



Retreat Information

The Journey Fellowship for Students

FFA Leadership Center • March 27-29, 2009

Congratulations and Welcome!

The time is fast approaching for our first retreat together. As you know, on Friday, March 26, we will meet for the first retreat at FFA Leadership Center. Our agenda will be focused on three things (a) to provide tools for personal and vocational grounding, (b) to establish connections and sense of community; and (c) increase understanding of The Journey Fellowship for Students and how it can enhance academic preparation and career direction. Don't be surprised if you learn some things about yourself and about the field of youth work while we're at it...after all, that's what this whole year will be about.

We will eat all our meals together (they will all be provided) and our agenda will extend from the morning into the nighttime. There will be the occasional hour or two for solitude and free time, but for the most part, we will be spending the entire time with each other. As will be the case for all retreats, don't schedule or plan to attend other outside activities during our retreats. You really will not have the time. 😊

The following will fill you in on the basic details for our gathering.

- (1) **TIME:** Our first retreat is from 5PM Friday, March 27th until Sunday, March 29th at 3PM. We like to make the most of our short time together so please plan on arriving by 4:30PM to give yourself time to check in before the meeting.
- (2) **PLACE:** FFA Leadership Center
6595 S. 125 W
Trafalgar, IN 46181.
You can visit them online: <http://www.indianaffcenter.com/>

We will be staying in heated group cabins, which means (a) it will be warm and (b) you will be bunking together in bunk beds that have a mattress on them (c) shower and bath facility is shared (There is a men's cabin and a women's cabin). We will have a separate larger room that will serve as our meeting and eating space.

(3) **HEADS UP:**

- Part of our retreat will be outdoors and we will be walking from our cabins to our meeting space every day. And...it is spring. Which means, in Indiana, the weather could be anything. If it is 85 degrees and sunny...we will have a great time outside. If it is 50 degrees and raining...we will still have a great time...part of the time outside. Therefore...bring layers of clothing and outdoor gear that you can play and stay warm / dry in. Be prepared that it could be cool inside and hot outside. Our retreat doesn't require special gear, just clothes that allow you to be cool / warm and comfortable both inside and out.
- Also...since we are not staying in a hotel, think "camping," and bring bedding, toiletries and sleepwear appropriate to staying in a group cabin for a couple of nights (i.e. bedding, pillow, blanket, sheet, sleeping bag, bath towel and toiletries). Remember to bring anything that will make your stay more comfortable.

Reminders:

- ✓ Complete the Journey Pre-Retreat Information Sheet and return **no later than Monday, March 16, 2009**
- ✓ Please check your email regularly in the days before our retreat. If there is any last minute information we want to get to you...it will likely be in your email box.
- ✓ Questions.....contact Kelly Frank at 317-435-2529 or at kelly@thejourneyonline.org

Important Contact Numbers in case of emergency or need to contact us on March 26-28:

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