

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to share some important information about the upcoming Chrysalis weekend your teenager will be participating in.

First of all, to explain briefly, chrysalis is the term used to describe the growth stage between caterpillars and butterflies. While on the surface it may look as though nothing is happening, the delicate process inside transforms the caterpillar into a butterfly. For young person participating in the Chrysalis weekend, the chrysalis symbolizes that when we die to self, Christ can transform us into new beings. Through Chrysalis youth are led to realize that Jesus Christ can transform us into something beautiful if we will open ourselves to Him and allow the transformation to occur.

The Chrysalis weekend is a powerful and moving experience in the sense that it puts youth in touch with the transforming power of God's love, which sets them free to see and live life in a whole new way. The new way is God's way of love.

There is a very good chance that the young person you send to the Chrysalis weekend will not return home the same. Often youth will return having had a mountaintop experience and are filled with an abundance of joy and excitement. Again, I will point out that this is due to a spiritual encounter with Jesus Christ. It also comes from an intense time of fellowship with other people their age.

You can support your teen's Chrysalis experience by being open to listen and share his or her joy. Another way to be supportive is by encouraging your teen to continue growing through Bible study, prayer, daily devotions, and regular participation in a spiritual support group. We will encourage the young people to do these things, and modeling this in your own life will help reinforce this message.

I'd like to add a word about spiritual support groups: the youth will be encouraged to become a part of a group made up of other youth and adults that have been a part of the Chrysalis weekend and/or other interested Christian youth. The purpose of the support group is to help continue the spiritual growth of youth.

Your teen's Chrysalis weekend will conclude with a closing service which you are welcome to attend. The time and location can be obtained from your teen's sponsor.

Again, your participation is greatly appreciated and I encourage you to pray for and support your teen during and after the Chrysalis weekend. If I can be of any assistance to you and/or your teen, please do not hesitate to contact me. May God bless you...

Love in Christ,

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