

# **UPC All-Church Retreat at Mo Ranch**

## **April 21-23, 2017**

### **Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**

**(Important note:** Dinner on Friday evening is on your own. You may either purchase a dinner meal ticket from the front desk at Mo Ranch when you arrive or plan to eat before you arrive at the ranch. The Mo Ranch dining hall serves dinner from 5:30 – 7:00 pm, so if you'd like dinner at the ranch, plan to arrive prior to 6:00 pm.)

4:00 PM	Guests may check in anytime after 4:00 PM Pick up wrist bands, room keys.	Registration Building
7:30 PM	Gathering, games Bring snacks to share, water provided	Main Auditorium
8:30 PM	Singing, welcome, announcements, introductions	
9:00 PM	Vespers	Chapel

### **Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

7:30-8:30 AM	Breakfast	Dining Hall
9:00 AM	Everyone gathers for singing	Main Auditorium
9:15-11:30 AM	Children Session 1	Riverfront Classroom
9:15-11:30 AM	Youth Session 1	Youth Plaza
9:15-11:30 AM	Adult Session 1	Main Auditorium
12:00-1:00 PM	Lunch	Dining Hall
1:00-6:00 PM	Free Time	
6:00-7:00 PM	Dinner – BBQ at Pecan Grove	River Front
7:00-8:15 PM	Children Session 2	Horse Barn
7:00-8:15 PM	Youth Session 2	Youth Plaza
7:00-8:15 PM	Adult Session 2	Main Auditorium
8:30 pm ...	Family Game Night	Manor House Commons

### **Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

7:30-8:30 AM	Breakfast	Dining Hall
9:00-10:30 AM	Children Session 3	Horse Barn
9:00-10:30 AM	Youth Session 3	Youth Plaza
9:00-10:30 AM	Adult Session 3	Main Auditorium
11:00-12:00 PM	Worship & Group Picture	Chapel on the Hill

(There are no Sunday lunch tickets; please plan to eat on the way home.)

**NOTE:** The rain location for the youth sessions is the Manor House Commons.

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**Packing List**

\*Please note: Weather at Mo Ranch can be unpredictable at times. Please check weather forecasts for **Hunt, TX, 78024** before you pack for the weekend. Weather forecasts may also be found at [www.moranch.com](http://www.moranch.com).

**Clothing Considerations**

Sturdy shoes (closed toe or sturdy sandal preferable to flip flops)

Comfortable clothing that you can move around in

Children and Youth: Be sure to pack a change of clothing that they can play and get a bit dirty in.

All youth will need a swimsuit and towel for their morning activity.

Swim suit (weather permitting, the pool/river/rapids may be open)

Hat/Sunglasses

Rain Jacket

Warm Sweater or Jacket

**Toiletries**

Personal hygiene & grooming products

Any prescription, over-the-counter (labeled bottles if possible)

**Emergency medicines (Keep these with you at all times on the ranch)**

Sunscreen/Insect Repellent

\*UPC Staff will have First Aid supplies

**Other**

Snacks to share (please ensure they are in sealable containers)

Flashlight or Headlamp

Bible, Notebook, Pen/Pencil

Reusable water bottle

Camera

Recreational Equipment for free time (Frisbee, tennis racket, sports balls, a good book, playing cards, board games, fishing poles & tackle, etc...)

\*If you have special dietary needs, you may bring your own food into the ranch. Please ensure containers seal tightly and are labeled.

\*All linens and towels are provided by Mo Ranch.

## UPC All Church Retreat @ Mo Ranch

### **General Information**

#### **Driving & Friday Dinner**

Driving time to Mo Ranch from UPC is roughly 2 hours and 45 minutes not counting any traffic delays.

Please use extreme caution driving on the roads leading out to Mo Ranch – especially after dark or if you are unfamiliar with them. The roads are winding and there is a considerable deer population. Go slow!

Dinner on Friday evening is not covered in the cost of the retreat. Please plan to eat dinner prior to arrival. There are several dining options in Fredericksburg or Kerrville. Meal tickets for Friday evening dinner at Mo Ranch are available for individual purchase at the front desk. Please be aware the Dining Hall at Mo Ranch stops serving at 6:30 pm and closes at 7:00 pm.

**The address for Mo Ranch is: 2229 FM 1340, Hunt TX, 78024.**

#### **Upon Arrival**

When you arrive at Mo Ranch, follow the signs to the Registration Office and park. When you enter the office, go to the UPC Registration table to receive your room key and meal wristband. After you check in, you may go to your room and get settled. Maps of the Ranch and the UPC retreat schedule are also available at the front desk.

#### **Retreat Schedule**

The All Church Retreat is meant to be a time of relaxation and fellowship with one another. We will have a schedule of events for the weekend and we encourage your participation. If you will need to miss any of the scheduled events, please make sure you inform someone that you will be absent just so we know you aren't lost.

#### **Pet Policy**

**Mo Ranch does not allow pets on their property.** The Mo Ranch Staff may ask you to leave if pets are brought with you.

#### **Ranch Safety & Stewardship**

Mo Ranch covers about 500 acres of beautiful Texas Hill Country. That being said, please ensure that if you are unfamiliar with the grounds that you keep a map with you. Please also make sure that your children are supervised, especially during free time and around the pool or river. Lifeguards may or may not be on duty. There is also the occasional curious critter or bug that wants to share our space – please respect the natural wildlife. Please also take advantage of the recycling bins at Mo Ranch. Please drink plenty of water and be sure to use your reusable water bottle. Mo Ranch gets very dark in the evenings. Please bring a flashlight. UPC staff will have first aid supplies available.

### **Children's Programs**

Daytime Programs for children will involve a lot of movement around the ranch. Children will be supervised during their program sessions by UPC volunteers and Mo Ranch staff. Parents must provide direct supervision for their children during free time. **Please be extremely careful around the riverfront and riverfront playground.** Nursery childcare will be available for younger children. If you have any questions regarding children's programming, please contact John Leedy at [associate@upcaustin.org](mailto:associate@upcaustin.org).

### **Meals**

Meals will be served in the King Dining Hall, except for dinner on Saturday that will be a barbeque served down at the Pecan Grove (down by the river front by the big slide – weather permitting). Be sure to wear the wristband you will receive at registration, as that is your meal ticket for the weekend. There will be four meals provided, Saturday Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner and Sunday Breakfast. There are several dining options in Kerrville or Fredericksburg for lunch on Sunday. You may bring food with you to the Ranch. Please ensure that containers seal tightly and are clearly labeled. Please also bring a snack to share with our other “campers” to the Main Auditorium when you arrive. There is a small refrigerator available in the Manor House Kitchen.

### **Free Time**

There will be several hours of free time on Saturday during which you and your family are free to explore the Ranch. Weather permitting, the pool, riverfront, and rapids may be open. There are also tennis courts, sand volleyball courts, basketball courts, GaGa pit, ping pong tables, hiking trails, fishing holes, a labyrinth, a big playground, Mo Ranch gift shop, and lots of sunny or shady spots to read or rest. Bird watching and photography are also enjoyable ranch activities.

Feel free to also bring any musical instruments that you would like to play during our fellowship times or for worship. If you enjoy biking, you may also bring your bicycle to the Ranch.

WiFi is available at the Registration Center, Main Auditorium, and in most of the lodging facilities. For more information about Mo Ranch, please visit [www.moranch.com](http://www.moranch.com).

### **Worship**

There will be an evening Vespers service Friday night and Worship with Communion on Sunday morning.

### **Emergency Contact**

Mobile phone service and mobile data service at the Ranch is very spotty and often limited. **Mo Ranch Main Telephone: (800) 460-4401. Dial 0 for front desk.**

### **Questions**

Once you arrive at the Ranch, if you have any questions about your room, please speak with John Leedy or Krystal Leedy, or the Front Desk at Registration.

### **Special Note regarding Catwalk Rappelling**

During free time on Saturday, from 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm, we will open up the chance to rappel down the Catwalk. This is a guided activity through the Mo Ranch Outdoor Education Ministries department. Youth 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up and adults are welcome to participate. Children younger than 6<sup>th</sup> grade may not be able to fit into the harnesses. All are welcome to come and watch the fun!

**RELEASE FORM AND WAIVER MUST BE SIGNED BY EVERY SINGLE CATWALK RAPPELLING PARTICIPANT PRIOR TO LUNCH ON SATURDAY. JOHN LEEDY WILL HAVE THE FORMS AVAILABLE.**

**ALL CHILDREN UNDER 13 YEARS OLD MUST HAVE ADULT SUPERVISION WHILE AT THE CATWALK RAPPELLING TIME.**