

SUNDAY, September 2nd

- 7:00 Polar Bear Swim (nearly mandatory)
7:45 Devotions – meet on the patio
8:30 Bethel Bus departs Bethel parking lot
8:30 Breakfast
9:30 Worship Prep, Children’s Activities and Nursery
10:30 **Worship Session 2 – w/ Brenda**
(Children’s Activities and Nursery available)
12:00 Lunch
1:15 Bethel Olympics (field) “games” for all ages and skill levels
2:15 Free time: Hiking, Swimming (2:15-4:15) Table Games, and Archery
3:00 Bethel Bus departs Mt. Cross (1st departure time)
4:30 **Session 3 – w/ Brenda**
(Children’s Activities and Nursery available)
6:30 Dinner
8:00 Bethel Family Variety Show
After Variety Show, Bethel Bus departs Mt. Cross (2nd departure time),
Fellowship, Games, & Snacks (Cafeteria)
Special events for 1st – 5th grade, Middle School and High School
10:00 Camp Curfew (please be quiet)

MONDAY, September 3rd

- 7:00 Polar Bear Swim (nearly mandatory)
7:45 Devotions – meet on the patio
8:30 Breakfast
9:30 **Closing / Gathering**
10:00 Hiking, free time, packing up
11:30 Retreat ends

Have a Great Time! The retreat committee is excited about another great weekend as we grow together in friendship and faith.

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MT. CROSS CAMP RULES Smoking is permitted only in designated areas (patios, decks and parking lot), not in buildings or wooded areas. **Quiet time** at Mt. Cross is from 10:00 pm - 7:30 am. Please do your best to respect Mt. Cross’ neighbors.

PETS Sorry, no pets allowed at Mt. Cross.

Labor Day Retreat for all of the Bethel Community!

September 1st – 3rd, 2018

Come for the weekend or come for a day



The Retreat

Speaker: Brenda

Bos serves as the pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in San Clemente, California. Her congregation is known for its weekly beach service and its homeless outreach. Before being ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in 2014, Brenda worked in



television production for eighteen years, including six years as a production manager/producer for sitcoms.

“Being a television producer was actually terrific training to become a pastor,” Bos explains. “I helped creative people do their best work. Now I help everyday people become their best selves by connecting them to God’s love. Television showed me how to communicate effectively and emotionally. I learned storytelling and humor from that work. My congregation really appreciates that!”

Brenda lives in Pasadena with her wife Janis. They adopted their adult son when he was seventeen and have recently welcomed a granddaughter.

Registration Details: Registration forms are available before and after each Sunday service and can be obtained online from the Bethel website. Fees cover the use of the facility, all events, all of the meals and accommodations at Mt. Cross. Registration payment (checks should be made payable to Bethel Lutheran Church) is due by check-in at Mt. Cross.

Activities: Variety Show, Campfire, Carnival, Swimming, Polar Bear Swim, Archery, Sleepovers (times for these events will be posted). Please complete the Acknowledgment of Risk form if you would like to participate in archery or if you are going to use the pool at any time during the weekend. Please have a parent sign this form if you are under 18.

Accommodations at Mt. Cross: include single or double beds (you need to bring your own bedding and towels) with shared bathroom facilities. The accommodations are comfortable, but a bit rustic.

- **Jensen** – Centrally located, 2-3 persons per room
- **Oak** – Near Jensen, 2-3 persons per room
- **Madrones** – Behind the cafeteria, 10 persons per room
- **Dormitories** – Behind and uphill from Jensen, 2 buildings, typically one for men and one for women, but sometimes used for families
- **Camping** – Space for tents and RV's but no facilities. Shared bathroom at the Pool
- **Treetop** – for all 6th – 8th graders - Near the dorms in a BIG tree, on the two outdoor wooden platforms, bring a pillow, sleeping bag etc.

A few helpful details:

What to Bring:

- * Casual clothes, jacket (it can get cool), comfortable shoes and a swim suit
- * **Sleeping Bag**, or bedding, towels, and toiletries
- * Bible, note pad, pencil, flashlight
- * Snacks and games to share for the evening fellowship time
- * Any sports equipment like balls, etc.
- * Variety Show props and ideas ("variety" from all ages is encouraged: music, story telling, dance, skits)
- * Yoga matt if you want to do the Yoga workshop with Tyler

Bethel Bus: goes to and from Mt. Cross on Saturday and Sunday. If you need a ride home on Monday, please indicate that on your registration form.

HUG – Help Us Go: is a confidential financial aid program, which enables ALL to attend the retreat. Please consider using or contributing to this fund. Contact Tom Hoegel – 408-252-8500 x113 for more information.

For those of you driving - DIRECTIONS Mt. Cross is located 1.5 miles north of Felton in Santa Cruz County. From Bethel:

- Highway 280 South to Highway 17 toward Santa Cruz
- Exit at "Mt. Hermon Rd / Glen Canyon" exit in Scotts Valley
- Drive west (right) on Mt. Hermon Road until you reach Graham Hill Road in Felton
- Turn right onto Graham Hill Rd and go one block to the stoplight in downtown Felton, which is Highway 9.
- Turn right onto Highway 9 and go north 1.5 miles.
- Entrance is marked by a "Mount Cross" sign. For additional information or directions, call the camp at 831-336-5179.
- You can also take Highway 9 from Downtown Saratoga.
- website: www.mtcross.org

Retreat Schedule

SATURDAY, September 1st

- 10:00 Bethel Bus departs Bethel parking lot
- 10:30 Registration begins (patio activities available)
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Opening / Gathering
- Session 1 w/ Brenda*
(Children's Activities and Nursery available)
- 2:45 Break
- 3:00 *Practice Session:* Workshop sessions I - TBA
- 3:45 *Practice Session:* Workshop sessions II - TBA
(Nursery available, Pool available 3:45 - 5:45)
- 4:30 Free time
- 6:00 Dinner
- 7:00 Activities for Everyone (Carnival & Games)
- 8:30 Campfire: Songs and S'mores on the patio
- 9:30 Bethel Bus departs Mt. Cross
Fellowship & Snacks (Cafeteria)
- 10:00 Camp Curfew (please be quiet)