



The youth of Highlands will gather at Camp Sumatanga for Discovery Weekend, our annual spiritual formation retreat, on March 11-13, 2022. Discovery is THE event of the youth programming calendar, and we need some help from our church family to ensure a great weekend for our youth.

### Snacks

As you may know, pre-teens and teenagers are almost always hungry and we like to provide lots of options. To help provide snacks, contact snack coordinator Susan Rathmell at [srathmell@gmail.com](mailto:srathmell@gmail.com).

### Letters

One of the highlights of the event for each participant is receiving letters of love, support, and encouragement from their family, friends, and church family. You may personalize each note with the list below or send a generic note that we can duplicate and include in each participant's packet. Letters may be hand-written, typed, or even emailed! Drop letters off in one of the collection baskets in the Greeting Space or email to our letter coordinator, Dylan Higgs, **no later than Friday, March 11 at NOON**. Sample letters are printed on the back of this sheet. Contact Dylan Higgs at [dchiggs1999@gmail.com](mailto:dchiggs1999@gmail.com) with questions.

### Prayer

Please keep the young people listed below in your prayers as they prepare for Discovery:

Anna Cranford, Lucy Edmondson, Bess Forrester, Sophia Green, Emmalynne Hudson,  
Nathan Jones, Beatrice Lowery, Gradie Lowery, Austin Meredith, Eliza Penfield,  
John Marshall Rathmell, Cade Smith, Madeline Solomon, Liam Stowe, Will Thompson,  
Ryenne Trench, Norah Trench, Ruby Utz, Robert White, Virginia White

Please also keep in prayer the adults who will help make the weekend a reality: Brian Bellenger, Leslie Williams, Danny Jones, Melinda Adkins, Mark "Bruno" Hughes, Dylan Higgs, Susan Rathmell, Wade Lowery, Luke Sligh, and all the parents of youth attending the weekend.

### Saturday Night Prayer Service

On Saturday, March 12, all members of participating churches are invited to attend a Prayer Service, wherein we will celebrate and bless each youth participant individually. This is always a beautiful experience for our youth and all who attend – well-worth the drive to Camp Sumatanga! Prayer service will take place Saturday, March 12 at 6:30 PM in the Assembly Hall at the Pool Camp. All are welcome and invited!

## Discovery Weekend Sample Letters

Dear \*\*\*Youth Name\*\*\*,

I hope you have had a wonderful weekend at Discovery Weekend, surrounded by the love of Christ. I have loved watching you grow in your faith and use your talents. By the time you read this, Discovery Weekend will almost be over, and you will have many memories and events to process. I hope that we will get some time after the weekend so I can hear all about your special time.

\*\*\*\*\*Personal Closing or Prayer\*\*\*\*\*

Love,

\*\*\*\*\*Your Name\*\*\*\*\*

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Hey John –

We are so excited about your participation in Discovery Weekend. Ever since you were a little boy we have been praying for God to do amazing things in your life. While you have been at Discovery we have been praying that God would continue to wrap his loving arms around you. You are very special to us and we want you to know that we love you so much.

I remember when I went to church camp as a teenager and feeling God work in new ways in my life. I hope that your Discovery Weekend has been a great chance for you to feel God working in new ways in your life. John, I know that times have not always been easy for you at school and it has been tough at home too. But I hope that the weekend has been a good reminder that no matter what is going on in life, that God is never far from you. We love you so much and can't wait to hear all about your weekend.

Love,

Grandpa and Grandma

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no later than Friday, March 11 at noon.  
Thank you for supporting the youth of Highlands!**