

# RETREAT SCHEDULE

April 28 to 30, 2017  
Walker Creek Ranch

## Friday Evening Program

5:00 pm	<b>Registration</b> Check in, collect any missing schedules or maps, unpack and explore the grounds.	<b>Dining Hall</b>
6:00 p.m.	<b>Dinner</b>	<b>Dining Hall</b>
7:00 p.m.	<b>Opening Circle, Ice Breaker Activity</b> A time for greetings, singing, and fellowship	<b>Buckeye Room</b>
8:00 p.m.	<b>Fire Circle</b> Gather around the fire as the sun sets to sing familiar campfire songs and hymns, while roasting marshmallows and enjoying s'mores. Bring a flashlight -- songbooks and lyrics will be provided!	<b>Fire Pit</b>
9:00 p.m.	<b>Night Walk (WCR Staff)</b> A WCR naturalist will guide us as we enjoy a hike under the moon and appreciate the natural surroundings in the semi-darkness.	<b>Meet outside Dining Hall</b>

## Saturday Morning

<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>Dining Hall</b>
<b>8:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Registration for Saturday arrivals</b> New arrivals should check in and make sure they have maps and schedules.	
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Opening Circle and Orientation</b>	<b>Patio outside Dining Hall</b> Opening circle, song, announcements, and a brief discussion to make sure we all stay safe and have a great time.

<b>9:15 a.m. -- 10:30 a.m. Workshops -- choose one</b>
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**Nature Walk for all ages****Meet in front of the Dining Hall**

Ages: All

Leader: Mary Bicknell

Take a leisurely stroll to the creek

**Coming of Age Program****Carson Room**

Age: Coming of Age, ages 12 and over

Leader: Jeff Melcher and George Pegalow

**Telling Your Own Stories****Buckeye Room**

Ages: High School to Adult

Leader: Jan Seagrave

Remember and tell stories from your own past, recover your family's tales, and make up fictional stories. We might play What Happened Next, Wandering Bards, Picture Patter, What a Time It Was, Take Us With You, and Who Was *That*? Newcomers will learn more about others at the retreat; old-timers will be telling tales they didn't know were in them!

**Sign Language****Muir Room**

Ages: All ages

Leader: Julie Prentice

Learn some sign language and have fun signing with your friends.

<b>10:45 a.m. -- 12:00 p.m. Workshops -- choose one</b>
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**Art Exploration****Discovery/Museum**

Ages: Preschool and Elementary school

Leader: Dianne Estrada

Finger Painting, drawing with crayons, play dough, collages

**Ropes Course****Meet near the Fire Pit**

Age: Ideal for ages 10 years and older, Adults can participate too!

Leader: WCR Staff

A WCR leader will lead us through a ropes course, an outdoor team building activity. At least 10 people are needed for this activity to happen!

**Coming of Age Program****Carson Room**

Age: Coming of Age, ages 12 and over

Leader: Jeff Melcher and George Pegalow

**Crafting for a Cause****Muir Room**

Ages: Ages 8 and older. Young people &amp; beginners welcome!

Leaders: Christine Kraemer, Julie Prentice and friends

Knitters and crocheters of all skill levels invited. Recipients of on-going efforts have included Syrian refugees, Afghan babies and emergency shelter women. We are also making pussy hats to benefit UUCM & Planned Parenthood. Patterns, guidance, encouragement, camaraderie & materials provided.

## 12:00 p.m. Lunch (Dining Hall)

## 1:00 p.m. -- 2:15 p.m. Workshops -- choose one

### **Toys and Games**

Ages: Preschool to Elementary School

Leaders: Dianne Estrada

I Spy, Mad Libs, Red Rover, Simon Says, blocks, puzzles, bubble blowing

### **Discovery/Museum**

### **Tie Dye Extravaganza**

Ages: Middle School and High School

Leader: Mikey Songster

Bring your white t-shirt and make it into your own unique work of art! New this year women's French-cut t-shirts for sale.

### **Fire Pit**

### **UUs Finding the Voice Inside: Writing as a Spiritual Quest    Buckeye Room**

Ages: Adult

Leader: Kat Braeman

This workshop will provide an opportunity to build a community of writers. Come to the group with a pen and a journal or blank piece of paper and write on a topic from Rev. Gail Collins-Ranadive's book, *Finding the Voice Inside* to explore writing as a spiritual quest. The topic might be a simple introduction of what we want others to know about ourselves by exploring an image from nature or an opportunity to reconsider who we really are. Or we might want to reflect on a childhood ritual or recount a family story. We can explore how we receive affirmation or reframe our life stories. After we write we will each read what we wrote and share our stories with the others in the group. From this simple process, magic can evolve.

## 2:30 p.m. -- 3:45 p.m. Workshops -- choose one

### **The WCR Organic Garden**

Ages: Preschool to Adult

Leaders: WCR Naturalist, Dianne Estrada

A WCR Naturalist will walk us through the garden and explain some of the basics and challenges of organic gardening.

### **Meet in front of Dining Hall**

### **Growing up Your Children**

Ages: Parents of Middle School to High School Youth

Leader: Jeff Melcher

Our community has its Coming of Age Class, OWL programs and a Bridging Ritual for High School seniors. How do these programs work for you?

### **Carson Room**

## **Unpacking White Privilege**

Ages: YRUU to Adult

Leader: Rev Joy Atkinson

**Buckeye Room**

As our UUA wrestles with questions of white privileges and white supremacy in the aftermath of a controversial recent hire, our interim minister will offer an opportunity to explore systems of white privileges in institutions and in our personal lives.

### **Saturday Evening Program**

**4:30 p.m. Talent Show**

Leader: Christine Kraemer

A wonderful showcase for our multi-talented members.

**Buckeye Room**

**5:30 p.m. Group Photo**

Photographer: Suzi Musgrove

Everyone assemble under the tree.

**The Big Tree (near Barn)**

**6:00 p.m. Dinner**

**Dining Hall**

**7:00 p.m. Barn Dance**

Leader: Eric Hoffman

A fun group dance, featuring easy-to-learn country dance steps, a professional caller, and live musicians.

**Barn**

**9:00 p.m. Youth Led Worship**

Leader: Our YRUU's (high school group)

The youth-led worship service is a unique and moving experience.

**Buckeye Room**

**9:30 p.m. Star gazing with Rev Joy**

**Meadow**

### **Sunday Morning**

**8:00 a.m. Breakfast**

**Dining Hall**

**Cabin check-out is at 10:00.**

Please make sure your cabin is cleared out by then.

**10:30 a.m. Worship Service**

**11:30 a.m. Closing Circle**