



2018 ACYOA SENIORS

National Fall Retreat

Fact Sheet

Who can attend?

The ACYOA Seniors National Retreat is open to all young adults 18 and older from across the Eastern Diocese.

What to expect?

We are excited to implement a weekend-long retreat to focus on our faith formation, have meaningful conversations, engage in worship, and invite opportunities to grow. We have a great weekend planned with presentations, small and whole group discussions, and time to explore the great outdoors!

Where is it?

This year's retreat will take place at the St. Methodios Faith and Heritage Center in Contoocook, NH. If flying, please plan to fly in/out of MHT airport in Manchester, NH which is about 45 minutes from the retreat center. Schedule your flights to land before 12:00 PM on Friday and depart after 5:00 PM on Sunday. You may also choose to fly into BOS airport and coordinate your own transportation, but please keep in mind that the retreat center is 2 hours from Boston, MA.

When is it?

The weekend-long retreat will take place Friday, November 9 beginning at 2 PM and conclude on Sunday, November 11 at 2 PM. Please plan on being present for the entire retreat; we strongly discourage you from arriving late or leaving before the close of the retreat.

What are the accommodations like?

We will be housed in Cabins, which provide communal-style accommodations; that means large cabins with bunk beds; for males and for females. The cabins are heated and include bathroom and shower facilities. We will be walking outdoors to the chapel, dining hall and meeting rooms, so please pack appropriate footwear.

What should I pack?

Bedding: Sheets, blanket or sleeping bag, pillow, pillow case, towels, etc.

Toiletries: Soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.

Clothing: Casual, comfortable clothes are recommended. The weather can be quite chilly so be sure to pack some warm clothing, especially for outdoor activities on Saturday. Pack an outfit for Divine Liturgy. You may choose to bring a bathrobe, flip-flops, etc for the shared bathrooms.

Other: Reusable water bottle for the cabins, snacks, puzzles, cards, etc.

How do I get to the retreat?

The retreat is located at the St. Methodios Faith and Heritage Retreat Center (The Metropolis of Boston Camp and Retreat Center) located at 329 Camp Merrimac Road, Contoocook, NH 03229.

If you are flying to the conference: Please fly into Manchester (MHT) Airport in Manchester, NH. This is the closest airport to the retreat center, and approximately 45 minutes away. If you would like for us to coordinate a ride for you to the retreat center, then plan on arriving on Friday, November 9 before 12:00 PM and schedule your return flight after 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 11.

To request airport transportation, you must provide your flight information to Jennifer Morris no later than November 1 at jenniferm@armeniadiocese.org or 248-648-0702.

Alternatively, you can fly into Boston (BOS) Logan Airport which is approximately 2 hours south of the retreat center. ***However, you will need to arrange your own transportation with local area friends if you choose to fly into Boston.***

Driving Directions:

- Take Route 93 North, towards Concord, NH (60 miles from Downtown Boston)
- Take Route 89 North (White River Junction, VT, Lebanon) for about 10 miles
- Take Exit 6 (Contoocook/W. Hopkinton/Route 127)
- Bear RIGHT off the exit onto Route 127 North if traveling on Route 89 North or bear LEFT off the exit if traveling on Route 89 South
- Follow Route 127 North (Maple St.) 1.5 miles into Contoocook town center
- At the STOP sign, take a LEFT
- Go over the small stone bridge, bearing LEFT over the bridge (the Fire Department is on the left)
- Take an immediate LEFT onto Pine Street (between the Fire Department and Merrimack County Telephone Company)
- Continue straight on Pine Street for about 2.7 miles
- Take a RIGHT after you come to the bottom of the hill onto Camp Merrimac Road (after the "Christmas Tree Shores" sign on your right – look for the Boston Diocese Camp and Retreat Center sign). Across from Rolfe Road Pond Road on your left, is a large blue sign stating "Camp and Retreat Center."
- Follow Camp Merrimac Road 0.7 of a mile down a dirt road to the Conference and Retreat Center!

For specific driving directions from your starting place, please use your favorite travel app.

For questions, please contact any ACYOA Central Council member or Jennifer Morris, Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries at (248) 648-0702 or jenniferm@armeniadiocese.org.