

**RETREAT SCHEDULE**  
**April 28 to 30, 2017**  
**Walker Creek Ranch**

<b>Friday Evening Program</b>
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| <b>5:00 pm</b>   | <b>Registration</b><br>Check in, collect any missing schedules or maps, unpack and explore the grounds.  | <b>Dining Hall</b>              |
| <b>6:00 p.m.</b> | <b>Dinner</b><br>(6:30-7:00 YRUU meeting in Dining Hall)   | <b>Dining Hall</b>              |
| <b>7:00 p.m.</b> | <b>Opening Circle, Ice Breaker Activity</b><br>A time for greetings, singing, and fellowship   | <b>Buckeye Room</b>             |
| <b>8:00 p.m.</b> | <b>Fire Circle</b><br>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!<br>(8:45 p.m. YRUU - meet at Fire Circle) | <b>Fire Pit</b>                 |
| <b>9:00 p.m.</b> | <b>Night Walk (WCR Staff)</b><br>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> |

<b>Saturday Morning</b>
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| <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><br>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><br>Opening circle, song, announcements, and a brief discussion to make sure we all stay safe and have a great time. | <b>Patio outside Dining Hall</b> |

<b>9:15 a.m. -- 10:30 a.m. Workshops -- choose one</b>
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**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**  
Age: 12 -18

**Carson Room**

Leaders: Jef Melcher, George Pegalow, and Peter McAllister  
Worship design and deepening community.

**Title**

**Buckeye Room**

Ages: High School to Adult  
Leader:

**Jinendra a Hindu who became a UU**

**Muir 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: Dianne Estrada 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)

**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.

**Play Rehearsal for Talent Show**  
Cast Members

**Buckeye Room**

**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)

**Toys and Games**

**Discovery/Museum**

Ages: Preschool to Elementary School  
Leaders: Dianne Estrada with helper  
I Spy, Mad Libs, Red Rover, Simon Says, blocks, puzzles, bubble blowing

**Tie Dye Extravaganza**

**Fire Pit**

Ages: Middle School and High School  
Leader: Mikey Songster  
Bring your white t-shirt and make it into your own unique work of art!

**Writing Re-Creatively**

**Buckeye Room**

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.

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

### **The WCR Organic Garden**

**Meet in front of Dining Hall**

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.

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

**Carson Room**

Ages: Adult

Leaders: Thomas Ervin

### **Title**

**Buckeye Room**

Ages: YRUU to Adult

Leader: Rev Joy Atkinson

### **Title**

**Museum**

YRUU - Ages: 12-18

Leaders:

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## 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** **Meadow**

<b>Sunday Morning</b>
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- 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**