

RETREAT INFORMATION!

Meals

Meals together will be (Friday supper), Saturday breakfast, lunch and supper, and Sunday breakfast and lunch. The menu will be posted. There will be a schedule for you for shifts to help with setting and clearing tables and washing dishes. Let us know if anyone in your household has food requirements.

Facilities

- When you arrive at camp, check in at the dining hall. We can help you find your cabin and answer questions. Every effort has been made to arrange accommodations to suit as many needs as possible.
- The dining hall will be the main meeting area with kitchen and dining facilities and two large fireplaces for warm gatherings.
- Sleeping areas have basic bunks or beds with single foam mattresses. Feel free to rearrange mattresses within your room or cabin as required. The cabins do not have washrooms - you will need to go to the washhouse or the dining hall.
- Please bring a bin/basket(s) to put your small items in by the dining room hooks. Use your cabin to hang and dry snow pants etc as much as possible so the dining room hooks don't get too full.
- The Pines (the arts and crafts building) is available as an additional space for daytime use, particularly for youth. If youth prefer a quieter space for studying when visiting is happening in the Pines, they can use their individual cabins/sleeping space for daytime studying.

Activities

During the weekend there will be lots of time for connecting, relaxing together, outdoor games, board games, eating meals, and a Sunday morning worship service. See the schedule posted online! There are snowshoes available for use. There's lots of space to go hiking and cross-country skiing (bring your own equipment). For those interested in exploring the wider area, Sauble Beach is a half-hour walk from Silver Lake and there are groomed cross-country ski trails north of town that charge a minimal fee. Please feel free to bring favourite activities and games to share.

Due to space limitations in the dining hall, keep active games outside as much as possible. If you would like to play mini-sticks, for example, please use the parking lot or one of the cabins.

Packing list

- Sleeping bag/bedding and pillow
- Toiletries and towels
- Warm clothes for both outside and inside, plus for overnight in case your cabin is a bit cool
- flashlight
- slippers or indoor shoes for the dining hall
- Box, container or bag with your family name to keep in the dining hall for slippers and other loose items when you are not using them. (to avoid a huge lost and found pile!)
- Old bath mat/towels to use as cabin front boot mats. Cabins tend to get very wet with wet boots sitting by the door etc. This will help keep your cabin, as dry as possible.

Additional Recommended Packing List Items:

- toboggans, skis, skates, snowshoes, etc. for outdoor activities
- games (indoor and outdoor)
- books, knitting, other relaxing activities
- craft supplies, colouring books etc
- reusable water bottle and/or travel mug
- A favourite tea/hot drink or snack to share - no nuts (camp requirement). This is optional - there will be lots of great food available at camp.

Payment – Stay Tuned!

Directions to Silver Lake

<http://slmc.ca/contact/driving-directions/>

Winter Driving and Weather Conditions

We hope that the weather will be wonderful for driving - but that is not always the case. Please check the forecast before you leave and take extra care when driving. Adjust your schedule to allow you to drive in daylight if possible.

Families driving to retreat have encountered weather related road closures in past years and have had to make alternate arrangements enroute to camp.

Road conditions in the area: <http://www.brucecounty.on.ca/road-conditions.php>

Provincial roads in the area:

[http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/traveller/trip/map.shtml?ll=44.31205742666618,-81.25762939453125 &z=8](http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/traveller/trip/map.shtml?ll=44.31205742666618,-81.25762939453125&z=8)

Environment Canada weather forecast for “South Bruce Peninsula”:

http://weather.gc.ca/city/pages/on-62_metric_e.html

If you need to be in contact with questions anytime, (including on Friday before or as you head up to camp) call camp at 519-422-1401.