

## Frequently Asked Questions

**1. What is the early bird special?**

Early bird special is an optional meal served between 6 and 7 p.m. Friday evening. Payment for the meal will be at cost (between \$5 and \$10) payable Friday evening. It is not included in the fee for the weekend. By now almost everyone reserves an early bird meal.

**2. I'd like the early bird but may not arrive until later in the evening. Will dinner be waiting for me?**

If you're on the list and are not there by 7 p.m., no problem. Your meal will be held for you.

**3. How are rooms assigned at Charter Hall?**

For first timers to retreat: You'll find Charter Hall to be rustic but accommodating. Sleeping arrangements are a group experience. You are not assigned to a specific room or bed. You simply scout out the options, choose your bed, mark it by either peeing on it or putting your sleeping bag on it—the sleeping bag option is preferred. No linens or bedding are supplied. Be sure to bring your own towel.

**4. How much does it cost to attend retreat?**

Cost of retreat is determined Sunday morning. We add up total costs, then divide by the number of participants to determine each person's share. If you have contributed food, the cost of what you bring is deducted from your share. Be sure to bring your checkbooks or cash for payment Sunday morning. Makes it much easier that tracking you down the following week. Total usually comes to about \$75.

**5. I'm a little low on cash right now. Any special rates?**

No problem. Pay what you can, and if that is \$0, that's fine also. Just let us know on ahead what you plan to pay or that you are planning to accept our offer of no payment.

**6. What is the weekend schedule?**

A check in time Friday evening, input Saturday morning (see flyer) open time in afternoon with options for a long bike ride down to Elk Neck State Park or a shorter ride, canoeing or kayaking in the bay, walks, sleeping, reading, whatever. Saturday evening feast, bonfire and sunset, dessert, followed by movie. Sunday morning program wrap up.

**7. What do we eat?**

Our weekend eating centers around a Saturday evening feast. Volunteers bring some food as indicated on the registration form. This IS voluntary. You do not have to bring food. The food committee purchases food to accompany what you bring to come up with very tasty, attractive meals.

**8. Who prepares the meals?**

Each person is assigned to a food work group. Your group is given instructions of what to prepare and how to prepare it for your meal. You'll find the group experience of working together in the kitchen is a highlight of the weekend.

**9. What about snacks?**

You're welcome to bring a pack of snack food along. Sodas will be provided. However, you will NOT be reimbursed for snacks that you provide.

**10. What is the alcohol policy?**

Charter Hall bills itself as alcohol free but somehow or other, Jesus (or is it Ken Kulp) always shows up at our retreat and turns some of our water into wine. We follow the spirit of the law, and only have wine with our evening meals. No other alcoholic beverages are consumed.