



COLLIDE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is Collide?

Collide is our student discipleship weekend designed for all 6th-12th graders, and will be held on our campus January 12-14, 2024. It is a time for students to pull away from the craziness of life and worship God through song, hear from His word, and process all of that in a small group setting. It is a weekend packed with opportunities to have fun, make friends, and Lord willing, meet with God. What is unique about Collide is that it is a collaboration of multiple churches across the 4B area. It is a cool thing to see students from all over the Bay Area, who although attend different churches, gather as one to worship the one, true God. It's also a great opportunity to invite friends that may not be connected to a church.

Our theme this year is, "Exile." All throughout the Bible, the people of God are identified as exiles, strangers, foreigners. All of this points to the reality that this is not our home, we are made for another place. However, there are seasons where we forget that or maybe even reject it altogether and we embrace the ways of the place that is meant to be strange, foreign, or exile to us. This year we will study excerpts from Daniel 1-6 to see how we can live faithfully in exile. The cost for the weekend is \$70.00. Registration opens on November 1 at www.bayarea.church/events, click on the Collide image.

Where will my student be throughout the weekend?

Students will be staying each night at host homes in the area. All host home families are active members or attenders of Bay Area Church, and each adult in the home has been screened and submitted to a background check. You will get host home information in a BIG EMAIL the week of Collide. Gatherings with students from other churches will occur at Bay Area Church.

Who are the small group leaders?

Collide small group leaders are college students or adults that we feel have the ability to pour God's word and truth into our students. Each leader has been screened and submitted to a background check.

Can I request my student be in a small group with their friends?

YES! You can absolutely make friend requests for small groups as long as the student signs up with Bay Area and is in the same grade. There is a section on the registration form just for friend requests.

When and where do I take my student on Friday?

Check-in will be at each individual host home. The week of Collide look for a BIG EMAIL containing the contact information for your student's small group leader and host home family. Check-in times are 5:00-6:00 pm on Friday evening. We require the Bay Area Church medical release form to be turned in prior to check-in.

What is the schedule for Saturday and Sunday?

A detailed schedule is available at www.bayarea.church/students and will be emailed the week prior to Collide.

What if my child needs to leave on Saturday?

We have a form for that! The Time Away form will need to be turned in at Friday's check-in if your student has to leave on Saturday. This form specifies when he/she will leave and return, and will be emailed to you the week of Collide. Students will need to notify their small group leader when they are leaving.

What if my child drives? Can they drive themselves and siblings to Collide?

Students will be allowed to transport themselves (and siblings) to Collide homes on Friday, but they must give their keys to the small group leader upon arrival, and their vehicle must stay at the home all weekend. They **will not** be allowed to drive to and from the church. Please be sure that all necessary signed forms have been turned in prior to check-in.

What about meals?

Dinner Friday night, Saturday lunch and dinner, and Sunday breakfast will be eaten at the church. Breakfast on Saturday morning will be provided by the host home family.

Is my child allowed to have their phone?

We ask that students **NOT** bring their phones to Collide. Please help us enforce this by taking your child's phone from them before check-in. We have given small group leaders and host home families permission to confiscate any phones they see out.

Does my student need money?

Students are not required to bring any money, however, there may be opportunities to buy extra Collide t-shirts.

What if my student takes medication?

Not a problem. Students that require medication will need a Medication Release form filled out by a parent. Forms will be emailed as part of the BIG EMAIL prior to Collide. Please DO NOT send the entire bottle of medication, just the correct dosage. The medication will stay with the small group leader, so be sure your child knows when to take it. It is their responsibility to take their medication.

Who do I contact if I have further questions or concerns?

You are welcome to contact anyone on our Student Ministry staff at anytime: Kade Pierce, Student Pastor: kade.pierce@bayarea.church; Lauren Armstrong, Girls' Minister: lauren.armstrong@bayarea.church; or Jill Bryant, Student Ministry Assistant: jill.bryant@bayarea.church.