

TVC Men's Retreat Attendees,

In just a few days, we'll be kicking off the 2018 TVC Men's Retreat at Camp Widjiwagan! This email contains all the information you need in order to help you prepare for the retreat, so please read it in its entirety, so you'll know what to bring, where to be, and when to arrive!

## **MEN'S RETREAT OVERVIEW:**

### *ARRIVAL AND CHECK-IN:*

**Please try to arrive at Camp Widjiwagan between 5 - 5:30 pm on Friday.** This will give you enough time to check-in, get settled, and have a few minutes to relax and explore. Registration will be right outside the **TURNER DINING HALL**. *A map of the camp will be attached to this email.*

**\*\*Dinner is NOT provided on Friday evening, so REMEMBER TO EAT DINNER Before you arrive at camp\*\*\***

**Our first session together will start promptly at 7 pm in the CLARK BAKER LODGE.** It will take you approx.15 minutes to get to the lodge from your cabin. Reference the map for its location and look for the TVC Retreat signs along the way.

*Please plan on being to the lodge by 6:45 pm so we can start by 7 pm.*

### **WHAT TO BRING:**

- **Bedding and pillow** (if you paid for a room upgrade, bedding is included)
- Towel and washcloth
- Personal items: i.e. shampoo, soap, toothbrush, deodorant, breath mints, anti-snoring device, stuffed animal, etc...
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Earplugs (to ward off those who might snore in your cabin)
- Bible, notepad, & pen
- Camping chair (for bonfire and other activities)
- Flashlight
- GAMES: bring cards or interesting board games!
- Water Bottle - We'll have bottled water in the lodge but you may want to have an extra container with you to stay hydrated.
- Mountain or Hybrid Bike: Great way to get back and forth to the meeting hall as well as to explore the many acres of terrain at the camp.
- Fishing pole, bait, etc... if you want to fish

### **DIRECTIONS:**

**Camp Widjiwagan ([www.ymcacampwidjiwagan.org](http://www.ymcacampwidjiwagan.org)) The address is: 3088 Smith Springs Rd, Antioch, TN 37013. Phone: 615-360-2267**

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF WAYS TO GET TO THE CAMP. A FEW OPTIONS ARE BELOW, BUT I WOULD SUGGEST USING THE GOOGLE MAP LINK TO CHOOSE THE BEST ROUTE DEPENDING ON WHERE YOU WILL BE TRAVELING FROM. PLEASE KEEP IN MIND, FRIDAY

AFTERNOON TRAFFIC MAY BE MORE CONGESTED ON SOME ROUTES AND COULD REQUIRE EXTRA TRAVEL TIME.

ONCE YOU ARE ON THE GROUNDS OF THE CAMP – YOU WILL DRIVE FOR A WHILE ON THE MAIN ROAD UNTIL YOU REACH THE CAMP OFFICE/MAIN PARKING AREA. TAKE A RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE (look for the TVC Sign) UNTIL YOU REACH THE LARGE PARKING LOT IN FRONT OF THE **TURNER DINING HALL** – YOU’LL SEE A SIGN THAT SAYS “TVC MEN’S RETREAT REGISTRATION.” *Refer to the camp map attached to this email. The parking area is directly below #21 on the map.*

**DIRECTIONS From TVC via Thompson Lane** – *should avoid much of the interstate traffic*

South on 21st Avenue (towards Green Hills). Turn left on Woodmont Blvd. Continue on Woodmont and it turns into TN-155E/Thompson Lane once you get to the 100 Oaks area. Stay on Thompson Lane for approx. 4 miles. After you cross over I-24 take a right on the Murfreesboro Pike Exit/US-70S E. Take Murfreesboro Pike for approx. 3.3 miles and take a left onto Smith Springs Road. Stay on Smith Springs Rd for approx. 3 miles and Camp Widjiwagan will be on the left.

**DIRECTIONS From TVC via the interstate**

South on 21st Avenue (towards Green Hills). Take a left off 21st Avenue onto I-440 East towards Knoxville. Take I-24 East (to the right off I-440). Take Exit 54 – Briley Parkway East. Turn left onto Briley Parkway East. Take a right onto Murfreesboro Pike (US41). Take a left onto Nashboro Blvd. You will take a quick jog to the left onto Bell Road and then right onto Smith Springs Road. The camp entrance will be on the left about ½ mile after you pass Anderson Road.

**From I-24**

Exit at Bell Road. Go north on Bell Road (past Hickory Hollow Mall) to Anderson Road (first light past Murfreesboro Road). Turn right on Anderson Road. At Smith Springs Road (4 way stop w/Mapco on left) turn right. Camp is located on Smith Springs Road, ½ mile on your left.

**From I-65**

Exit on to Old Hickory. Go east on Old Hickory. Old Hickory will turn into Bell Road at Nolensville Road. Continue on Bell Road, under I-24, past Hickory Hollow Mall to Anderson Road (first light past Murfreesboro Road). Turn right on Anderson Road. At Smith Springs Road (4 way stop w/Mapco on left), turn right. The camp is located on Smith Springs Road, ½ mile on your left.

**From I-40 East**

Exit at Stewart's Ferry exit 219. Turn left at end of exit ramp. (Stewart's Ferry will turn into Bell Road) Go 4.6 miles to Smith Springs Road. Turn left on to Smith Springs Road. Go 1 mile to 4 way stop. Go straight through the 4 way stop. Go ¼ mile to Camp entrance on left.

**TRANSPORTATION - CARPOOLERS:**

For those of you who are interested in carpooling, we are planning on having people leave from our Main campus as well as our East Nashville campus. **Carpoolers should plan on being at either the East or Main Campus no later than 4:30 pm on Friday** (See ARRIVAL and CHECK-IN at the top of this email). Look for an email on Monday or Tuesday regarding this.

**SUNDAY DEPARTURE:**

We will be checking out Sunday around noon.

**RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

We will go over all the activities available at orientation. If you paid an additional fee for the Zipline, it will be open during our recreation time on Saturday afternoon from 3 – 5 pm.

**CONTACT INFO:**

Please don't hesitate to call or email with any questions this next week as you're getting prepared. My cell number is **615-426-2209** and email: [chris@thevillagechapel.com](mailto:chris@thevillagechapel.com). We will also have this information posted as a PDF on the MEN'S MINISTRY PAGE of our website ([men.thevillagechapel.com](http://men.thevillagechapel.com)).

*See everyone Friday!*

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