

TAFCE, CENTRAL REGION LEADERSHIP RETREAT

May 24 – May 26, 2022
UT Southern, Pulaski, TN
Information Sheet

What is Retreat? Retreat is a newer term to replace camp, which was held in a more rustic location in the past. It is a time to “retreat” from your daily responsibilities and stresses – no cooking, no cleaning, and no laundry! It is a season to grow friendships, both new and old; a time to invest in yourself as you select FCL/leadership classes, tours, craft/marketable skills, and educational classes. Retreat includes speakers to expand your knowledge and understanding regarding relevant topics, and entertainment to cultivate joy in your life. We are planning an on campus movie night for the 2022 Retreat! There are scheduled times for exercise, relaxation, and shopping at the “General Store” and at the “Silent Auction”. UT Southern is a small, intimate campus located near downtown Pulaski, Tennessee.

Scholarships: The Mildred F. Clarke Scholarship is available for Central Region first timers (if you have never attended camp or retreat before) page 84-85 in the 2022 Central Region Program Planner (see TAFCE, Central Region website <https://tafcecr.wixsite.com/2020crfce>). Star Scholarships were won at random at the 2019 retreat, page 83 in the 2022 Central Region Program Planner. Remember to mail your certificate to your county treasurer who will mail it to the Central Region Treasurer, Patty Priest.

Arrival Time: You may arrive Monday afternoon, May 23 (for the extra night stay), picking up your room key at the Guthrie Student Life House between **2 and 4 p.m.** (Please do not ask for your key prior to 2 p.m. as we will not be ready for you.) On Tuesday, May 24, and Wednesday, May 25, you may pick up your room key at the same location between **8 a.m. to 10 a.m.**

Registration: Retreat registration will be held in the lower level of the Gault Fine Arts Center Foyer. Tuesday, May 24, and Wednesday, May 25, registration is from **8 to 10 a.m.** For those spending an extra night at retreat, registration time is **4 to 6 p.m.** on Monday, May 23.

Room Accommodations: There are two options for overnight lodging.

Option 1: Dorm Room in Criswell Hall. Two single beds with extra-long mattress, two chest of drawers, two desks, two closets, lobby on first floor for social gatherings. There are community bathrooms on each hall (sinks, toilet stalls and walk-in showers with doors). This year you will have the option of requesting a single occupancy in the dorm.

Option 2: Apartment Limited availability. (4 per suite), 4 very small bedrooms each with single bed with extra-long mattress, 2 bathrooms shared by 2 people with tub/shower combination, small kitchen with microwave and refrigerator, table, small common living area, no common lobby area. Due to the building being on a hill and the degree of incline, you will want to drive your car to the dining hall and classrooms each day. There will be ample street parking which is actually closer to the dining hall and classes than the parking lots. If you are unable to find a third or fourth person to fill your apartment, there will be an additional individual charge to

make up the difference of the total cost for the apartment. Please ask FCE members in other clubs/counties to assist you to fill your apartment with 4 people.

Note: There will be designated parking spots for unloading your car near the dorm or apartment entrance. After unloading, you will need to move your car to another parking spot.

What to bring:

- **Completed Health Form F-600B with ID photo is required for all participants**, page 75-76 in the 2022 Central Region Program Planner (see TAFCE, Central Region website <https://tafcecr.wixsite.com/2020crfce>).
- Central Region lanyard. If you do not have one, you will receive one at Retreat.
- bed linens for a twin bed (extra-long) or a sleeping bag, pillow, blanket
- towel, wash cloth, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, etc.
- shower shoes or a shower mat for fall prevention
- several changes of clothing (or layers), a jacket/sweater, to accommodate the heat of summer and air-conditioned meeting rooms
- good pair of closed toe walking shoes for safe walking to classrooms and tours
- flashlight, umbrella, and your phone or camera to capture the fun!
- small suitcase on wheels or a small crate on wheels, to assist with carrying classroom supplies during the day.
- any classroom supplies not provided by your instructors!

Silent Auction: Each county is encouraged to bring one or more theme baskets or quality items to be auctioned. The value is to be at least \$20-25. Please bring items to the assigned auction room in the Gault Fine Arts Center during “open” hours. Proceeds from this auction are designated to the Mildred Clarke Scholarship Fund. The intent of this annual auction is to fund future scholarships.

General Store: In 2022 we will offer a “Boutique” store for \$5 items and a “Bargain Basement” Store for \$1 items. Participants are encouraged to donate gently worn clothing, books, games, decorations, craft supplies, garden items, etc. in good working order and to shop for treasures! Please bring items to the assigned general store classroom in the Johnston Hall during “open” hours. Proceeds from the General Store are used to provide Star Scholarships. Five names will be chosen at random for Star Scholarships to be used the following year. All Central Region participants (full and one day) are eligible and winners need not be present to win.

Look for the FCE Retreat signs on campus to assist with directions!

Come “Grow with FCE” at the 2022 Leadership Retreat at the University of Tennessee Southern in Pulaski, TN (formerly Martin Methodist).

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