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WOMEN OF SOCAL FALL RETREAT



So, you're all signed up for retreat!

Now What?

The following are some important pieces of information to know about this retreat:

ARRIVAL INFORMATION

- **Pinecrest Christian Conference Center** is located at 1140 Pinecrest Rd., Twin Peaks, CA 92391
- **Registration begins at 3:00 pm outside the Main Chapel.** Once you enter the Pinecrest property, drive past Lakeside Chapel to the main parking lot. You will see a check-in table outside the Main Chapel, where we will collect your name or group name, and you will be entered into the queue according to time of arrival. While you wait for the next step, join everyone at the picnic tables behind the chapel for refreshments! Once you or your group is called, you'll be escorted to a room where you or your leader can receive name badges, t-shirts, and room assignments. There's no reason to stress when you arrive. You're on retreat!
- **As part of the check-in process**, everyone will receive a name badge that includes a QR code which will lead to a detailed schedule of the weekend's events. Please keep this name badge on at all times—this is your ticket into the weekend events, including the chapel and dining hall.
- **Accommodations** (Suites/Condos, Lodge, and Bunkhouse) will be open at 4:00 pm. Due to camp rules, we can't allow anyone to access their room earlier than 4pm, so enjoy your time while you wait!
- **Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm** in the Dining Hall. If you haven't been called to get your check-in items yet, don't worry. You can get dinner while you continue to wait. We will have you or your leader's number and will text when it's your turn!

BASIC SCHEDULE *(subject to change)*

- Friday:
 - 3pm Arrive + Check in
 - 5:30pm Dinner

- 6:45pm Volunteer Meeting
- 7pm Service
- 9:30 General After Party + Women's Ministry Leaders Gathering
- Saturday:
 - 7:00am Morning Devos in the Outdoor Amphitheater
 - 8am Breakfast + Pastors Wives Gathering
 - 9am Service
 - 12pm Lunch + Network of Women's Ministers Gathering
 - 1-5pm Free time (zip line, rock wall, shopping, nap time, etc.) + Single Mom's Gathering
 - 5:30pm Dinner
 - 7pm Service
- Sunday:
 - 7:00am Morning Devos in the Outdoor Amphitheater
 - 8am Breakfast + Pack
 - 9am Service
 - 11:30am Depart

WHAT TO BRING

- **Bedding and Towels (bring for Lodge & Bunkhouse)**

It is important to bring sheets/pillow/pillowcases, blankets, and towels if you are staying in the **Lodge** or the **Bunkhouse**. The **condos/suites** will have the bedding and towels provided. You will need to bring personal care products and soap to all our accommodations.

- **Earplugs or other sleeping accessories**

Keep in mind you are rooming with others, so prepare accordingly. A small fan or an extra blanket will help keep you comfortable, depending on the weather. If you are a light sleeper, you may want to bring earplugs (or be kind and get a few pair for your roomies, if you're the snorer! Haha)! Additionally, we love to worship through music, so if you have sensitive ears, that's another reason to be prepared.

- **Weather-appropriate clothing & a water bottle**

Fall weather can be unpredictable. Keep an eye on the forecast, but remember the mountain air is thin, so heat and cold will feel more intense. If you would like to join us for a morning devo in the outdoor amphitheater, be prepared in case it's chilly. You may want to bring long pants and a sweater for the mornings and evenings, but prepare with layers in case it's too warm during the day. A water bottle will help you stay hydrated in the high altitude. **Pinecrest has recently installed water bottle filling stations throughout camp!** Remember that water is your friend (and there are plenty of bathrooms)!

- **Comfortable closed toed shoes & hiking clothes (optional)**

Pinecrest is a large campground and you will be doing a lot of walking between the chapel, your accommodations, and meals. Comfortable shoes is a must! During free-time on Saturday afternoon, you are welcome to take the hiking trail on your own or with your group (at your own discretion). This is an easy-to-moderate level hike and will cover dirt trails around the camp ground. This is optional for those who are physically able to participate. Maps are available online or at the Pinecrest Office. (Again, water is your friend! Be sure to hydrate the day before in preparation for the altitude.)

- **Various items & accessories**

Don't forget your creature comforts, such as phone chargers, flashlights, sunglasses, a sweater or light jacket, your Bible (or Bible app on your phone), and an open heart ready to receive from the Lord. Bug spray might be a good idea!

- **Spending Money (optional)**

We will have select merchandise available for purchase that will remind you of your time at Retreat (and make for great gifts). Pinecrest also has a coffee & gift shop that is open throughout the weekend. We will also take an offering for a special missions project on Saturday night. We would love for you to prayerfully consider how you can participate!

- **Gift Cards For Missionaries (optional)**

It is one of our absolute joys to show love to our missionaries who are returning home from the countries God has called them to serve. They are rarely able to return to the US with items for their homes, which is where you come in!

One of the ways we partner together is by buying Target and Walmart gift cards for our SoCal Missionaries. These gift cards are utilized by our missionaries to buy items like dishes, kitchen items, bath towels, and anything that is lacking to make it a home. We help their house become a home while they are here in SoCal.

So this is how we partner together:

- 1) Bring \$25 gift card (or more), or
- 2) Bring a few dollars (any amount) to give as an offering with cash, check, or credit card towards the purchase of a card

Together we can show love to our missionaries and meet real needs in their homes.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- **weapons, drugs, alcohol, infants/children under the age of 14, a grumpy attitude, or pets of any kind (only service animals are allowed)**

ONE MORE THING

This weekend will be a powerful opportunity to connect with the Lord, renew your faith, and be empowered to walk in your calling. Would you commit to being in prayer as the retreat draws near? Maybe even take a day (or a meal) to fast in preparation for what the Lord has for you this weekend. We are believing for you...come expectant!