



RETREAT LEADER **INFORMATION**

Confirmation Retreat – Statements of Faith **April 16-18, 2010**

Please **carefully read all the information**. If there is any issue or concern not addressed, call Becky for any additional information (724-794-4022)

Our Retreat Leaders

Robin and Paul Humphreys return as our Statements of Faith retreat leaders. Robin has earned her Masters of Divinity from Columbia Theological Seminary. She is looking forward to her ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament on April 11th. Robin is currently serving as the Director of Outreach and Church Growth at Friendship Presbyterian Church in Concord, GA. She has spent much of the last ten years serving as a youth minister, elementary school teacher, and college ministry director. Needless to say, she very much enjoys interacting with children, youth, and adults of all ages and discovering, with them, the amazing love God has for us in Jesus Christ. Paul serves as the program director at Calvin Center in Hampton Georgia. He has been in this position for almost 8 years when he arrived here from his home New Zealand. He has a great passion for the outdoors along with experiential education and looking for its application to faith-based metaphors. When not serving people at Calvin Center he can be found participating in his next biggest passion - adventure racing. Robin and Paul live at the Calvin Center in Hampton, Georgia and they have a very active weimarer named Cora.

GROUP INFORMATION

Planning Arrival & Departure

Registration begins at **7:30 PM**. We would like to begin group activities and introductions at **8:00 PM**. Please plan to arrive on time so that all can be together from the start and get the retreat off to a wonderful start. The retreat will end with a closing worship and lunch on Sunday.

Registration & Medical Waiver Form

As the group leader, you are responsible for collecting all money, registrations and medical waiver forms prior to the retreat. The two medical waiver forms – one for the youth and one for the adults attending the retreat – can be downloaded from the Crestfield website (www.crestfield.net) Please have these forms completed and bring them with you to provide to us at registration. We will make a copy of your group's forms and give you back the originals.

One adult leader should report to the office to register. **Bring 1 check, if possible, made payable to Pittsburgh Presbytery.** Also, bring a **roster of youth and leaders** and a signed medical waiver form for each member of your group. You will be given a packet with the schedule and activities, devotions and other important information. You will be directed to your lodging to get settled. Mixers begin at 8:00 PM in the Rec Hall.

Group Leaders/Chaperone Responsibilities

All chaperones are responsible for making sure youth follow the schedule and are not off on their own. Chaperones are expected to participate in the activities of the weekend and lead the small group and cabin times for your own group. Robin and Paul will provide discussion questions. Guidelines and sample questions will be available when you arrive. Your most important role is to interact with and spend time getting to know your youth and where they are in their faith journey.

Lodging

All lodging locations will have your group's lodging location marked on the doors.

If your group is staying in Scott Lodge, we will issue one key per room. We will issue the card to the room chaperone. All linens are provided for rooms in Scott Lodge. We have 2 other groups also staying in Scott Lodge, so please be respectful of them.

If your group is staying in the Main Lodge, there are no keys for the rooms. There is a women's and a men's room at the end of the hall. Linens are not provided in the Main Lodge – please be

sure to bring your sleeping bags or sheets/blankets and towels! This weekend there is another group staying in the Main Lodge, so please be respectful of them.

The Cabin area is divided into two separate areas for men and women. A warm, centralized bath house in each area serves the cabins for bathing facilities. There are three cabins on each side with 2 rooms, 6 bunks in each room. Your group may be housed with another church group. *If you would like your church group to not be housed with another group, please let Becky Little know.* The cabins are heated by space heaters, so be sure the doors are closed when entering and exiting the cabins to keep them warm!

It is important to remember that boys are blue and girls are pink, and we do not want any purpling! Therefore, boys don't go in the girls rooms or on the girls cabin side, and girls don't go into the boys rooms or on the boys cabin side.

Meals

Meals will be served in the Dining Hall. Breakfast is at 8:30 AM, lunch will be at 12:30 PM and dinner will be at 5:30 PM. There may be minor modifications to this. If so, we will let you know.

Outdoor Activities

Paul Humphreys will be leading us in many outdoor challenge activities that leaders and youth will have an opportunity to participate in. And of course, there may be an optional football game during free time, so be sure to bring warm clothes that can get dirty and wet and a large, sturdy plastic bag if you plan on taking them home. Also, plan on a change of clothes and shoes for after outdoor activities. Snacks will be provided for the retreat, so you do not need to bring any snacks with you.

Activities & Leader Participation

Leaders and youth will have an opportunity to participate outdoor activities. Be sure to bring clothes which can get dirty, an extra pair of shoes or boots, and gloves and hats. As we put this together, it is a warmer day, but colder weather and snow is predicted! So bring lots of warm clothing!! If you want to bring sleds, you may. . . sledding will be at your own risk!

Camp Store

We do have a Crestfield Camp Store with various items (shirts, hats, sweatshirts, etc.) Let your youth know to bring additional money in case they want to purchase something.

Cell Phones/Electronics

Please do not bring radios, iPods, cell phones, CD players, gameboys, knives or other weapons. In order for youth to experience *retreat*, we have a no cell phone or electronic policy for the campers. If your youth bring a cell phone or other electronics, we ask that you collect them upon arrival and if you would like, we will put them in a box for your youth group and lock them in an office. We will give them back when you are ready to leave.

We will see you soon! If you need any additional information, please call or email Becky Little at Crestfield (724-794-4022; becky@crestfield.net).