

# Proposal

## Fall Retreats

Fall 2016



### THE FALL SEMESTER

The fall semester is a critical time in the school year. Whether students are entering university for the first time or are coming back from summer break, they are faced with many of the same decisions within the first few weeks of the fall semester. Who will they choose to be friends with? What organizations should they become involved in? Is having a personal faith something they will begin or continue to pursue? With so many things competing for their attention, we must offer something early on that will help meet these deep communal and spiritual needs.

### FALL RETREATS

Fall Retreats are a staple for nearly every Cru movement across the country. These retreats, spanning the course of a weekend, are a fun reason for students to step away from the busyness of every day life and hear Biblical teaching, worship God through music, and form strong Christian community. It is often here that new students first begin to feel a part of the ministry, establishing the friendships that will transform the next four years of their lives.

Lizzie was one of these students. She was living the party lifestyle even before she arrived at college, but during her first week on campus, a Cru staff member reached out to her during a freshmen outreach. They continued to meet from time to time, and Lizzie heard the gospel message but she wasn't quite ready for it: she didn't like the way she was living, but she wasn't ready to change.

When it came time for Fall Retreat, Lizzie said she couldn't afford to go. But after receiving a scholarship that enabled her to attend, she met other young people who had the same questions she did.



“I left Fall Retreat a different person. This weekend marks the moment I went all in for Christ.”

The weekend was full of great discussion and teaching, and she walked away with new Christian friends. Not long afterward, Lizzie made her decision to follow Jesus—and her life was transformed!

Events like Fall Retreat clarify and enhance what students have been experiencing from the beginning of the school year and lead them to a decision for Christ.

### WILL YOU HELP SEND STUDENTS?

Year after year countless students have voiced how grateful they are to be able to attend such a meaningful and transformative event at a price they can afford.

An investment of \$5,400 would give 100 students like Lizzie a partial scholarship, giving them the opportunity to attend one of these life-changing weekends.