

April 12, 2011

Greetings Friends!

Once again it is time to bring your daughters to a weekend away and we are anticipating a great time together **April 29- May 1**. We are set for a truly wonderful event, one that we hope you will remember for years to come. In addition to the opportunities we have planned for you to spend time with your daughter, we have assembled a great group of women to play with and teach your daughters throughout the weekend. As a reminder, this year we have moved our retreat over to Lakeview, and we are so excited about creating new memories in this space!



Our speaker and host this year is Mike DeVries. With nearly 20 years of experience in ministry as a student ministries pastor and church planter, Mike is a husband, father, speaker, and writer. He is graduating in May from Azusa Pacific University with his Masters in Religion/Biblical Studies and is soon to be a PhD student. Mike, his wife Jamie, and their four kids live in Mission Viejo, CA. Mike will be speaking about the legacy we impart to our families, and specifically to our daughters.

We will also have the pleasure of worshipping along with one another, led by Michelle Bloom. Michelle Bloom started her songwriting career as a senior at Azusa Pacific University when she composed a variation of a song based on Isaiah 40. The soaring three-part counterpoint quickly became a favorite of the APU choir and chapel bands. The song has remained a source of strength and hope for students and the university for 20 years. As Forest Home's Music Mama for 6 summers, her songs "Jumping Bean" and "The Wow Song" and "I Spy" were sung thousands and thousands of times. Her recording of these classics sold out and she is still frequently asked "When will they come out on CD?" Michelle went on to be the Artist-in-Residence at Westmont College, entrusted with over 40 chapels and then lead several years of Senior Chapel at Azusa Pacific University. She is currently working on her 5th recording called "Fields of Attention" a collection of river hymns and poem/songs that meet the growing cultural need to come together as communities and practice slowing down. She has been invited by authors Dr. Dan Siegel of UCLA and Jon Kabat-Zinn of Harvard to present at conferences that address the practice of being in the present moment, cultivating mindfulness and compassion. She returns to Forest Home with a new version of Psalm 23. Michelle lives with her family, husband Scott Nelson and son, Sawyer in Pasadena, CA.

As you prepare for this weekend of fun and growth, here are a few things that might make your stay more enjoyable:

ARRIVAL TIME: Check-in begins at 5:00 p.m. in Baldwin Lounge. Please note that you will not be able to check into your rooms until 5:00 p.m. Dinner will be served in the dining room from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. The conference will conclude with Sunday Lunch in the Dining Room.

WHAT TO BRING: Camp will be a relaxing experience, so bring comfortable clothing and hiking or walking shoes. At times we have evening activities outdoors (weather permitting) so you may want to bring a warm jacket. Bring a flashlight, Bible, notebook, pen and paper, and personal toiletries. (Most items are for sale

in our retail location if you forget something.) One of the advantages of our move to the Lake is bedding, pillows, towels and soap are provided, so there is no need to bring these items.

Saturday night's dinner will be a father/daughter date night. You could dress up just a bit if you choose.

THINGS TO LEAVE AT HOME: Pets, VCR's, televisions and stereos, sons (unless they have a daughter😊), fireworks, candles, matches, and any other flame-producing items. Thank you!

RECREATION: The following recreational opportunities are available at various times during the conference (weather permitting): climbing wall, sky trail, trout fishing, ping pong, hiking, horseshoes, basketball, volleyball, miniature golf, table games and a few other surprises. Also available are crafts in the Craft Center and shopping and snacks in the Clubhouse.

SPECIAL DIETS: If you have special dietary requests, there may be some limitations on our part; however, our Chef is available to discuss this with you in advance of the conference. You can reach our food service staff by calling 909-389-2272. A refrigerator is available by advanced request in the main dining room for the storage of supplemental foods necessary for your dietary needs.

Should you have any more questions that will help make your stay at Forest Home more enjoyable, contact our Registrars at (909) 389-2300.

We're looking forward to having you with us!

Blessings,

Forest Home Father-Daughter Staff