



2017 LWML CNH RETREAT
Silver Spur Christian Retreat Center, Tuolumne, CA
August 25-27, 2017

RETREAT CENTER HISTORY:

- Built in 1964-65 by an individual with a vision for a Christian camp in Tuolumne County. In 1968, the camp was purchased by the CBA of Northern California, now known as the Next Generation churches. Silver Spur was initially a church summer camp. As the programs expanded, so did the facilities. By 1970, Silver Spur was a year round center for youth and adult retreats. In 1985, the Silver Creek section of camp was built and by 1986, the pool and Silver Creek Dining Hall were completed. In 1994, the Silver Ridge House was purchased and began to host adult groups.
- Today, Silver Spur consists of three facilities on 132 pristine acres that annually hosts 9,000 individuals and over 300 groups. Twelve yearly events are sponsored by SilverSpur/NextGen, which includes a youth winter retreat, women's, men's, family camp, couples', college and career retreats, and youth summer camps as well as our annual church staff retreat.

RETREAT CENTER AMENITIES:

- Nestled in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains.
- We'll be staying at the **Silver Spur Lodge**, which is nestled in the midst of pine and oak trees, with dorm-style lodging accommodating 215. The rooms sleep three to six people and are located in three separate wings. Each room is furnished with three sets of bunk beds, a sink, and mirror. Bed/bath linens are provided. Community bathrooms have multiple toilets, sinks, and showers.
- Outdoor amphitheater with fire pit – perfect for morning/evening devotions.
- Chapel for our group assembly on Friday and Saturday evenings, and for Sunday worship/communion service.
- Dining Hall with a beverage bar open all weekend; fresh, well-balanced, healthy and delicious ingredients; provisions for special diet needs (gluten-free, vegetarian, vegan); homemade camp baked goods; outstanding service; signature and gourmet menu items.
- Shady Rest Outdoor Conversation Area; soda/water machine; large covered gazebo; lots of seating – great place for conversation.
- Nature Trails for personal prayer walk on early mornings or during free time.
- On-site Recreational Activities to include: *Come Early & Play All Afternoon! (something women don't do for themselves)*
 - Broken Arrow Hollow Archery – learn to hit the target with bow and arrow on a course designed for all skill levels.
 - Ye Ole Swimmin' Hole (pool) and the Miners Flume Water Slide – slip and slide down this wild and fast ride with twists and turns.
 - Gold Rush Giant Swing – a fun group activity where 5-10 people pull the swinger up; then a rider pulls the ripcord and off they go, flying through the air through a forested gully; fun for all ages!
 - Digger's Meadow – where you can enjoy baseball, soccer, football, capture the flag, and other group games.
 - Other Games – include carpetball, ping pong, box hockey, basketball, volleyball, horseshoes, tennis, and playground.
 - Argonaut Zipline – face your fears and practice encouragement at the same time; wearing a harness, helmet, tether, and pulley, everyone gets the opportunity to push their personal limits on our 450' line across the field – it's a rush!

SURROUNDING AREA:

- Calaveras Big Trees State Park, founded in 1931 to preserve the North Grove of giant sequoias; includes the “Discovery Tree,” the first Sierra redwood noted by Augustus T. Dowd in 1852; considered the longest continuously operated tourist facility in California; also the South Grove, a five mile hiking trip through a spectacular grove of giant sequoias in their natural setting.
- California Caverns, California's first show cave, delighting visitors since 1850, features an enchanting trail with beautiful crystalline formation in historical and recently discovered pristine areas; underground tours, gem mining, a self-guided nature trail, a unique visitor center, and even geode cracking.
- Historic Columbia, a State Historic Park; take an afternoon walk into the rich history of the gold rush era; the streets are the same as well as many of buildings from 100 years ago; ride a stagecoach; pan for gold; interesting shops; movies and tv footage have also been filmed here.
- Mercer Caverns, the “Showplace of the Sierras”; at a very close range, you will see an enormous variety of beautiful and unusual natural crystalline formations; be dazzled by the superb artistry which nature, through the centuries, have lavished upon this magnificent subterranean wonderland.
- Moaning Caverns holds the largest vertical chamber in a public cavern that you can see in California; in fact, it's so big, it could hold the entire Statue of Liberty! These caverns were first explored by gold miners in 1851; strange shapes and figures adorn the ceiling and walls, making this a treasure house of natural statuary.
- Mountain Springs Golf Club is ideally located above the fog and below the snow in historic Sonora, California; play this scenic 18-hole Robert Muir Graves designed championship course while enjoying the Gold Country and the scenic beauty of the Sierra Nevada foothills; full service restaurant, golf shop, driving range, putting greens, four sets of tees to accommodate golfers of all abilities!
- Pinecrest Lake, a 300 acre lake owned and operated by PG&E; located 30 miles east of Sonora on Hwy 108; lies in a timbered setting at an elevation of 5600 feet; The California Department of Fish and Game regularly stocks Pinecrest Lake with rainbow trout; groceries and other services are available at the Pinecrest Commercial Center.
- Railtown 1897, a Sierra railroad roundhouse built to connect the mines and lumber mills of Tuolumne County with the rest of the world; walk through a century of railroad history; Roundhouse Tour offers an educational and entertaining walk into America's past; eat a picnic lunch on the Green; call ahead for a schedule of events and rides on their real steam locomotive.