

Example Send Down the Fire Schedule

- 9:30am Arrival. Welcome to CrossRoads! Offer a brief introduction to the ministry. Begin by allowing each person to share their name and their chosen Confirmation name, if known. Identify the significance of names in identifying ourselves as people with stories and as the gateway to learn the stories of others.
- 9:50am Journaling time and sharing. What do you hope for in this time? Have you been on a retreat before? What has been significant about your Confirmation journey thus far?
- 10:10am Opening prayer: remembrance of our baptismal call to be people immersed in the world. As soon as Jesus was baptized, the Scriptures tell us that he immediately began his mission of connecting with people. Filled with the Spirit, he began to form relationships, simply spending time with folks who were typically overlooked or forgotten. Today, we have a chance to meet some people who Jesus would be present to...Confirmation invites us to live the way Jesus would. Let's practice that today!
- 10:30am Pack lunches and walk to the Kling Center. Receive welcome from director; spend time socializing with clients; eat lunch; have fun.
- 12:00pm Walk to 4th Street and catch #4 bus to Active Day. Receive welcome from director; spend time with clients; enjoy.
- 2:00pm Catch #4 bus back to Oak; either catch #25 bus or walk back to CrossRoads.
- 2:30pm Journal time and sharing. Who did you meet? Where did you see God? What gifts of the Spirit did you see in your new friends? Just like Jesus was empowered by the Spirit to immediately set out to connect with people, so the disciples' hearts were "set on fire" to reach out to others. When we learn to love one another, like we have learned to care for the marginalized friends we met today, the Spirit empowers us to connect.
- 3:00pm Prayer—Gifts of the Holy Spirit. The stories of the people we've met and the encounters we've shared today begin to draw a picture of the Spirit movement in the world. Through the example of others, the Holy Spirit speaks to us of a world where God's vision is lived out.
- 3:15pm Anointing Ritual and closing prayer.
- 3:30pm Departure.