

NIGHT IN A CAR 2023





WELCOME TO NIGHT IN A CAR 2023!

Welcome to year seven for Night In A Car! Home Sweet Home is thrilled that you could join us. Please see below for information that might come in handy and serve as a quick reference. As you go along, if you come across something that you want to discuss further or simply have a question, you can jump on our NIAC Facebook group to reach out to HSHM staff. We hope you have fun exploring and learning more about Home Sweet Home and just how important your support is. Thank you!

If you have any questions or if you need me for any reason, contact Leslie at lbunge@hshministries.org or 217-440-4083.

Schedule for NIAC: Trinity Lutheran Participants

7:00 pm Check-in

7:30 pm Welcome, Instructions, and Line of Life Activity

8:00 pm Residential Stories

8:30 pm Prayer and Send Off

6:00 am Morning Recap Inside

Schedule for NIAC: Remote Participants

8:15 pm Check-In on Zoom (Zoom invite below)

8:30 pm Welcome, Instructions, and Line of Life Activity

9:00 pm Residential Stories

9:30 pm Prayer and Send Off

6:30 am Morning Recap on Zoom (Zoom invite below)



Zoom Invites for Remote Participants

Friday Night Meeting

8:30pm (CST)

Meeting ID: 822 4329 7330

Passcode: 576760



Saturday Meeting

6:30am (CST)

Meeting ID: 859 1838 1773

Passcode: 576760



In Case of Technical Difficulties:

We hope things run smoothly, but in the case something goes haywire with technology, please be sure to check for messages on our NIAC Facebook group or your email. If you're not part of our Facebook group, you can ask to join here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/nightinacar2023>.

Check-in Instructions:

For those checking in at Trinity Lutheran Church:

- Parking lot attendants will be available to assist you starting at 6:30 pm. The parking lot sits behind the church. When you arrive at Trinity Lutheran Church (801 S. Madison St in Bloomington) you will be given parking instructions. You will then bring in your slip provided by parking attendant to let us know you have arrived with your Team Name, Spot Number, and Car Model.

For those checking in remotely from other locations:

- Between 8:15-8:30 pm, register by letting us know you have joined us in the Zoom chat with your Team Name. The Zoom invitation is listed above.

Info Packets:

If you did not pick up a packet/swag bag ahead of time, please come into the church to get one. I will have them available for you. Thanks!

Health & Safety

- Please don't participate if you are feeling ill. If you are experiencing the following symptoms, consider staying home: Chills, fatigue, muscle or body aches, new onset severe headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea. A fever at or above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Know yourself and your limits. If it gets too cold, please play it safe and go inside.

Experience Night In A Car

Looking for something to do in your car? We have lots of great activities online at nightinacar.org. You can complete them as an individual or group. During this time or at some point in the night, you can also take advantage of reflection and stories with Team Bookmobile Babes. Story videos can be found at nightinacar.org. We trust that these materials will enlarge your understanding and passion for caring for people in your community and will lead to rich reflection and discussion.

**Scan for NIAC
online activities** →



Fundraising during the event

During the event itself, you may want to take advantage of Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, YouTube, or other forms of social media by posting on your experience and donation goal progress. You can send family and friends to www.nightinacar.org to donate on your team page. Take advantage of posting pictures of your team and sharing your experience. It's not too late to meet and surpass your donation goal. Be Creative! You can also initiate some fun challenges.

- Ask a family member or friend to match the donations of others up to a certain amount.
- Volunteer to do something funny or challenging like creating a new NIAC theme song or keeping a video journal to encourage others to support you.
- You are fun and incredibly creative. You can do it!!

For those participating at Trinity Lutheran Church:

Bathroom Facilities...Water, Coffee, Hot Cocoa...Book Table
There will be a marked entrance behind the church that leads into the gym. That's where you'll find us. We can direct you to bathroom facilities. (Note: This entrance has three stairs that lead down to the gym. An entrance with only one stair is close-by on the left corner of the building.)

You will also find bottled water and snacks available throughout the event. Coffee and Hot Chocolate will be available from 7:00 pm to Midnight and from 5:00 am to 7:00 am. Feel free to come in anytime during the night/morning to grab some.

We are also pleased that Bloomington Library's Bookmobile will be participating in NIAC. Inside the gym, there will be a book table with many books that deal with the needs of the homeless and our community as well as the opportunity to register for a library card if you do not have one.



If you are bringing donations to the event:

If you have donations that have not been submitted to www.nightinacar.org, please bring all cash and checks into the gym and give them to me. Make sure checks are made out to 'Home Sweet Home Ministries' and that the memo of the check says 'Night In A Car' with your team name.

NOTE: We would like to have all NIAC donations received no later than Tuesday, February 28th.

A quick word about security:

Along with alerting the Bloomington Police Department that the event will be taking place, volunteers from HSHM will patrol the parking lot throughout the night. If you have any needs or concerns, please call Leslie Bunge at 217-440-4083. If there is an immediate threat or emergency, call 911.

What is the Wi-Fi password at Trinity Lutheran Church?

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**Thank you for being a NIAC Hero!
We couldn't do it without you!
You're truly making a difference.**



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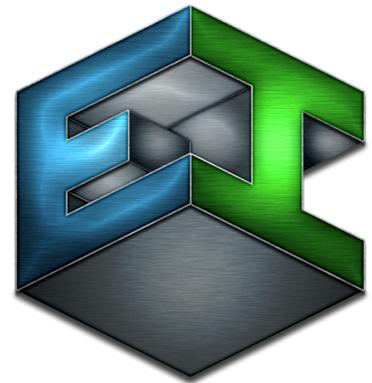
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Thank you!

Because of your hard work fundraising for the NIAC event, so many families will be able to get the help that they need this year. Thank you so much for your commitment to this cause and this incredible community. You truly are an inspiring group of heroes. We are so blessed to be associated with you!



See you next year!

We know there are a million different ways that you could make a positive impact in this community, and we are so incredibly grateful for the faith that you put in the Night in a Car event, as well as Home Sweet Home Ministries.