

Annual 24+ Singles Retreat Ideas Survey

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We are excited to be hosting the next 24+ international singles retreat along the beautiful California coastline near Santa Cruz this summer from Aug. 21-24. The retreat will be held at a campground in a Red Wood grove with plenty of hiking trails, a beautiful beach just 2-miles away, and delicious, local and organic meals. As we are building the program and schedule of activities, we would like to ask you, as a single 24+ member of the Unification community, for your input.

As your retreat planning team, we believe in good company, good food, and having a good time. We will take care of all the logistics and planning to make this retreat natural and relaxing. All we need from you are your ideas and suggestions for how to make this retreat something that you would love to attend. Please take a few minutes to answer the survey below - your brutal honesty is needed!

Sincerely,

Your Retreat Planning Team

Wendy Fiala, Crescentia DeGoede, Mrs. Doug Wetzstein, and Rev. Kevin Thompson

What are some hopes you would have for attending a retreat like this?

- Feel peer support
- Connect with others in similar life situations
- Opportunity to make friends
- Visit Northern California
- Expand my social network
- Discover who I am in the context of other 24+ Singles
- Get to know more singles of the opposite sex
- Hear from others' points of view about social, religious, political issues
- Have fun!
- Spend time in nature
- Other:

What are some reservations you might have about attending a retreat like this? (for example potential awkwardness, feeling pressured, cost, taking time off etc.)

Have you previously attended one of the annual 24+ Singles Retreat?

- Yes
- No

If yes, what were some of the things you enjoyed the most? What are some of the things you would have changed?

What are some topics that you would be interested in exploring at a retreat like this?

- Professional Development
- Relationship Skills
- Spirituality/Religion
- Personal Development
- Political Discussions
- Self-Reflection Exercises
- Other:

What are some activities that you would like to do at a retreat like this?

- Sports (basketball, volleyball)
- Gastronomical Excursions
- Scavenger Hunts
- World Cafe Style Dialogues
- Going to the Beach

- Board Games
- Yoga
- Picnic
- Open Mics/ Karaoke
- Movie Nights
- Ropes Course/ Obstacle Courses
- Boat Trips
- Hiking
- Skill-sharing amongst participants
- Sightseeing/ Santa Cruz Boardwalk
- Talent Night
- Book Clubs/ Discussions
- Other:

Would you be interested in taking an active role in organizing this retreat? (I.e. coming up with an activity or organizing an outing?) If yes, please enter your name and email address below:

How old are you? (optional)

Gender:

- Male
- Female
- Decline to state

Thank you for your input! For more info, or questions, email us. To stay posted on the retreat updates, make sure to include your email below:

Purpose(s) of the Retreat

The purpose of the Unificationist 24+ Singles Retreat is to provide an opportunity for single members of the Unificationist community between the ages of 24-39 to spend a weekend connecting/reconnecting with each other in honor of their shared identities and history, and meet potential marriage partners. Through the retreat, participants will have the opportunity to: foster new/renewed friendships, awaken/strengthen their connection to God and their family, meet other singles their age, and get to better know each other, as well as, themselves. All participants must be single and must be between the ages of 24-39. All First gen, Jacob gen and Blessed Children that fit the previous description are welcome. The aim of the Singles Retreat is not to change the mind, opinions, heart, faith or preferences of any participant. Although participants do not have to strictly identify themselves as Unificationists, it is hoped that retreat participants will be interested and open to meeting other singles and, or finding a marriage partner with shared values, goals and faith experience.