

# Confirmation Retreat Information

## Boys Retreat January 22-24, 2010

**Drop off:** Green Oak Ranch, Vista @6pm See directions below

**Pick-up:** Students will be bused back & can be picked up after 5:30pm Mass on Sunday.

## Girls Retreat February 19-21, 2010

**Drop off:** Green Oak Ranch, Vista @6pm See directions below

**Pick-up:** Students will be bused back & can be picked up after 5:30pm Mass on Sunday.

**CHANGE THIS YEAR:** You will need to drop off your youth at Green Oak Ranch @ 6pm on the first day of the retreat. **\*\*STUDENTS CANNOT DRIVE THEMSELVES TO THE RETREAT\*\***

*Directions to Green Oak Ranch : 1237 Green Oak Rd, Vista 92081*

- Take 78 freeway West
- Exit Sycamore and turn left at the light
- Turn Right at Green Oak Drive and tell the greeter that you are with St. Mary's.

Emergency Phone Number **ONLY:** (760) 536-8357 (will forward to onsite)

**Cost: \$95 by: November 9th, After \$115. Please make checks payable to: St. Mary Church**  
**Permission slip and money are due no later than: December 7<sup>th</sup>.**

This retreat is **Mandatory for all Confirmation 3 students.** If there are financial issues, please speak with Melissa or Sharon directly as we will do what we can to make sure they can attend.

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## Retiro de las muchachas Febrero 19-21, 2010

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**Recoger:** Van a venir por autobus y si pueden recogerlos despues de la misa de 5:30pm.

**CAMBIO ESTE AÑO:** Usted necesitará llevar su hijo/a al campamento a las 6 de la tarde, el primer día del retiro. **LOS ESTUDIANTES NO PUEDEN MANEJAR AL RETIRO**

*Direcciones al campamento : 1237 Green Oak Rd, Vista 92081*

- Toman el 78 oeste
- Salga en Sycamore y de vuelta a la izquierda
- Vuelta a la derecha en la calle "Green Oak Drive". Notifica al trabajador que ustedes son del grupo de St. Mary.

Número **solamente** para emergencias (760) 536-8357 (will forward to onsite)

**Costo: \$95 hasta: November 9, Despues: \$115. No se olviden el ultimo dia del descuento**

**Último día para regresar formas y el dinero: Diciembre 7.**

Este retiro es **mandatorio por todos en confirmación 3.** Si hay problems con finanzas, habla la oficina de formacion de fe para ver como pueden ayudar.

Por favor traigan algo para compartir con otros.

# RETREAT RULES

## YOUTH and YOUTH LEADERS:

- **ABSOLUTELY NO CELL PHONES!!!!!!** – You will be removed from the retreat if you have it with you. Which means that you will have to attend a retreat by another church, or you will not make your Confirmation.
- This should go without saying, but out of respect for others and sanitary reasons showers are mandatory every day as well as deodorant, please bring soap.
- All of the adults here are volunteers; they are not being paid to spend the weekend with you. They are giving up their time with family and friends to spend it with you. Be respectful of them.
- Be with your assigned adult chaperone at all times. They are responsible for your safety. If at any time we get a phone call from your parents and they need to reach you we need to know where you are.
- English is to be spoken at all times, no exceptions.
- Have an open heart, a listening ear, your imagination, happy thoughts, a prayerful spirit, a smile to share and a desire to participate and share the very best of yourself.
- Make sure that your clothes are appropriate, especially for mass.
- Be respectful of all leaders and each other.
- No name tag, no food.
- No electronics of any kind, including CD players, MP3 players, cell phones. Your chaperone will take them away from you and your parents will be called to pick you up. We are not messing around with this.
- At night when your chaperone announces lights out, this not only means lights out, but also no more talking. The camp facility has a curfew and we need to adhere to it. Also, there are people that live here, this is their home, so we need to respect them as well. If your chaperone does not get enough sleep, this may cause him/her to be a little cranky and this does not make for a happy cabin...so it is up to you to keep your chaperone happy! Failure to listen and adhere to this will result in dismissal.
- When the coordinator or chaperone tells you to be at a certain place at a certain time, be there. We have a lot of activities planned for this weekend and we need your help to stick to our schedule. We would hate to cut out the fun stuff, because a few of you were not ready on time. Help each other be on time!
- Again, be respectful all leaders and of each other!
- If at any time you need anything, ask your assigned chaperone. We are all here for you and to help support you through out the entire weekend.
- Cabin assignments: a prayer was said before the cabins were assigned and we asked for the Holy Spirit to place each and every one of you where he wanted you. So, you are in your assigned cabin for a reason. No changing cabins or sleeping in another cabin will be allowed.

## BAD STUFF:

On Friday evening we have a grace period where you can deposit any items you were not supposed to bring into the box in the chapel. Such as

- Any tobacco products, alcohol or illegal drugs of any kind.
- Lighters, matches or other flammable igniters.
- Weapons of any kind.
- Electronic devices including cell phones.

**If any items are found in your possession after Friday midnight, you will be sent home immediately and it may be cause for you to be dropped from the Confirmation program. You will have to call your parents and tell them why they have to come pick you up no matter what the time!**

# RETREAT CHECK LIST

The following is a list of things **TO BRING** and **NOT TO BRING** on the retreat:

## WHAT TO BRING:

- A watch – **No cell phones are allowed**, so bring one to keep track of time during breaks.
- Your very own bible!!! It is a Christian retreat so we will be opening up the word of Christ.
- Sleeping bag, Pillow
- Large bath towel, Soap, Shampoo, Toothbrush
- Hat, (baseball cap okay) or a beanie
- Shirts for two days (T-shirts or something comfortable)
- Socks and underwear for two days
- 2 Pairs of long pants
- Sweatshirt or sweater, Medium weight warm wind/rain jacket
- Small 'dirty clothes bag' (plastic trash bag)
- Deodorant - Mandatory
- Flashlight
- Any required medications (MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A NOTE FROM PARENT)
- **MOST IMPORTANT:** bring an open heart, a listening ear, your imagination, happy thoughts, a prayerful spirit, a smile to share and **a desire to participate** and share the very best of yourself.

Remember it does get cold at night, so bring comfortable clothes that you can layer!!! Also this is a retreat, not a vacation, so pack only what you need not your entire wardrobe. You have to carry what you pack.

Make sure that your clothes are appropriate for a Christian event. Lets keep Brittany, JLO and Christiana's clothing at home, especially you Guys!

## WHAT NOT TO BRING:

- **NO CELL PHONES** – Bring a watch to tell time. If we see it, you are going home.
- Any tobacco products, alcohol or illegal drugs of any kind. This is cause for immediate dismissal back home and YOU will have to call your parents and tell them why they have to come pick you up **NO MATTER WHAT THE TIME!**
- Any pets! They could become part of the food chain or our dinner. **DON'T TEMPT THE COOKS!**
- **Your MP3 player or iPod is not allowed. They will become mine if you bring them. DON'T tempt me!!! I will take them and add them to our youth collection!!!**
- Anything valuable: There is no need to bring something that could not be replaced if it became lost misplaced or damaged. **DON'T TEMPT EACH OTHER!!!**
- Lighters, matches or other flammable igniters. **DON'T TEMPT SMOKEY BEAR!!!**
- Trashy mouths. They should never be with you especially on the retreat. Let's keep our minds and mouths out of the gutter so we can focus on God Our Father, Christ His Son and the Holy Spirit.
- **Bad Attitudes!** Leave them at home where people are used to them!