

# ***Labor Day Retreat for all of the Bethel Community!***

*September 5 – 7, 2015*

Come for the weekend or come for a day



You are invited to come and be a part of Bethel's Labor Day retreat. This retreat has been a cornerstone of Bethel's fellowship and faith life for over 45 years. It is a time to gather, learn, laugh, and play together.

## **Registration Details**

Registering early helps the Labor Day Retreat Committee plan events, food, and lodging. To register, fill out a registration form. We need to know names, children's ages, preference for on-site accommodations, and any special needs.

**Registration forms** (along with the costs) are available before and after each Sunday service and can be obtained online from the Bethel website.

Fees cover the use of the facility, all events, all of the meals and accommodations at Mt. Cross. Registration payment (checks should be made payable to Bethel Lutheran Church) is due by check-in at Mt. Cross.

## **Sessions and Speakers**

We will have four sessions throughout the weekend, with a variety of speakers, exploring our theme - *Love God, Love People, Share Jesus*.

**Activities: Variety Show, Campfire, Carnival, Swimming, Polar Bear Swim, Climbing Wall, Archery, Sleepovers** (times for these events will be posted). Please complete the Acknowledgment of Risk form if you would like to participate in the climbing wall (12 and over), or archery (all ages) or if you are going to use the pool at anytime during the weekend. Please have a parent sign this form if you are under 18.

**iServe, Labor Day Retreat Service Opportunities:** There will be a variety of times to perform a short service task at Mt Cross. Jobs range from weeding to sorting the wood pile to letter writing.

### **Accommodations at Mt. Cross**

Accommodations include single or double beds (you need to bring your own bedding and towels) with shared bathroom facilities. The accommodations are comfortable, but a bit rustic.

- **Jensen** – Centrally located, 2-3 persons per room
- **Oak** – Near Jensen, 2-3 persons per room
- **Madrones** – Behind the cafeteria, 10 persons per room
- **Dormitories** – Behind and up a hill from Jensen, two buildings, typically one for men and one for women, but sometimes used for families
- **Camping** – Space or tents and RV's but no facilities. Shared bathroom at the Pool
- **Treetop** – for all 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders - Near the dorms in a BIG tree, on the two outdoor wooden platforms, bring a pillow, sleeping bag etc.
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### **A few helpful details:**

#### **What to Bring:**

- \* Casual clothes, jacket (it can get cool), comfortable shoes and a swim suit
- \* **Sleeping Bag**, or bedding, towels, and toiletries
- \* Bible, note pad, pencil, flashlight
- \* Snacks and games to share for the evening fellowship time
- \* Any sports equipment like balls, etc.
- \* Variety Show props and ideas ("variety" from all ages is encouraged: music, story telling, dance, skits)
- \* For iService projects work clothes and work gloves

**Bethel Bus:** The bus will be going to and from Mt. Cross on Saturday and Sunday. If you need a ride on Monday please indicate that on your registration form.

#### **HUG – Help Us Go**

The H.U.G. program is a confidential financial aid program, which enables ALL to attend the retreat. Please consider using or contributing to this fund. Contact Tom Hoegel – 408-252-8500 x113 for more information.

**For those of you driving - DIRECTIONS** Mt. Cross is located 1.5 miles north of Felton in Santa Cruz County. From Bethel:

- Highway 280 South to Highway 17 toward Santa Cruz
- Exit at "Mt. Hermon Rd / Glen Canyon" exit in Scotts Valley
- Drive west (right) on Mt. Hermon Road until you reach Graham Hill Road in Felton
- Turn right onto Graham Hill Rd and go one block to the stoplight in downtown Felton, which is Highway 9.
- Turn right onto Highway 9 and go north 1.5 miles.
- The entrance is marked by a "Mount Cross" sign on the left. For additional information or directions, call the camp at 831-336-5179.
- To avoid traffic on Hwy 17, an option is to take the slightly longer and windier route of Hwy 9.
- website: [www.mtcross.org](http://www.mtcross.org)

**MT. CROSS CAMP RULES** Smoking is permitted only in designated areas (patios, decks and parking lot). Smoking is not permitted in buildings or wooded areas. There is a strict ***no alcohol*** policy. ***Quiet time*** at Mt. Cross is from 10:00 pm - 7:30 am. Please do your best to respect Mt. Cross' neighbors.

**PETS** Sorry, no pets allowed at Mt. Cross.

## **Overview of the Schedule**

(a detailed schedule will be published in mid-August)

### **SATURDAY, September 5th**

- 1:00 Registration begins (Pool & archery are available)
- 1:30 Bethel Bus departs Bethel parking lot
- 3:30 Opening Gathering

### **Session 1 – Love God**

Children Activities and Nursery available

- 6:00 Dinner
- 7:00 Activities for Everyone (Carnival & Games)
- 8:30 Campfire: Songs and S'mores
- 9:30 Bethel Bus departs Mt. Cross  
Fellowship & Snacks (Cafeteria)
- 10:00 Camp Curfew (please be quiet)

## **SUNDAY, September 6th**

- 7:00 Polar Bear Swim followed by Devotions (nearly mandatory)  
8:30 Bethel Bus departs Bethel parking lot  
8:30 Breakfast  
9:30 Worship Prep, iService Opportunities,  
Children Activities and Nursery  
10:30 **Worship Session 2 – Love People**  
12:00 noon Lunch  
1:30 Bethel Olympics (field) “games” for all ages and skill levels  
2:30 Free time: Hiking, Swimming, Table Games, iService opportunities  
Archery and Climbing Wall  
3:00 Bethel Bus departs Mt. Cross  
4:30 **Session 3 – Share Jesus**  
Children Activities and Nursery available  
6:30 Dinner  
8:00 Bethel Family Variety Show  
After Variety Show, Bethel Bus departs Mt. Cross  
Fellowship, Games, & Snacks (Cafeteria)  
Special events for 1st – 5th grade, Middle School and High School  
10:00 Camp Curfew (please be quiet)

## **MONDAY, September 7th**

- 7:00 Polar Bear Swim followed by Devotions (nearly mandatory)  
8:30 Breakfast  
9:30 More of exploring our theme iService Opportunities  
**Session 4 – Love God, Love People Share Jesus**  
**“Back at Home”**  
Children Activities and Nursery available  
12:00 noon Lunch  
12:30 Swimming, hiking, free time, packing up  
3:00 Retreat ends

**Have a Great Time!** The retreat committee is excited about another great weekend as we grow together in friendship and faith.

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