

FIFTEENTH Annual Ecclesia All Church Retreat **May 3-5, 2019**

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your interest in the Fifteenth(!) Annual All-Church Retreat at the Singing Hills campsite of the H.E. Butt Foundation Camp! This will be a truly beautiful weekend of community and adventure in one of the most beautiful spots in Texas. Here are the details that you should know as you prepare...

Registration

Please register online. Be sure to register for each individual member of your family so that we can make appropriate cabin assignments and food preparations. We will need a hard copy of your signed liability release form (attached). You can fill this out and bring it with you to the retreat.

Transportation

You are responsible for getting out to the camp. It is approximately 5 hours from Houston. We are happy to help arrange carpools if you let us know in advance—please indicate this as you register. Directions may be downloaded at the event website. Take I-10 to San Antonio & follow the directions from there. There are many ways to get through/around San Antonio, so we suggest that you check Google Maps to gauge the fastest route, depending on traffic. ***Please fill up on gas when you go through Kerrville.*** Gas stations are very limited beyond that point.

When you drive into the camp, follow signs to the ***Singing Hills*** campsite. It will be down the hill & then turn LEFT into the river. ***Yes, you drive in the river!*** It is only a few inches deep—go slow and enjoy the scenery!

If you are arriving late on Friday night, please check Cabin Assignment list which will be emailed out the week of the event so that you can go directly to your cabin.

Lodging

Most of us will be in cabins of 18 people each, with bunk beds. It's not luxurious, but you won't be spending too much time in your cabin anyway. Families are encouraged to come—we will have cabins for all of your various needs. Single adults & those without kids will have their own cabins. There are a few separate cabins & rooms for those families with very small children or special needs. Please let us know your needs. Sorry, but there will be **NO tent camping**—we have been reprimanded for breaking this rule in past years.

Expectations

The programming will be very light—some times of worship and conversation, but we won't have any speakers. Come prepared to relax and enjoy the relationships we share in community. We will have some group hikes, art opportunities, yoga, and swim times planned. Please come willing to help serve in the kitchen or with set up/clean up for a meal or two. We also will need everyone's help to clean the camp before we depart on Sunday no later than 12:00 pm.

Packing List

Warm & Cold weather clothes (it can get cold!)
Bedding & pillow (there are bunk beds with mattresses)
Towel(s)
Flashlight
Sunscreen/insect repellent
Bible & journal
Backpack/bag
NO ALCOHOL

Optional:

Art supplies
Hiking shoes
Water shoes
Camera
Swimsuit
Fishing gear (license required)
Games/balls/cards, etc
Musical instruments
Binoculars
Yoga mat (we will have some)

Nurse and Life Guards: We need to bring our own certified nurse & life guards. If you or anyone you know might be able to serve in this capacity, please let us know. You can attend the retreat for free!!

Baptism: If you (or any of your children) are interested in baptism in the Frio River, please contact Paul Randall: paul@ecclesiahouston.org. We are happy to baptize adults, infants and small children!

If you have any questions between now & the retreat, please contact:

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