



FCC Retreat #3: Calling All Campers!

Friday, April 29 to Sunday, May 1, 2016

Registration Deadline: Friday, April 1, 2016

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

Our third FCC Family Retreat will be held once again at the Camp TBarM Lake Travis facilities in nearby Spicewood, Texas. As in years past, there will be mighty meal teams, the Rock Climbing Wall/Barn Swing activities and s'mores around the campfire on Saturday night. For those that don't want to commit to an entire weekend, Day Guests on Saturday are encouraged.

We're excited to announce that this year, we'll be having a Saturday afternoon, adults-only presentation of "Intersections: Race & Adoption" by acclaimed adoption counselor Melanie Chung-Sherman. Melanie's presentation is free for adult retreat participants and Day Guests.

There are five changes, of which we'd like all previous retreat families to be aware:

- 1.) We will only reserve (with advance registration) the "deluxe" cabins for those families with children under five years old.
- 2.) To adequately cover costs incurred, we are nominally raising the fees for all attendees over 12 years old.
- 3.) Instead of taking deposits, we're streamlining the registration process; all registration materials are due and full payment must be paid no later than April 1, 2016.
- 4.) Registration materials and deposits will be mailed to FCC Board member Jena Goodridge.
- 5.) Though we will not have a chaperoned tween/teen cabin this year, tweens/teens are welcome without their parents if they are sponsored by another family attending the retreat.

Reminders will be sent out as the deadline nears. In the meantime, if you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me either by email or phone: carrieree@yahoo.com, (512) 809-3434.

We hope that you'll join us!
Carrie

Fees (all children under five are free)

For FCC members, 2 nights in cabins:

\$80 per person for FCC member families, ages 12+
\$70 per person for FCC member families, ages 5–11

For FCC members, Saturday Day Guests:

\$35 per person for FCC member families, ages 5+

For non-members, 2 nights in cabins:

\$95 per person for non-members, ages 12+
\$80 per person for non-members, ages 5–11

For non-members, Saturday Day Guests:

\$45 per person for non-members, ages 5+

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), Melanie Chung-Sherman's presentation, and s'mores for all on Saturday night.

Partial scholarships are available to FCC member families. Please contact Carrie van der Wal, carrieree@yahoo.com or Jena Goodridge, jcgoodridge@gmail.com to inquire.

General Details

The deluxe cabins will be reserved only with advance registration for families with children under five years of age. The standard cabins will be reserved for individual families, on a first-come, first-served basis, based on receipt of your deposit check. Each family will choose their individual cabin upon arrival Friday night.

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 welcome all families to bring guests to share their cabins. Families that are bringing guests accept complete responsibility for them. Guests will be expected to participate, alongside their sponsoring families, in the meal teams.

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).

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. **Dinner will not be served Friday night; please eat before arrival or bring a picnic to enjoy** at TBarM. Due to TBarM's isolated location and on past campers' experiences, **we strongly advise you to bring dinner with you instead of planning to go back out in search of a restaurant after arrival.**

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 at: carrieelee@yahoo.com, (512) 809-3434, or Jena Goodridge at jcgoodridge@gmail.com.

Registration Information

Friday, April 29th to Sunday, May 1st, 2016. All forms can be found online at: www.fccaustin.org/events.html. Both campers and Day Guests must reserve in advance by sending in the following no later than April 1, 2016:

- Payment in Full (check payable to FCC Austin)
- 2016 FCC Family Retreat Registration Form
- T Bar M Camp's Agreement to Participate (**group leader: Carrie van der Wal**)
- T Bar M Camp's Medical Questionnaire (**one for each participant**)
- 2016 FCC Release & Indemnity Form

Checks should be made out to FCC Austin and sent to Jena Goodridge, 3006 Agave Loop, Round Rock, TX 78681. The amount due is required no later than April 1, 2016.

