



Greetings Parents,

July 2025

Back to school at ACS brings a unique opportunity for your child to experience an off-campus blast-off to the school year. The Back-to-School Retreat at Camp Maranatha in Danielsville allows students and faculty to ease into the school year in a fun and energetic way. The administration at ACS values this chance for students to work together as a team, build relationships, foster camaraderie, and learn a thing or two about one another. When asked, many students consider this event as the highlight of their year. What a way to start the 2025–2026 school year!

Camp Maranatha is a wonderful Christian camp offering activities like rock-wall climbing, zipline, swimming, and the ever popular lake blob (it's not a monster—or, is it?). In addition to these activities, your students will participate in team-building games, get-to-know you better activities, and times of worship as we set the stage for what we hope and pray is a wonderful year in chapel services at ACS.

Okay, nuts and bolts. Middle school retreat will be August 14–15 (Thursday and Friday of the first full week of school). We will leave after announcements, stay overnight, and leave camp at 4:00pm on Friday. The approximate cost for lodging, four meals, transportation, and all activities will be \$125, deducted from your FACTS account. We really want all of our students to attend, and these are considered school days attendance wise, but in the event you would like to opt out, we will send out a sign up sheet to allow you to do so.

High School retreat will be August 18–19 (Monday–Tuesday). It will not be an overnight stay. We will leave school after announcements and leave camp around 4:00 pm both days. This means your cost will be lower (no lodging and only two meals). I'm not sure of the cost presently since we have not nailed that down yet with Camp Maranatha, but I anticipate it being just under \$100.

It will be hot, so bring water bottles (there are places to refill), and I would consider bringing an extra set of clothes per day. Your child will get wet, so bring swimwear, along with a dark t-shirt (both guys and gals must wear a dark t-shirt while in the pool or lake). Middle schoolers will need to bring hygiene items and bedding/sleeping bags. I would have a swim towel and a bath towel. We will be out in the sun all day, so sunscreen is wise.

We are praying for an awesome year, and an awesome start to the school year, and that your child will have a joyful, fruitful journey through it.

Peace to you and your family,
Billy Meeks

Please use the links below to sign up by July 31st, 2025

[MIDDLE SCHOOL SIGN UP: HERE](#)

[HIGH SCHOOL SIGN UP: HERE](#)