



Encounter Retreat Information



We are so glad you will be joining us at an Encounter weekend. We believe that your life will never be the same again. We just have one important request to make of you ... come with an open heart. Then let God do the rest! We understand you may have questions about the Encounter, so we have listed some important information for you below. May God richly bless you!

Meeting Place

- **Leaving for the retreat:** all participants will first meet at "The Living Sanctuary Church" (see directions below) on Friday evening at 5:30 PM to sign-in. We will be leaving from "The Living Sanctuary Church" for the retreat facility at 6:30 PM sharp! Please have someone drop you off ... we will provide the transportation to the retreat facility. It is very important that we leave on time so that we can keep to our schedule. Dinner will be served when we arrive at the camp.
- **Returning from the retreat:** we arrive in Sarasota to a "Celebration Service" which starts at 6:30 PM. The service will be held at "The Living Sanctuary Church", located at 1801 N. Lockwood Ridge Rd, Sarasota, FL, 34234. Your loved ones should plan to meet you there. See 'Directions to The Living Sanctuary Church' near the bottom of this page.
- In the event of an emergency, your loved ones can reach you by calling this number **(941) 650-1233**. Please remember to leave this number with someone, but to only use it for emergencies.
- Please note that the campsite is a non-smoking facility.

What to Bring

- Comfortable but modest clothing for three days and two nights. Please do not bring clothes that are revealing or inappropriate for a group setting. Also, we discourage wearing sandals or open toe shoes as you may be walking along paths in wooded areas.
- Twin size bed sheet/blanket or sleeping bag, and a pillow
- Please pack your belongings in one luggage piece (preferably a duffel bag). Only a sleeping bag, rolled tight, will be accepted as a second piece.
- Personal hygiene items: soap, shampoo, toothpaste, etc.
- Towel for bathing
- Money. Meals and lodging are provided, but you may want to purchase other items at the retreat.
- A small umbrella, insect repellent, and a jacket or sweatshirt during the winter and fall months.
- Most importantly, bring an OPEN HEART!

What NOT to Bring

- It is important that you do NOT bring any electronic devices: cell phones, MP3 players, iPods, pagers, PDAs, radios, walkmans, computers, etc. We want to ensure that you have an enjoyable and 'distraction free' time. If someone needs to contact you in an emergency, they can do so by calling the number noted above.

Directions to "The Living Sanctuary Church"

- 1801 North Lockwood Ridge Road, Sarasota, FL 34234, phone(941) 365-5433.
- The Living Sanctuary Church is located on the west side of North Lockwood Ridge Road, just north of the Lockwood Ridge & 17th Street intersection.
- There is also an entrance to the Church from 17th Street, just west of the Lockwood Ridge intersection. Parking is available from both 17th Street and Lockwood Ridge entrances.
- You can also access www.thelivingsanctuary.com/directions.htm for a map of these directions