



LWML CNH RETREAT

August 27-29, 2021

Registration – Friday 4 pm; Checkout – Sunday 11:30 am
Episcopal Conference Center Oakhurst (ECCO)
43803 Highway 41, Oakhurst, CA 93644
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RETREAT CENTER INFORMATION

ECCO is located just 12 miles from the South gate of Yosemite National Park and Mariposa Giant Sequoia Grove, just past Big Sky Ranch, turn off at Christ Church Driveway. Follow the signs one mile back to the conference center.

ECCO has been serving the religious, educational, and non-profit conference and retreat needs of Fresno, Madera, Mariposa and the rest of California's Central Valley since 1982. We welcome groups of all faiths and denominations, providing lodging, meals prepared from fresh and wholesome foods, meeting space, and a variety of recreational activities.

Think Mountains! ECCO is located on the north side of the beautiful mountain town of Oakhurst, California. This is in the Sierra Nevada Mountains in eastern central California just south of Yosemite National Park. The air is clear and clean, the streams and lakes sparkle in the sun, and winters are mild, summers cool.

The ECCO area brings the peace and quiet you desire for successful focus on your conference, and yet the mountain area is abuzz with things to do, sites to see, and all sorts of year 'round recreational opportunities. Even here at home, we have many activities.

LYLES MAIN BUILDING

- Houses the gift shop, administration office, kitchen, dining facility, "registration lobby".
- The partially covered deck provides an opportunity to catch summer breezes while staying out of the sun.
- Our Executive Chef and culinary team are committed to serving you the freshest meals prepared from scratch, which are wholesome and delicious. We use local/sustainable/in season products as much as possible and even grow some of our own herbs and vegetables. Our in-house baker produces all our breads and desserts with fresh ingredients and our cooks are always in search of new recipes and culinary inspirations.
- ECCO will continue to offer its top-notch food service – it will just be handled a bit differently. The buffet line will remain but, instead of helping yourself, our chefs will serve you from behind a plexiglass barrier. Some options will be offered in individual packaging. Guests are asked to stand 6 feet apart from each other – following the markings on the floor.
- Guests may sit in the dining hall with ample space for social distancing. If you are uncomfortable dining indoors, please enjoy your meal in one of the outdoor seating areas.
- A central food and beverage station offering coffee, tea and water manned by an attendant will be available in Lyles Hall during mealtimes. For the time being, coffee service in meeting spaces will not be available.

- Menus are prepared by our Chef based on seasonal availability of ingredients. Special dietary items will be placed on the “Special Diets” table and labeled accordingly. Our Chef has experience in vegan restaurants and has taught special diets classes at a culinary academy. Please don’t hesitate to ask! We hope you enjoy your dining experience with us!

LODGING

- Each heated/air-conditioned room has a private bath.
- Hair dryer, shampoo, conditioner, and bar soap are provided.
- Single and double-occupancy rooms have either two twin beds or a double bed and a twin bed.
- Quad rooms are split level with two twin beds downstairs and two twin beds upstairs in the loft.
- All rooms have wi-fi access.
- Bed and bath linens are provided; however, you may wish to bring extra towels and washcloths.

WALTERS' CHAPEL – This beautiful building nestles at the east side of the pond...a perfect place to be as the morning sun streams through the stained-glass window. This is our main meeting area and will be the location of Worship on Sunday. In the lobby area is Rivera Library with comfortable couches and chairs, where books can be borrowed during your stay.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI OUTDOOR CHAPEL – Overlooks our beautiful pond; look for the lovely swan and other waterfowl. This is the area for our morning devotions.

RECREATION

- Even if you never leave ECCO’s premises, you’ll find plenty to do. Our grounds offer many places to reflect, work on a devotional or catch a glimpse of the local wildlife. We even have some new outdoor areas where you’ll be able to work off some excess energy.
- Stations of the Cross – A wooded trail along a seasonal creek near Campo Santo offers a time for meditation and prayer as you travel through the 14 Stations of the Cross. A booklet of prayers to help guide you through the Stations of the Cross is available in the office.
- 4th Green Recreational Area – Tucked away behind stands of ponderosa pines, incense cedars, and manzanitas is ECCO’s recreation and sports area. It is named the 4th Green because historically it was the 4th green of the Sky Ranch Golf Course. Out of sight and earshot of the core of the conference center—but just a short walk away—the 4th Green offers a basketball court, grass volleyball field, soccer field, and horseshoes. Sports equipment can be checked out from the office.
- Self-Interpretive Nature Trail – ECCO’s self-interpretive nature trail is a mostly level, half-mile escape from all things bustling. It is a great way to escape into your own private space for a few minutes... or a few hours, whatever you have available. The single-track trail travels 11 informative posts through peculiar “weeds,” edible plants, foggy meadows, and ancient oaks pocked with corn holes bored by creative woodpeckers. The trail currently ends at a lively pond that we have dubbed “The Frog Pond” for good reason.
- Lewis Creek – On the edge of ECCO’s grounds is Lewis Creek. A popular spot that is part of our Sky Ranch Loop trail, is a lovely waterfall with nearby Indian pounding rocks. A perfect spot to take a moment to reflect and appreciate the wonder of God’s creation.