

UUSGS ANNUAL RETREAT

Camp Away 2025 ~ Sept. 26 - Sept. 28



Join UUSGS members and friends in making time to play together, eat together, dream together, and worship together at the UUSGS **All Ages - All Congregational Retreat** in Oxford, MA. It is a great opportunity to gather together, get to know more about one another, practice self-care, join in group activities, and enjoy some good food and fun.

Retreat options include a Full Stay (2 nights, 5 meals), a Half Stay (1 night 3 meals) or just come for the day! Accommodations are available for individuals and families, including those with accessibility needs. Meals will always have vegetarian options, and vegan/ gluten-free/ special diets can be accommodated w/ notification. Childcare is provided (more details below!).

We request that all participants contribute in some way to our programming or hospitality. Volunteer activities range from simply helping prepare or clean up a meal to as involved as planning and offering an activity for others to participate in! You can sign up via the registration form! For questions or more information contact darcie@uuspringfield.org

Financial aid is available for all types of registration.

Transportation assistance is available.

Sample Schedule:

Friday:

- Afternoon Arrival
- Games
- Dinner
- Sing-Down Game
- Karoke & Dance Glow Party
- Opening Ritual & Camp Fire

Saturday:

- Breakfast
- Meditation & Yoga
- Theater Games
- Craft Project
- Lunch
- Small Group Discussions
- Clara Barton Birthplace Museum Tour
- Sports Game
- Dinner
- Camp Fire w/ Music

Sunday:

- Morning Walk
- Breakfast
- Meditation and Art by the Pond
- Worship
- Clean Up
- Head Home



REGISTER ONLINE

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/12f3igqABkftOdHQpFIEkGJFr0Zsdfk8drVm6NIOhdiQ/>

ACCOMMODATIONS and REGISTRATION:

- ❖ Complete Register as an individual or for your family (this includes couples).
- ❖ Accommodation rates include bed and board for up to 2 adults (and dependent children). If you have a different family/group configuration, or would like multiple rooms please contact Darcie to make arrangements.
- ❖ In your registration select a first choice and back up choice for the type of accommodations you would like. Accommodations will be assigned first-come/ first-served with special needs considered as we get closer to the retreat.
- ❖ Add in the notes section if you have accessibility/special needs or requests about who/ what you would like to be housed with or near.
- ❖ In early September you will receive a Registration Payment Request with your accommodation assignment and sign-up opportunities for volunteering!

ACCOMMODATION CHOICES:

NO Accommodations/ Day Guest:

\$40 per day per person

Sunday Worship Only - Free

for 1 person

A Single Bed (in shared private room or shared cabin)

Full Stay (2 nights, 5 meals) \$100.

Half Stay (1 night, 3 meals) \$75.

for families of 1-2 people ~ very limited availability. Priority given for ADA needs.

Cabin Private Room with private bathroom (1 - 2 beds)

Full Stay Only - 2 nights, 5 meals \$350.

NEW for families of 1 - 4 people (per room)

Private Room: (accessible dorm-style room with a door, 1-4 beds per room, multi-stall bathrooms in hall)

Full stay - 2 nights, 5 meals \$275. (\$250 if need-based - young kids/ ADA)

Half Stay - 1 night, 3 meals \$175.

for families of 1 - 8 people

Shared Cabin: (a section of a cabin or a loft, 4 - 8 bunks/ beds, shared single stall bathrooms)

Full stay - 2 nights, 5 meals \$250.

Half Stay - 1 night, 3 meals \$175.

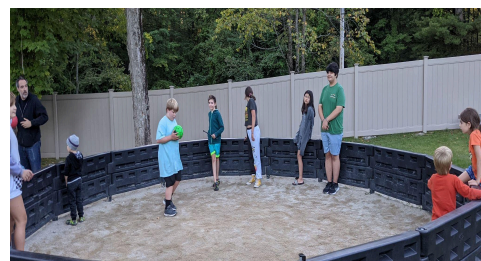
for families/ groups up to 25 people

Private Cabin (Darcie can give you some options!!)

Full stay - 2 nights \$600 plus \$50 adult/ \$25 under 12 per person/5 meals

Half Stay - 1 night \$300 plus \$30 adult/ \$15 under 12 per person/3 meals

All beds are twin size. When bunked, adults will only be assigned lower bunk bed. You will need to bring your own bedding. If you have access needs please let us know and we can arrange for accommodations that accommodate you (at no additional cost)!! Financial Assistance is available for ALL Stays (except for private cabins)!



CAMP CHILDCARE

Childcare and Activities for Kids:

Parenting is hard, and at UUSGS we know that, as much as you love your children, sometimes you need adult time. We also know that kids need a break from their parents, too! To help all ages get the space they need, we offer a system that allows for childcare on a schedule that works for you!

Drop-off child care available for kids ages 0 - 10 yrs.

- Each child will receive 1.5 hrs of free care per day!
- Children must be signed in and out.
- To keep the costs of registration low AND provide fair compensation to our staff, *extra* child care is available at \$10 per hr for the first child, with additional kids in the family \$5 per child per hour.
- Added hours (if any) will be billed to families after the event. Financial assistance is available.

In addition, we will offer many kid-friendly and kid-targeted community activities!

- Kids should attend with a supervising adult (their parent or designee)
- The child's adult(s) is responsible and liable for supporting appropriate behavior and safety for their child(ren) - NOT UUSGS staff or the greater UUSGS community
- Unless signed into UUSGS care, the responsibility for supervision lies with the child's guardian(s) and their designee(s).

All children under 10 years old must have "eyes on" supervision at all times.

Children 10+:

- Must stay in public/ community spaces
- Should have and know a parental plan for frequent check-ins w/ their supervising adult(s)
- Use the buddy system
- May not be left alone in cabins or secluded areas
- Children not practicing safe and respectful community behavior will be required to stay in sight of their guardians at all times.

Teens wishing to attend the retreat without parents must...

- Meet with their guardian(s) and Darcie Farber, Dir. of Family Ministry
- Agree to a plan and abide by a covenant of safety and responsibility during their stay

Students (and families) who do not abide by these practices will be sent home.

We are a community that is respectful of different ways of parenting, AND we are a community that understands that the world can be dangerous. Other people on campus may be present, nature is not always kind, and we, as a community, need to keep all children safe. Thank you in advance for agreeing, by your participation, to these practices.

