**WomenCircle Fall Retreat Weekend - October 11-13, 2019**

**The Summit at Haw River State Park**

**What’s** **Happening**?

Join other wonderful women of the Community Church of Chapel Hill UU at a fabulous fall retreat! Time to get to enjoy old friends and make new friends at a beautiful wooded setting. The Brown Summit Conference Center, which is just north of Greensboro, offers beautiful accommodations and they will cook meals for us! We will have lots of time to hang out, talk, tell stories, do yoga, play cards, take walks, etc. We have a couple of planned activities: a nature walk with a real Naturalist Park Ranger and painting with Steevie Jane Parks who will lead us in getting in touch with our creative side. Come for two nights or just Saturday night.

**About the Conference Center**

The Summit used to be the Episcopal Conference Center. It was purchased by the NC State Parks system in 2005. Go to <http://www.ncparks.gov/haw-river-state-park> for specific information about the park. There is a gathering room attached to each of the residential buildings. In addition, we have the upper room in the Round Building for group activities. Sindy Barker’s daughter Kelley King is the superintendent of the park and has helped facilitate our reservations for the weekend.

**Costs and How to Register**

The Summit has four motel style buildings with 10 rooms each. We have reserved ten rooms with double occupancy for an anticipated attendance of 20. We can get more rooms if we need them. You can arrange who you would like to share a room with, or we will help arrange room sharing. Each room has a double bed and a single bed. The cost is the same per person despite how many people are in a room. Therefore we have planned for two people in a room. Accessible rooms are available.

**Cost per person based on double occupancy**:

Both nights $160.00

(two overnights and five meals)

Saturday night only $ 84.00

(lunch, dinner and breakfast)

Single occupancy is available for $108 per night

**Note:** If you sign up for a double room and your roommate stays only one night, you will need to pay the single room rate for the other night.

**Securing your space**

We are asking that you send a check made out to Haw Rivers State Park for the amount of your stay by September 20. Send your check and registration form to Valerie Vickers, 1146 Great Ridge Parkway, Chapel Hill, NC, 27516. Your reservation will allow us to get an accurate count and allow us to reserve more rooms if the response is greater than 20 people.

\*Note that financial assistance may be available. Please contact Thom Belote if you would like to request assistance.

**Arrival and Departure Times and Carpools**

Arrival time on Friday is 3:00 p.m. and departure time on Sunday is after breakfast. For those planning to come Saturday morning, plan to be at Haw River by 9:00 a.m. The park is approximately and hour and twenty minutes from the church. We can arrange carpools from the church.

**Meals**

We will NOT be cooking ourselves. All meals are served cafeteria style in the community dining room. Breakfast (8:00 to 8:45); Lunch (12:00 – 12:45) and Dinner (6:00 – 6:45). The Summit offers a variety of choices including vegetarian and vegan. Those who need gluten-free diet have a surcharge of $2 charge per meal. Haw River also requests that you give them a list of any foods you are allergic to. *(They note that this is for allergies and intolerances – not preferences.)*  We will get a beverage permit which will allow us to bring wine to the gathering room in the motel unit or the Heron Roost in Round Building in the evenings.

Valerie Vickers will be making note of your diet preferences and also your roommate choices so that she can turn them in when we get to Haw River.

**Programs**

On Saturday morning, Steevie Parks, certified creativity coach, visual artist and psychologist, will provide us an opportunity to be our creative selves.

* **Note 1:** Your part is to bring a favorite postcard or scenic photo or picture and $10 which will cover the cost of the 4 x 6 canvas, paints and a brush *(and the beverage permit.)*
* **Note 2:** Steevie will bring an “old fashioned boom box” for background music. Feel free to bring and share your favorite background music CDs.
* **Note 3:** Call Steevie with any questions about this activity at 919-918-1014 or email her at steevijane@gmail.com.

On Saturday afternoon, Kelley King is offering a nature hike. There are many activities available at the park, such as, canoeing (if they haven’t closed the lake for the winter), hiking and walking trails.

**For additional Information:** Email Valerie at vickersvalerie@gmail.com or call 336-202-7991.

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**Reservation Form**

Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Phone:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Double Room rates**

Friday, October 11 and Saturday, October 12 (5 meals) $160.00 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Saturday, October 12 only (3 meals) $ 84.00 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Roommate (if decided) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Single Room Rates**

Friday, October 11 and Saturday, October 12 (5 meals) $200.00 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Saturday, October 12 only (3 meals) $108.00 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Dietary Restrictions** (Check those that apply)

Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_Vegan \_\_\_\_\_ Gluten Free\* \_\_\_\_\_ No peanuts \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*Gluten Free should include a charge of $2 per meal.

Send this form and your check made out to Haw River State Park and send to Valerie Vickers, 1146 Great Ridge Parkway, Chapel Hill, NC 27516 by September 15.

ж **Fine print financial and other details:**

**This trip is for women over 18 who are members and friends of the Community Church of Chapel Hill UU.**

**This cost does NOT cover transportation. If you are carpooling, it will be expected that you will share the cost of travel.**

**Payment does NOT guarantee which room you will be in.**

**If a person pays and later decides they can’t go, and in the remote possibility that we can’t find a replacement, we will NOT be returning the money. However, we really don’t think that will be a problem. It needs to be said so we don’t have any misunderstandings.**