

## ORIENTATION

**The Camp:** Our host camp is owned by the United Methodists Church. We've been a guest of these wonderful people for 31 years, and if we do our part, we can help ACAs benefit for another 31 years.

**Friday Meal Service:** The first retreat provided meal is at 5pm on Friday. If you arrive before 5pm, consider bringing your own food for lunch or afternoon snack.

**General Meal Service:** Historically we've eaten our meals family style. We're experimenting with buffet service this year. It may not be perfect. To help keep the ticket prices low and camp costs down, we clean our own plates and bus our own tables. Take your dishes, silverware and cups to the far left window. Scrape the food off of your plate and stack it. Put your silverware into the silverware bucket. Stack your cups in the dirty cup rack. Others at your table may not know of this practice. If the dining hall is full, feel free to sit on the front porch, on the picnic tables or in our general purpose event tent.

**Trust Challenge/Zip line:** The event will take place on Friday from 2-4pm. The fee payable to the camp is \$5 cash per person.

**Photography:** We take pictures at this event for the website. All faces are pixelated to protect anonymity. We're looking for photographers experienced in no-flash night shots. No flash only. Especially of campfire activity and candlelight meetings. No flash! Please send copies of your pictures to [retreat@aca-arizona.org](mailto:retreat@aca-arizona.org)

**Bunks:** The bunks are assigned in order of registration date and then by request. Please don't switch bunks without asking someone with a yellow badge. The person who reserved the empty bunk near you, may not be arriving until Saturday night. Please don't surprise him/her by taking their bunk. Before you leave for the weekend, tilt your mattress on its side and lean it against the wall.

**Smoking:** No smoking within 20ft of others or any building. Most importantly, don't throw a cigarette butt on the ground. These rules apply to cigars too.

**After 10pm:** Some of us are night owls and some are morning people. Be respectful of those who go to bed early and get up early. Don't let the cabin doors slam. No talking in or around the cabins/lodges after 10pm. If you want to enjoy the night, go to the meadow tent, pavilion, benches in the dining hall, or other places. At the fire pit, we try to sing and laugh a little quieter after 10pm.

**Hiking:** We used to do guided hikes, but we found people like to hike on their own schedule. To get to Lookout Point, just walk out of camp thru the entry gate and turn left. Walk to the end of the road or about .33 miles and you're there. There are two ways to get to the hang glider launch. Leave camp as if you were going to look out point. Instead of walking to the end of the road and edge of the mountain, turn left on the only road where you can turn left. Walk 2/3 mile or so and the hang glider launch is on your right. The second way is to follow the Mingus Trails that start to the left of the dining hall. Follow that trail until you reach the gravel road, turn left and that takes you right to the launch. The trails are more of a rugged scenic route.

**Mingus Weather:** One might think you could look at Phoenix, Flagstaff or Prescott weather and predict what will happen on top of Mingus Mountain. We can't. The mountain generates its own weather. Just ignore the weather reports and hope for the best. Prepare for heat, cool, and rain.

**Yellow Badges:** If you see someone wearing a yellow badge, they are one of the organizers or helpers. Don't hesitate to ask them a question.

**Golf Carts:** Please do not take the carts out of the camp without permission. We try to use the carts to transport groups, as opposed to individual use. The golf cart with the cargo area in the back belongs to the camp for use by the committee, and must never be taken off grounds. Please do not remove the keys from any golf cart.

**Lofts:** Both the Mariposa and Agape lodge have lofts where you can find solitude or if you need to escape a snorer or be a snorer. They also work well if you are camping and it happens to rain hard.

**Camping:** Please do not install your tent within 20 ft of the zip line. Do not park cars in the camping area by the zip line. For questions, contact the camping coordinator. In the event of heavy rain, you are welcome to use any open upper bunk in any lodge, or Mesa Hall, or lodge lofts.

**Event Changes & Messages:** Expect changes to the schedule. We've placed a whiteboard outside of the dining hall where we post notices and schedule changes. Please look to this board frequently.

**Beverages:** Coffee, tea and water are served 24/7 in the Dining Hall

**Questions for our speakers:** Please hold your questions for the final 15 minutes of any speaker event, unless the speaker specifically asks.

**First Aid:** The retreat headquarters also serves as the nurses' station. If you need a Band-Aid or other basic medical supplies, they are in the cabinets to the left as you enter the building.

**Refrigerators:** If you are camping or need to keep some food cold, you will find refrigerators in all 3 lodges and the retreat HQ.

**Showering Facilities:** All three lodges contain multiple showers for each gender. There are also multiple showers below LaPoint Hall. If you are camping, you can use any shower in any building.

**Meditation:** We use Mesa Hall as a meditation room. Use it any time for a quiet space or a meeting.

**Driving to Jerome:** Turn right out of the camp. Take that gravel road to 89a. Turn right and drive for about 15 minutes until you are in the heart of Jerome. The same route goes to Sedona.

**Cleaning:** We also do the light cleaning on our lodges and cabins before we leave on Sunday. This also helps keep tickets affordable for those of us who don't have a lot of money to spend. Try to keep it clean thru the weekend to minimize the work on Sunday at cleaning time. Look for a posting on the walls in the cabins and lodges that indicate what needs to be cleaned. If we all pitch in, it's easy.

**Badge Holders:** Feel free to return these before you leave on Sunday in a designated basket for re-use.

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