

La Foret

CONFERENCE & RETREAT CENTER

Providing sanctuary for all to consider the transcendent issues of life

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Kicking off the 2016 Holiday Season... La Foret's Annual Halloween Festival!

La Foret is hosting a local favorite, Black Forest Fall Festival on Monday, October 31, from 5:00 - 8:00 PM. As in the past, this is a very fun and safe event, open to all children and adults free of charge. This year's exciting activities will include trick-or-treating from cabin to cabin, and each cabin is set up in Halloween decoration sponsored by local small business owners. The event will have family-friendly carnival games at the dining hall, which includes the world famous cake walk! Our La Foret kitchen will have a delectable menu of kid-friendly food items such as hot dogs and French fries (for a minimal fee). We will also have our much-anticipated haunted forest hayride! This year, we'll also have a fun scarecrow craft complete with a real live scarecrow to talk to and have pictures taken with. What a cool evening, packed full of community-togetherness and festive excitement.

Last year such fun at our Halloween Festival, and we have some great feedback to improve this year! Our hayride zig-zagged through the dark woods, with surprises around each turn! We will be taking a slightly new approach this year, shortening the route to accommodate all of our guests. So now in a timely manner, guests will still have lots of creepy hauntings throughout the woods, on this hair-raising wagon ride. We don't want to keep guests waiting in a long line during too-long wagon rides. We've applied the feedback from last year to make our event bigger and better!

As always, you may bring canned food items that we so proudly pass along in donation to the Black Forest Cares project.

We would also like to thank our partner sponsors in this community-fun event. Local sponsors include: Black Forest Fire and Rescue, Black Forest Community Church, Father & Son Garage Door, and more supportive local businesses.



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Join us Halloween day, 5:00 PM-8:00 PM for this wonderful Halloween Festival!

Giving Tuesday

The Tuesday after Thanksgiving has become a very special and symbolic day world wide. It marks the International Day of giving, and aims to kick off the season with a generous and caring heart on a grand (golbal!) scale.

This day of giving was created October 2012, and by 2014 was a world-wide buzz! The holiday season comes with our favorite traditional celebrations, as well as an array of new-age holidays focused on shopping, like Black Friday, and Cyber Monday. Then follows this generous favorite of ours, Giving Tuesday.

The goal is to reach out in generosity on this day: gifts of ones's time, resources, efforts and talents to make our neighborhood, community, or world a better place. Involved in this wide-spread day of sharing are celebrities, large businesses, nonprofits, small business owners, families and individuals team together to give. With hundreds of thousands of people across the globe aiming to make a positive impact- this day is sure to make quite a difference! Last year, over \$117 million was moved globally through donation and charitable efforts...wow! What a difference we all can make, each piece contributing to a grand scale. Its a very amazing effort to become a part of. Make plans for Giving Tuesday, this year it falls on Tuesday, November 29th 2016.



#GIVINGTUESDAY™

A Letter From Our Director

This is the time of year every nonprofit organization and church asks you for donations because of the tax advantages for you when giving before the end of the year. We would be irresponsible if we did not ask you to consider a gift to La Foret, yet we would like to do it in a low key way. Your gifts to La Foret allow us to

'DANCE in the WOODS!'

...3rd Sunday Every Month!



~ Open to the public! Invite your friends! ~

SUNDAY, OCT. 16th, 2016

Our October dance will hold a festive theme, as we enjoy a refreshing Autumn evening of dancing! Mark your calendars for La Foret's dance lesson and social dance party. This event is held at La Foret in our lovely Ponderosa Lodge. As always, this dance starts with a beginner level lesson - we're learning country two-step this month!

The lesson is followed by great snacks provided by La Foret, and we welcome you to BYOB. Have a memorable 'happy-hour' while you enjoy great dancing, music, and mingling. See you there, be sure to invite your friends!

Beginner *Country Two-
Step Lesson*
6:00pm - 7:00pm

Social Dance Practice Party
7:00pm - 9:00pm

\$10 at the door

-- Private and semi-private lessons are also available! Click [HERE](#) for more information! --

Talk to Tasha if you have any questions about either dance this month: tasha@lafort.org

Employee Highlight:

Kala Walden
Hospitality Director

continue to provide sanctuary for all denominations and multiple religions to use this sacred place for their own purposes. Our operating income covers our day to day expenses, so your contribution directly enables us to offer discounts to groups and scholarships to individuals and to improve our facility. You may give directly at [Donor Perfect](#). It's easy to set up a recurring monthly gift that becomes effortless for you. If you want to contribute through your will to our capital funds or to the La Foret endowment fund, contact me for additional information. In this increasingly polarized world please remember that you are making a lasting contribution to the spiritual development of young and old, thus building the trust and perspective for them to make our world a more tolerant and peaceful place.

- Larry

YOU can make a difference!

Volunteer Opportunities

- Wood Splitting for Fire Wood
- Fire Mitigation and Forest Clean-up
- LaForet's Original Antique Furniture needs some repair
- Painting/Staining throughout the camp
- Trail Maintenance

Wish List

- Cabin Windows throughout camp
- Doors for Yurts
- Utility Vehicle, Golf Cart, Mini Van
- Lower Dining Hall waterproof flooring
- Woodcraft items: donation box, signs, benches
- Monetary [DONATION](#) for Giving Tuesday!

(Monetary donations can be earmarked for a specific cause and all donations receive a tax deduction letter.)

Our Most Recent News

- [September 2016](#)
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*See www.laforet.org for a full archive of our newsletters.

Kala has worked at La Foret for almost 12 years! Three of which have been as La Foret's Hospitality Director. Managing up to ten employees at a time, Kala oversees the Kitchen and Hospitality Crew as she helps each one to feel a part of the team. Loved by her staff for her sense of humor and "queen" title, she helps to make working at La Foret fun for everyone.



Kala has developed a well-working routine that considers the wants and needs of all the guests who spend time at La Foret. With expertise and consideration, Kala is wonderful at planning a step ahead for any guest needs, anticipating and accommodating guest's arrival at La Foret. Hoping to provide more than visitors hope for during their stay, Kala gets great reviews on our camp's yummy food and the beautiful, well-kept cabins.

On her "off time" from La Foret, Kala is a full-time proud mother of a pre-teen daughter along with a variety of pets. It's clear that Kala lives and breathes for others, as she proves through her lovely family and through her great work full-time at La Foret.

Staff and guests are thankful to have Kala as a solid part of La Foret. Thanks Kala, the efforts you put in certainly don't go unnoticed!

"La Foret...the forest in...Squabbit!!!"

-Kala

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