

UCG ANNUAL RETREAT

“Simply Retreat”

APRIL 1-3

WARREN WILLIS CAMP

Registration:

Sunday, March 6 in the Courtyard

from 10:15 to 12:30

Monday to Friday – March 2 - 18

from 9:00am to 4:30pm in the church office

OUR THEME: “Simply Retreat” The All-Church Retreat is one of our church's essential fibers, and this year's retreat will be very different from the last 30+ years. Our theme, “Simply Retreat,” captures our call to rekindle and create new bonds with each other in a low-stress, beautiful environment. Join us!

COVID SAFETY We are excited to offer our All Church Retreat this year– with some essential safety measures meant to keep everyone safe, including: All participants must be vaccinated to the fullest extent possible, with a negative PCR test result within 72 hours of arrival. All Warren Willis staff members who are able to be are fully vaccinated and the camp requires masking in the dining room area except while actively eating or drinking.

OUR PROGRAM includes worship, recreation, art, discussion, nature, relaxation, pool time, campfires, and a Saturday evening S’mores Fest share a joke or a song music jam by the campfire! All programming this year will be either outdoors or in open-air locations, and for each programming time, there will be family-friendly options for all to enjoy. Childcare will be limited to the morning and afternoon programmed time and not offered in the evening or after supper. Parents will be responsible for all children for the majority of the Retreat.

WARREN WILLIS CAMP CONFERENCE CENTER is in Fruitland Park, about 30 minutes north and east of Leesburg on Lake Griffin and is owned by the United Methodist Church. Here we will have all of our meals, our activities, and lodging for families with children and/or youth and for other adults who wish to stay in the main camp in a cabin, tent or RV. There is a Frisbee golf course, a large swimming pool with two water slides, basketball and volleyball courts, a lake with a dock, a nature trail. Adults attending Retreat without children may stay in a lodge or cabin, or camp in their own RV in the main camp, or camp in their own tent or stay in motel rooms in the Warren Willis Conference Center just across Picciola Road. The Conference Center, also on the lake, has an outdoor Labyrinth and a beautiful small chapel. For more information about Warren W. Willis Camp, visit their website at www.warrenwilliscamp.org.

LODGING

Family units will stay together in semi-private rooms –including teenagers (or, if you’re feeling adventurous, families may choose to camp in their tents or RVs). We will still have cabins, motel rooms and RV or tent camping available for adults. This year each individual or family unit will have their own lodging room and bathroom, unless camping where bathroom facilities are shared. Space will be limited so please register early.

FEES are listed below and include 2 nights' lodging, 4 meals (Saturday breakfast, lunch, dinner, and Sunday breakfast), all camp facilities and UCG programs, plus 4 hours of optional daytime childcare.

Babies – 2-year-olds = \$30

Pre-K group = \$60

Elementary schoolers = \$70

Middle & High Schoolers = \$80

Post High – 20 something = \$90

Adults in cabins = \$130

Adults in double motel rooms = \$170

Adults in single motel rooms = \$210

Adults in RVs, campground = \$120

Adults in tents = \$100

ALL FEES MUST BE PAID at the time of registration.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE for church members is available through the *Peterson-Currie Retreat Scholarship & Loan Fund*. We do not want anyone to miss Retreat for financial reasons.

TO MAKE RETREAT HAPPEN It takes many hands to make retreat happen. If your help is needed on retreat, we will reach out to you prior to arriving. Please note most jobs will not interfere with scheduled Saturday activities.

CAMP POLICIES:

- No alcohol or drugs can be brought to or used at the Retreat. We ask everyone to abide by this rule: children, teenagers, and adults. If you know of, or see someone using alcohol or drugs, please gently remind them that the camp could cancel our contract for next year.
- Smoking is not allowed in buildings, around buildings, or around group activities. If there is evidence of your smoking in any building or around any group activity, the camp charges the church a fee of \$100 per incident, which we will pass along to the smoker(s).

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?

Contact the church office at 378-3500 or info@ucgainesville.org