

DTown Leader Need to Know

DTown is our biggest (some would say best) event of the year! It's a local Friday through Sunday retreat hosted by Watermark Dallas and more than 100 homes around the church. The worship services and activities at DTown are designed for teens and you'll have a ton of fun just hanging out with your friends. Most importantly, this weekend will interrupt your busy, stressed out routine and give you a chance to sit back and evaluate your relationships with God and with others. DTown is a weekend you'll never forget!

1. SLR is 1:7 (find some back up "cos")

SLR stands for Student-Leader-Ratio. You are allowed 7 kids for every 1 leader. IF your SG kids are wanting to invite friends, and they should, you may want to recruit some CG friends or other young adult watermark member friends that will be willing to give you the whole weekend (Feb 2-4th). Your group will "fill up" close to registration cut-off if your SLR is high, yes there could be beds at host home but if there are not leaders to support the ratio kids will go in another group. (Hint: Recruit help now and ask your kids to sign-up early.)

2. It's an "in town" retreat but we need your full-time attendance.

IF you have a baby shower or a work function or something Saturday day we will count you as partial attending and your "being there" will not count toward the SLR! (Example: Susie & Sally are co-leaders. Susie has a mandatory Client training for work Saturday morning 8am-noon. Susie will be at DTown before and after, though. Still, Susie will not count in SLR. Susie & Sally need to recruit a third leader if they want to have more than 7 girls be in their SG and at their host home for the weekend.)

3. Find a host home

Kids will be in homes Friday night from 10pm until Saturday morning at 11am. Then host home again from Midnight Saturday until Sunday at 11:30am. Ask SG families now who would like to host your crew for the weekend.

4. Find Car swap moms

Each leader will need to be driving a high occupancy vehicle for the weekend. The thought is if you get an "8 passie" 'burb from a parent then you can cart around 7 students per vehicle and stay within your abilities as a group for parents and kids. If you do not get enough Car swaps then you will ask them to sign up for driving shifts- this usually gets the swappers on board.

5. Create an (optional) breakfast doodle and snack sign-up

Staff will happily provide breakfast for your crew. It will be Kellogg's variety pack cereal and pop tarts. It's not a bad gig. OR you can recruit parents that aren't hosting and aren't swapping cars to sign up to bring breakfast casseroles, chick-fila, donuts, you name it!

6. Do NOT promise scholarships but send folks to students@watermark.org to inquire about more if cost is an issue. ☺