

RETREAT SCHEDULE
April 28 to 30, 2017
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
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YRUU Age: 12 -18	Carson Room
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Leaders: Jef Melcher, George Pegalow, and Peter McAllister
Worship design and deepening community.

Title

Ages: High School to Adult
Leader:

Buckeye Room

Jinendra a Hindu who became a UU

Ages: All ages
Leader: Katherine De Silva Jain
Learn about his life and conversion to UU.

Muir Room

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

Art Exploration

Ages: Preschool and Elementary school
Leader: Dianne Estrada with helper
Finger Painting, drawing with crayons, play dough, collages

Discovery/Museum

Ropes Course

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)

Meet near the Dining Hall

Crafting for a Cause

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.

Muir Room

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

Ages: Preschool to Elementary School
Leaders: Dianne Estrada with helper
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!

Fire Pit

Writing Re-Creatively

Ages: Adult
Leader: Kat Braeman

Buckeye Room

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) 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

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

Cohousing in Marin -An intentional community **Carson Room**

Ages: Adult
Leaders: Thomas Ervin

Title

Ages: YRUU to Adult
Leader: Rev Joy Atkinson

Buckeye Room

Title

YRUU - Ages: 12-18
Leaders:

Museum

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

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

Dining Hall

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

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	