

THRIVE FAQ's

What is Thrive?

Thrive is a youth and young adult conference hosted by City First Church in Rockford, IL. The purpose is to equip students to discover life to the fullest through Jesus Christ! We were not designed to merely survive but to THRIVE in this life.

When we encounter Jesus, we believe it changes everything. There'll be intentional times of worship, powerful messages from world-renowned speakers, breakout sessions, creative elements, special musical performances, and ridiculous amounts of fun!

WHEN is Thrive? WHERE is Thrive located?

Friday November 10 & Saturday November 11, 2023

City First Church (5950 Spring Creek Road Rockford, Illinois, 61107)

Who Can Attend Thrive?

Thrive is open to any 6-12th grade student!

REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR THRIVE:

Registration Fee: \$125 EARLY BIRD ** by Oct 22

Registration Fee: \$150 REGULAR ** beginning Oct 23

Sibling Discount: Full price for the first student, \$35 discount for siblings

Sibling Code: SIBLING

What if I can't afford Thrive?

We realize this cost may not be attainable for each family, but we never want finances to be the thing that stops a student from coming on this life changing weekend. Therefore, we are offering fundraising opportunities as well as partial scholarships for those in need.

Fundraising - Students can buy a box of chocolate for \$48 upfront, and then sell those candy bars for \$2 ea (or whatever your student decides to sell it for) and can use the profit towards their Thrive cost. This is a fun and easy way to quickly cover your cost for Thrive!

Scholarships - We do offer *partial* scholarships and ask that anyone who is seeking to receive a scholarship fill out our online form found at clfonline.org/uncommon, or fill out a physical form either on Sunday mornings or Wednesday nights.

IF YOU'RE ALREADY REGISTERED:

TRANSPORTATION / CHECK IN / PICK UP

Students will be taken on a bus that is departing from CLF to City First Church on Friday Nov 10, and will arrive back to CLF from City First Church on Nov 11.

***If a student will be arriving late to Thrive or leaving early from Thrive, they **MUST** have a signed permission slip/waiver from their parent or legal guardian. They **MUST** indicate whether a parent is driving them or they are driving themselves. They **MUST** also request and receive permission from Pastor Bridget by November 1.

DROP OFF: Friday, Nov 10, 12:15 pm AT CLF

PICK UP: Saturday, Nov 11 tentatively around 11:30 pm

**If your child is sent home due to behavioral consequences, it will be the responsibility of the parent or guardian to come and pick up their child from camp.

How can I stay up to date on important Thrive Information (like departure times on Saturday night)? We have a special texting service that we use to keep parents and students up to date! Text "UNCOMMON" TO 888-217-6564. You can also follow us on our social media @uncommon.yth

What is NOT ALLOWED at Thrive?

- No weapons, drugs, alcohol, or vapes of any kind are permitted at Thrive.
- No PDA is permitted at Thrive.
- Students are not allowed to share a seat with the opposite gender on the bus
- Students are NOT allowed to enter the lodging of the opposite gender at ANY time.
- We also highly encourage students to leave any gaming devices at home
- Should any of these rules be violated and continued, a parent will need to pick their child up from camp.

What Should I Pack?

Do your best to limit to one bag and one garbage bag for bedding

We will be sleeping on the floors of available rooms. There are no beds available.

Students will be separated by gender.

Each student should bring:

- Pillow
- Sleeping bag
- Blanket
- Inflatable mattress (if desired)

We will not have access to showers. It is highly important that each student brings items to maintain their hygiene:

- DEODORANT
- Body spray / perfume
- Wet wipes

Other items to pack:

- Clothes for the weekend (shirts, pants, hoodies, socks, undergarments, etc)
- Tennis shoes (if you want to play games)
- Bible, journal, pens
- Cash for merch/apparel/food or drink items
- Toiletries
- Snacks!
- Necessary Medications*

***Will there be a nurse available at Thrive?**

Yes! At Thrive, student safety is a top priority! If your student has any medication he/she needs to bring, this must be checked in during registration on Friday, November 10. If your son or daughter gets sick or accidentally injured, a parent or guardian will be notified.

- If a student becomes sick while attending Thrive, the emergency contact will be called and if needed, arrangements will be made to have the student picked up
- **ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE COMPLETED THEIR MEDICAL RELEASE FORM** (a digital copy can be found on our website: clfonline.org/uncommon)

What Food is Provided?

- **Please have students eat before they arrive on Friday for Check IN**
- CLF will provide pizza Friday Night for Dinner for students. If your student would like to pack their own dinner, they are welcome to.
- CLF will provide a light breakfast (cereal, fruit, etc) Saturday morning
- City First Church will provide Lunch and Dinner on Saturday

What if I have more questions or need to contact my student at Thrive?

Email miverson@clfonline.org OR call the front office 715.909.0181 M-Th 9 am - 3 pm

Texting Service: Text: UNCOMMON to 888-217-6564

For emergencies: Pastor Bridget: bharris@clfonline.org / 815-391-0710

For any additional questions, please don't hesitate to reach out and ask!

We are so excited for Thrive and we know God is going to move in big ways. As we continue approaching Thrive, please be in prayer for our students and leaders that are attending.

Keep up to date with our UNCOMMON SOCIAL MEDIA:

Instagram: @uncommon.yth

Facebook: UNCOMMON Youth

Website: clfonline.org/uncommon