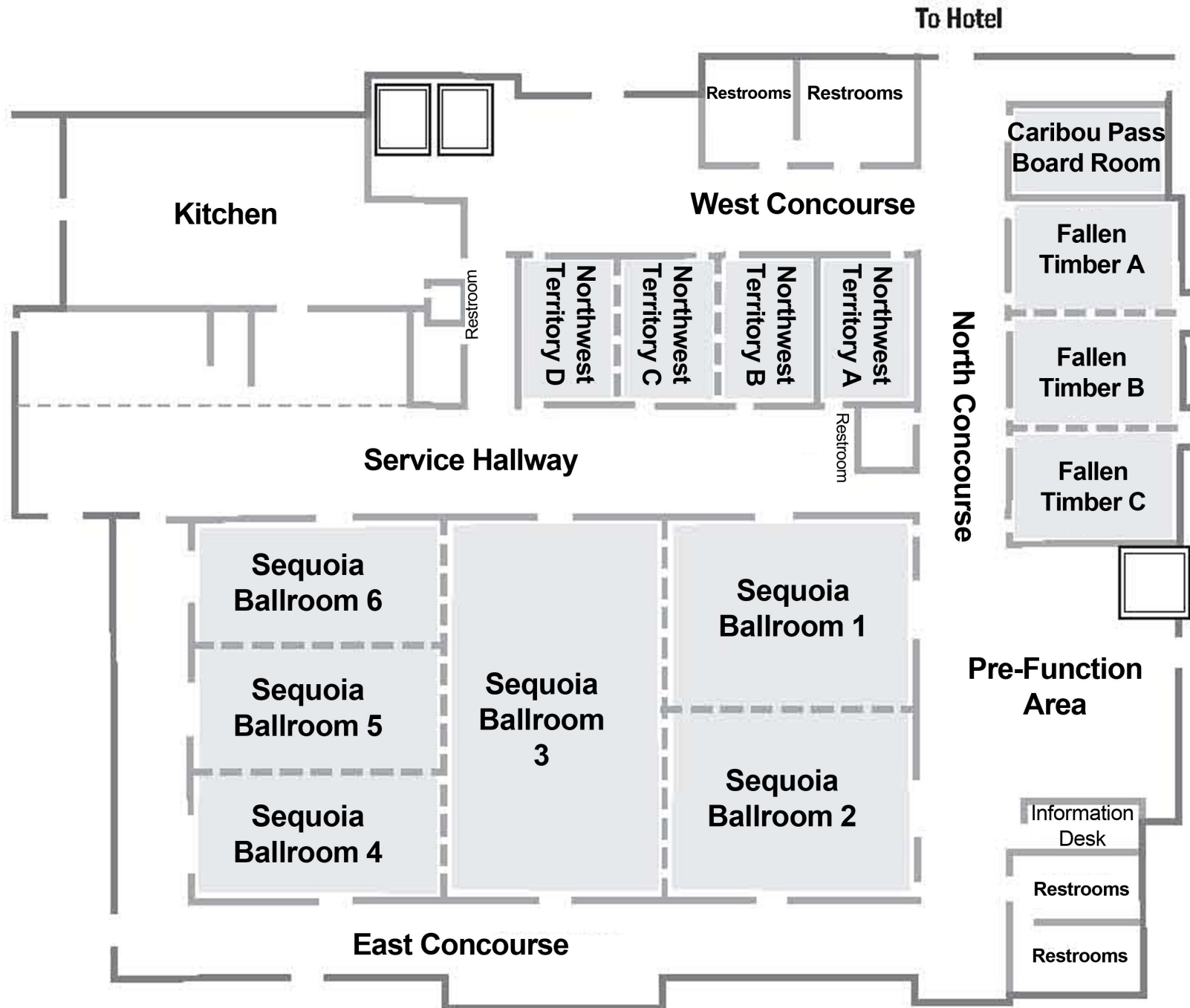
The 2019 Midwest Teen Prom in Columbus is just a couple months away. Mark your calendars for March 16, 2019. Hotel reservations are due by Feb. 22, 2019. All the details can be found at www.midwestteenprom.com.

Notes

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Great Wolf Lodge

Meeting Halls Map



Directions to Courts4Sports and Wall2Wall from Great Wolf Lodge

Approximately 5.2 miles. Allow 10 minutes.

Start: 2501 Great Wolf Drive, Mason, OH 45040-8085

1. Take the 1st left onto Kings Island Drive. Go 1.6 miles.

2. Turn right onto Western Row Road. Western Row Rd is 0.2 miles past Brant Conn Road. *If you reach I-71 S you've gone about 0.9 miles too far.* Go 0.8 miles.

3. Stay straight to go onto Tylersville Road. Go 2.0 miles.

4. Turn left onto US-42 / S Reading Road. US-42 is 0.1 miles past Deerfield Circle. *If you reach Gateway Blvd., you've gone a little too far.* Go 0.7 miles.

5. 854 READING RD is on the left. Your destination is 0.1 miles past Snider Road. *If you reach Tri Way Drive you've gone about 0.3 miles too far.*

Finish: 854 Reading Road, Mason, OH 45040-1308

*Courts4Sports and Wall2Wall share the same parking lot.

*There is a map on the back cover.

Directions to Kids First Sports Center from Courts4Sports

Approximately 6 miles. Allow 15 minutes.

Start: 854 Reading Road, Mason, OH 45040

1. Turn right onto Reading Road. Go 0.4 miles.

2. Turn right onto Snider Road. Go 4.9 miles.

3. Turn right onto E. Kemper Road. Go 0.7 miles.

4. Kids First Sports Center will be on your right.

Finish: 7900 E. Kemper Road, Cincinnati, OH 45249

Map to Courts4Sports and Wall2Wall

