

# HEATWAVE CONF

## Tip Sheet & Travel Guide

### Hotel Information

Holiday Inn Express & Suites

- Room Block: 20 rooms (2 beds per room, 4 people each)
- Distance: ~20 minutes from Faith Church
- Reservation Code: Use "Heatwave" to receive our rate
- Hotel Notes: Newly renovated within the last couple of years
- Price: \$130 per night, breakfast included
- Address: 89 Mill Plain Rd, Danbury, CT

Comfort Inn & Suites

- Room Block: 35 rooms (2 beds per room, 4 people each)
- Distance: ~10 minutes from Faith Church
- Reservation Code: Use "Heatwave" to receive our rate
- Hotel Notes: Newly renovated two years ago
- Price: \$130 per night, breakfast included
- Address: 80 Newtown Road, Danbury, CT

**Note: Rooms must be booked three weeks in advance to receive the Heatwave rate.**

**A Heatwave church liaison will be waiting in each hotel lobby to assist with check-in.**

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## Arrival Process: Bag Check, Wristbands & Security

When your group arrives at Faith Church for Heatwave Conference:

- **Bag Check:** All bags will go through a quick security check at the entrance.
- **Wristbands Issued:** Every student and leader will receive a **Heatwave wristband** at check-in.
- **Daily Required Entry:**
  - Wristbands must be worn **every day** of the conference.
  - Students must keep them on at all times while on the property.
- **If a Wristband Is Lost:**
  - We have replacements available.
  - Students must return to the **main check-in station** to receive a new one for security verification

### Security Presence

- **Security personnel will be present on-site at all times** during the entire conference.
- Their role is to ensure safety, support our staff, and maintain a secure environment for every student.

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## Church Liaisons

### On-Site at Faith Church

A church liaison will be stationed at the **main entrance** to assist with:

- Service times
- Activity information
- Travel questions
- General support throughout the conference

### At the Hotels

Church liaisons will also be present in the **hotel lobbies** at both properties to help groups check in and answer questions.

### Traveling Back to the Hotel

We **strongly discourage** returning to the hotel during the day.

- Traffic into Danbury can be extremely heavy.
- Students may miss important activities and service moments.

Encourage students to bring a **backpack, bag, or purse** with everything they'll need for the full day (change of clothes, makeup, basketball shoes, etc.).

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## Food

Heatwave provides four free meals:

- Wednesday: Food after the evening service (Burritos)
- Thursday: Lunch (Chicken nuggets and chips) and dinner (Burgers and Hot Dogs)
- Friday: Lunch (Pizza)

Friday dinner is available for purchase from Chick-fil-A for \$8 (sandwich + chips).

Breakfast is provided by the hotels.

Our Snack Shack inside Sonbucks Coffee Shop will also be open.

- Most items cost \$1 but not more than \$3.

Free water stations and refill stations will be available throughout the property.

### If Your Group Chooses to Leave for Food:

Groups should avoid traveling into Danbury, specifically toward the mall. We recommend heading to New Milford or Brookfield, which are easier and quicker.

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## Activities

- 70-foot ferris wheel
- Mini golf in the parking lot
- Escape room (sign-ups in the lobby)
- Laser tag (sign-ups in the lobby)

### Tournaments

- 3v3 Basketball Tournament
  - Friday @ 2 PM – Gym
  - Prize: \$100 gift card per person
- 5v5 Soccer Tournament
  - Thursday @ 2 PM – Front lawn (weather permitting)
  - Prize: \$60 gift card per person

### Merchandise

Heatwave merch will be available for purchase. Items usually range from \$30-\$60.

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## Recommended Spending Money

(Optional – Not required to enjoy Heatwave)

Students do not need spending money to participate in the conference.

Everything essential is provided. However, if they want to purchase optional items, we recommend:

- \$10 – Snack Shack (optional)
- \$30-\$60 – Heatwave merch (optional)
- \$10 – Ice cream truck (optional)

Again, this is completely optional. Students can fully enjoy Heatwave without bringing extra money beyond the Chick-fil-A meal.

## Nearby Restaurants

**\*\*Please note that late-night dining options in the area are limited, so we encourage you to bring snacks for after the service.\*\***

New Milford (Recommended)

8-10 minutes from Faith Church

- Panera, Chipotle, Jersey Mike's - 169 Danbury Rd
- Taco Bell - 177 Danbury Rd
- Dunkin' - 163 Danbury Rd
- Dairy Queen - 161 Danbury Rd
- DinerLuxe - 108 Danbury Rd
- John's Best Pizza - 129 Danbury Rd
- Burger King - 125 Danbury Rd
- McDonald's - 48 Danbury Rd
- Starbucks - 38 Danbury Rd

Brookfield (More traffic)

- McDonald's - 178 Federal Rd
- Chick-fil-A - 156 Federal Rd

Danbury

- Elmer's Diner - 22 Padanaram Rd #4825 (open 24/7, \*recommended for after service\*)
- McDonald's - 3 Padanaram Rd (open 24/7, drive thru only after 11PM)
- Taco Bell - 392 Main Street (open until 3AM, drive thru after 12AM)