



FCC Retreat #2: Calling All Campers!

Friday, May 1 to Sunday, May 3, 2015

Registration Deadline: Thursday, April 2, 2015

<http://www.tbarmcamps.org/ccp/lake-travis-property.aspx>

Once again, FCC Austin has reserved the T Bar M Camp Travis facilities in nearby Spicewood, Texas for our second FCC Spring Retreat. Though it will be a two-night event, day guests on Saturday are encouraged.

Fees (all children five and under are free)

For 2 nights in cabins:	\$70 per person for FCC member families	\$85 per person for non-members
For Saturday Day Guests:	\$30 per person for FCC member families	\$40 per person for non-members

In addition to accommodations, those fees also include the Barn Swing and Rock Wall activities for adults and older children (during two-hour windows on Saturday), with s'mores for all on Saturday night.

Partial scholarships are available to FCC member families. Please contact either Carrie van der Wal or Alan Greenberg to inquire; contact information is below.

General Details

Cabins will be reserved for individual families, as well as a tween/teen cabin exclusively for 7th and 8th grade girls on a first-come, first-served basis, based on receipt of your deposit check. There are only 24 cabins available, and we expect them to go quickly.

We encourage families to share this retreat experience by bringing grandparents, cousins, your teen or tween's best friend, your good friends—anyone (besides pets) with whom you are comfortable sharing your family cabin; each cabin sleeps 12.

We're going to have a tween/teen cabin exclusively for 7th and 8th grade girls—a great way to reunite the FCC Chinese Culture Camp Dragons and make new friendships! The girls will be cabin supervised by a young adult adoptee (not a parent) from our FCC community. As with all other retreat participants, the tweens/teens will be required to participate together in a meal team; we're going to give them the least complicated meal prep: Saturday lunch.

If 7th & 8th grade girls wish to participate in the retreat individually (sans parents), those parents will be solely responsible for transportation to and from TBarM as well as making sure, along with all other registration materials, to have a signed waiver for their daughter(s) to retreat leader Carrie van der Wal no later than a month before the event.

We're also encouraging the 7th and 8th grade girls to bring their own BFFs along, too.

Please note that the cabins are rustic, furnished only with 6 sets of bunk beds, and have screened (not glazed) windows, with canvas coverings. All cabins have steps up to the porch and each has a porch swing. Cabin campers must walk to the community bathrooms & showers. Additionally, campers must bring their own towels, pillows, and twin-sized bed linens (or sleeping bags).

We are reserving two houses (Doc Holiday and The Director's House) exclusively for families that have children under four years old (children's ages are to be listed on the registration forms). These private bathroom-appointed, climate-controlled houses cost the same as the cabins. In the event that one or both of these houses are not utilized by families with young children, the opportunity for a house stay "upgrade" will be awarded via a random drawing of FCC member registrants several weeks before the retreat. House "winners" will be contacted in advance so that they will know what bedding they'll need to bring.

During the retreat, we will have exclusive use of the T Bar M Camp Travis facilities. Each retreat family (including Day Guests) will be expected to participate in the planning, preparation, serving, and clean-up of one group meal, via family "Meal Teams." You will be asked to buy and bring your family's Meal Team contribution(s) to the retreat. Meals include Saturday breakfast, lunch, and dinner,* as well as Sunday breakfast/brunch. Each family provides their own picnic dinner or eats prior to arrival on Friday evening.

*On the registration form, retreat participants will be asked if they would be interested in having Saturday night dinner "brought in," meaning that we will serve pre-made food from a nearby restaurant, not full scale catering (which would be more expensive). If the majority of registrants are interested in that option, all registrants will be notified of the changes and additional costs.

Please know that I'll be happy to work with you in accommodating any special needs that your family might have.

For more information on available partial scholarships, contact Carrie van der Wal or Alan Greenberg: gggroup@mindspring.com or (512) 415-6309. Email Carrie directly if you have any additional questions.

Registration Information

Friday, May 1st to Sunday, May 3rd, 2015. Both campers and Day Guests must reserve in advance by sending in the following no later than April 2, 2015:

- Payment in Full
- 2015 FCC Family Retreat Registration Form
- T Bar M Camp's Agreement to Participate
- T Bar M Camp's Medical Questionnaire
- Tween/Teen Waiver (if applicable, due one month prior to event)

Checks should be made out to FCC Austin and sent to Carrie van der Wal. The balance due is required no later than April 2, 2015 (though full payment at the time of registration is most welcome). If families are unable to attend and give notification by April 2, 2015, your deposit (less 10%) will be refunded. There will be no refunds after April 2, 2015.

