

## RETREAT SCHEDULE

May 4 to 6, 2018

Walker Creek Ranch

### Friday Evening Program

5:00 pm **Registration** Dining Hall  
Check in, collect any missing schedules or maps, unpack and explore the grounds.

6:00 p.m. **Dinner** Dining Hall  
(6:30-7:00 YRUU meeting in Dining Hall)

7:00 p.m. **Opening Circle, Ice Breaker Activity** Buckeye Room  
A time for greetings, singing, and fellowship

8:00 p.m. **Fire Circle** Fire Pit  
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 -- s'more makings, songbooks and lyrics will be provided!  
(8:45 p.m. YRUU - meet at Fire Circle)

9:00 p.m. **Night Walk (WCR Staff)** Meet outside Dining Hall  
A WCR naturalist will guide us as we enjoy a hike under the moon and appreciate the natural surroundings in the semi-darkness.

### Saturday Morning

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

8:45 a.m. **Registration for Saturday arrivals**  
New arrivals should check in and make sure they have maps and schedules.

9:00 a.m. **Opening Circle and Orientation** Patio outside Dining Hall  
Opening circle, song, announcements, and a brief discussion to make sure we all stay safe and have a great time.

**9:15 a.m. -- 10:30 a.m. Workshops -- choose one**

**Nature Walk for all ages**

**Ages: All**

**Leader: Mary Bicknell**

**Take a leisurely stroll to the creek**

**Meet in front of the Dining Hall**

**YRUU**

**Carson Room**

**Age: 12 -18**

**Leaders: Jef Melcher, Cat Woods, and Chris Davenport**

**Worship design and deepening community.**

**Crafting for a Cause**

**Muir Room**

**Ages: Ages 8 and older. Young people & 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.**

**Jinendra a Hindu who became a UU**

**Buckeye Room**

**Ages: All ages**

**Leader: Katherine De Silva Jain**

**Learn about his life and conversion to UU.**

**10:45 a.m. -- 12:00 p.m. Workshops -- choose one**

**Art Exploration**

**Discovery/Museum**

**Ages: Preschool and Elementary school**

**Leader: with helper**

**Finger Painting, drawing with crayons, play dough, collages**

**Ropes Course**

**Meet near the Dining Hall**

**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!**

**(YRUU will attend this event)**

**Play Rehearsal**

**Buckeye Room**

**Cast members**

**Writing Re-Creatively**

**Learning Lab**

**Ages: Adult**

**Leader: Kat Braeman**

Kat Braeman has been inspired by Rev. Gail Collins-Renadive's book, ***Finding the Voice Inside: Writing as a Spiritual Quest***. We will write in a circle and then

share our efforts with each other as a way to build connections. (Her book is available from Skinner House Books: [www.uua.org/skinner](http://www.uua.org/skinner)) For example, *Explore an image from nature (animal, vegetable or mineral) that best describes who you are at this point in your life.*

Kat serves on the Board of UU Marin. She has a law degree from the University of Nebraska, an MA in English from the University of Kansas and a BA from Northwestern University. She has been accepted into Marge Piercy's poetry workshop in Cape Cod in June 2018. She has taught writing workshops at retreats for the UU Marin and the UU Arlington, VA, churches. She has also taken writing workshops at Esalen with Cheryl Strayed and in Marin with Jane Hirshfield. Kat is a retired administrative judge.

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

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

**(12:30-1:00 YRUU - worship service planning meeting)**

#### **The WCR Organic Garden**

**Ages: Preschool to Adult**

**Leaders: WCR Naturalist**

**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**

#### **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!**

**Fire Pit**

#### **A Discussion about Racism**

**Ilana Trumbull-Stearns**

**Muir**

#### **Cohousing in Marin -An intentional community**

**Buckeye Room**

**Ages: Adult**

**Leader: Thomas Ervin**

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

#### **Tie Dye Continued**

**Fire Pit**

#### **Toys and Games**

**Discovery/Museum**

**Ages: Preschool to Elementary School**

**Leaders: with helper**

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

**Death, Dying and Preparing Your Own Memorial Buckeye Room**

**Ages: Adult**

**Leader: Rev Joy Atkinson**

Death, Dying and Preparing Your Own Memorial

This workshop will provide a chance to explore end-of-life preparations. Forms will be provided for you to record your wishes, a copy of which will be kept for you in a locked file in the UUCM office

**Saturday Evening Program**

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

**Leader: Christine Kraemer**

**A wonderful showcase for our multi-talented members.**

**5:30 p.m. Group Photo The Big Tree (near Barn)**

**Photographer: Suzi Musgrove**

**Everyone assemble under the tree.**

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

**(6:30-7:00 YRUU - worship service planning)**

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

**Leader: Celia Ramsey**

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

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

**Leader: Our YRUU's (high school group)**

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

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

**Sunday Morning**

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

**10:00 a.m. Lodging check-out**

**Please make sure your room/camp site is cleared out by then.**

**10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Rev Joy**

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