

encounter23

JUNE 13-16, 2023 | PRE-ASCENT EVENT



ENCOUNTER

- **PURPOSE.** FaithFront focuses on calling, culture, and leadership. Encounter is FaithFront's advanced-level program designed to provide a mobile lab in which students experientially encounter issues that call for Christian action.
- **RETREAT VALUES.** At all our retreats we value being fully present; authentic communication; and deep community.
- **FORMAT.** Encounter is designed to be experiential. Rather than just discussing issues in a classroom, we will take participants (Fronteers) on the road and encounter the opportunities that require a thoughtful Christian response.

LEADERSHIP TEAM STRUCTURE

- **ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF.** Leah Remboldt (Program Administrator) and Wendell Loewen (FaithFront Director) will serve as Administrative Staff. They attend to the administrative details required to execute the retreat. They will also lead various sessions and experiential leadership challenges.
- **SUPPORT STAFF.** Our Support Staff function primarily as "hands-on" leaders. Their main focus is relational and reflective. They walk alongside our Fronteers (participants) throughout the experience and help them reflect on what they're processing.
- **RESOURCE STAFF.** Our Resource Staff is made up of various guests – scholars, missionaries, pastors, ministry leaders or other experts who have agreed to provide input for the retreat.

BASIC DETAILS

SCHEDULE & TRAVEL. Encounter begins at 9:00 AM at Tabor College on Tuesday June 13th.

- We will stay one night in the Tabor residence halls and two nights in a hotel in Garden City.
- We will transport Fronteers to Garden City and to camp on a Village Charter bus.
- Fronteers not attending Ascent will be given a ride back to Hillsboro from Garden City.
- Fronteers attending Ascent will ride back with their youth groups.
- An overview Encounter schedule will be emailed to students once they apply.
- **STAFF.** Our team of seasoned support staff will love and care for our Fronteers and their spiritual and leadership development.
- **RESOURCE STAFF.** Trent Voth will teach in person on strengths. Wendell Loewen will focus on flourishing as a leader. Jody May the Director of Program and Service at Exodus World Service in Chicago (via zoom), Madelyn Martinez Blackwell with the Community Church in Garden City, Amy Kuhn and Sage Hemmert with the Garden City FBI will all speak into immigration and refugee issues and ministry.
- **LEARN.** Fronteers will learn about calling, culture, and leadership. We will dive deep into our Christian response to issues of immigration and refugees. We will hear stories, eat ethnic food, and participate in a food distribution project. Fronteers will be expected to complete the StrengthFinder inventory and possibly read a book or listen to a podcast in preparation for Encounter.
- **LIABILITY/MEDICAL.** Students/parents will be expected to fill out these forms.
- **SCHOLARSHIP.** FaithFront is offering a \$100 discount to ASCENT. The discount will go directly to the church in the student's name.
- **SPENDING MONEY.** Food, travel, lodging, and other program costs are covered. Fronteers should bring their own spending money for gifts, souvenirs, and snacks, etc.
- **INVITE.** if you have participated in one of our programs, would you be willing to invite at least one of your friends who has yet to experience FaithFront?
- **APPLY** at faithfront.org
- **DEADLINE.** June 5, 2023