



# *Preparing For Our Fibers of Faith Retreats*

**Maximize your weekend  
experience and  
productivity by following  
these guidelines and tips**

Dear “Fibers of Faith” participants,

We are so excited that you will be joining us for a Faith Crafting event at Singing Hills! As you plan for the retreat, you may be feeling overwhelmed with how to get yourself, your yarns and supplies ready. You are making an investment not only in your faith, but in all that you hope to accomplish with your needles. The following details will guide you in how to better prepare to maximize your productivity and comfort for the upcoming retreat. Taking time to prepare now, will help you make the most of all the God has for you during this retreat.

### **Singing Hills Campus Details**

#### **Meals:**

The menu at Singing Hills is served semi-buffet style with a wide array of options including items for lighter appetites and diets. You will not go hungry! Your registration fee covers the cost of all meals served from Friday morning through Sunday lunch. A refrigerator is available to store special dietary items and personal items, and a microwave oven is available for Thursday arrivals. Several restaurants are within minutes for take-out and Thursday meals. Singing Hills is an alcohol-free facility. Please do not bring alcoholic beverages.

#### **Arrivals/Departures:**

If you are arriving on Thursday, unless you are helping with set up, please arrive between 1 and 7pm. At 8pm on Thursday, we will have an orientation and “fellowship tea” for early arrivals. Sunday departure time is at 1pm. If you must depart unexpectedly for any reason during the weekend, please let us know at the registration desk for safety reasons.

#### **Bedding:**

Linens are not provided in the cost of your stay. You may rent a basic sheet and towel set at \$7/set (includes 2 flat sheets, pillowcase, bath towel and face cloth). We have limited blankets and they are of the light, cottony variety, so bring a comforter, sleeping bag, or another blanket with you if possible. There are pillows in every room, but would suggest you bring your own anyway. The beds are either twin or twin bunk beds.

#### **Dress:**

The dress is casual! Bring options for both cool and warm as our cropping rooms can be both extremes in the course of the day. Bring slip-on shoes that can go outside rain or shine, and a hooded jacket in case it rains.

#### **Program:**

To promote the spiritual purposes of our Faith Crafting retreats, we encourage you to attend our three worship sessions. Our speaker will bring 30-40 minute devotionals carefully selected for you to enrich your Christian life, following a short time of musical worship. These sessions are optional though, and no attendance is ever taken. A morning prayer and sharing time is also offered as a great way to start each day. Prepare your heart now for what God may want to teach you this weekend.

#### **Vendors:**

If possible, vendors will be on campus throughout the weekend for your convenience providing supplies for your projects. Directions can also be given to you for vendors in the local area. Often a ‘weekend tab’ account can be set up with the vendors. Check with them when you arrive. Be prepared with cash or check for payment to vendors. (Singing Hills can accept credit cards for other payments)

#### **Classes and Demos:**

Our wonderful vendors often provide some amazing classes and demonstrations for you at

each retreat. Sign up for classes will be on registration day unless you contact the teacher via email ahead of time, or it is required. Class descriptions and vendor contact information will be sent to you via email as they are received. If pre-registration is required, I will let you know.

### **Show and Tell:**

Every retreat we encourage about 4-6 ladies to share a stories about their projects with the group. If you would like to share a quick Show and Tell with us, a sign up sheet will be ready for you at registration.

### **Prizes and Contests:**

Each retreat we have an array of auction or silent auction items you may wish to compete for, or raffle items. The proceeds for these are used to pay for retreat expenses or building projects, and most of the items are donated by our participants.... You! If you would like to make a contribution of any almost new or brand new item valued at an average price of \$20 or more, we would greatly appreciate your donation! Items do not have to be Fiber Arts related. They can be in the form of a pampering basket, a coffee themed gift, etc. Bring your donated new item to the registration desk when you arrive. Thanks!

**Music:** Personal MP3 players are welcome everywhere via headphones only.

**Wi-Fi and Cell Service:** Free Wi-Fi is available at Singing Hills in most areas. Some cell phone coverage is available at our location but not all carriers can get signal.

**Emergency:** Your family can reach you at 888-863-2267, or 603-469-3236 in an emergency.

**Crafting comfort:** For our other craft retreats, each participant is given half an 8ft banquet table for the weekend. For a fiber arts retreat, women may prefer to sit in a chair without a table. If you prefer a table, please contact Judy as soon as possible. Otherwise, you will be invited to sit in a normal cushioned chair with or without arms. We have a limited number of cushioned lounge chairs so if there is a favorite chair you would like to bring, feel free to bring it. At the very least you may wish to bring a footstool for your feet.

### **Lamps:**

We will provide a number of floor lamps for night time work, but if you have a favorite one, bring it along.

### **Don't Forget These Other Basics To Pack:**

- Your project/s and tools! Bring all you need for the weekend-You would be surprised at how many women forget their projects!
- Your footstool, chair or lamp (all optional)
- Covered cup to avoid spills. We have 24/7 coffee/tea/hot chocolate/spring water
- Your Bible and a notebook (optional)

There you go ladies. I hope this list will help you get ready for the retreat. Our ladies have so much fun creating up a storm at our retreats. You'll even have time to take a walk and sleep in if you want to! Oh what fun you'll have. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me. I can't wait to see you!

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