

# Calling All Men!

TO: **Men's Ministries Coordinators**  
FROM: Bill Abeler, Executive Director  
RE: **Men's Retreat**  
**September 15-17, 2017**

For over 50 years, Camp Lebanon has been the site for an amazing combination of action and inspiration for men. Aiming to enrich that experience, last year we introduced a new TEDS Talk format. Thrilled with the results, the format is back, this time with four sessions, eight topics, and eight speakers. Each will speak 15 minutes with a 15-minute Q/A forum at the end of each session.



The 2017 topic is **"The Tension,"** an honest look at some of life's biggest hot points that threaten key relationships, undermine faith, and steal sleep. Tensions to be discussed include racism, theology, time, money, cancer, busyness, temptation, and conflict. NOTE: The official list of topics and speakers will be posted August 10.

You really don't need them, but here are nine more reasons why 2017 is the year for your men to attend Men's Retreat:

**#9 AFFORDABILITY.** The **"10 for 10" Group Discount** is back (\$10 off per person for groups of 10 or more)! We'll also thank groups of 20 or more with the **DOUBLE BONUS** (bring two additional men at NO CHARGE - #21 and #22). Additional financial assistance is available upon request. Do not let money be the reason for your group not coming!

**#8 SATURDAY SPECIAL: "Talking Baseball!" with Dick Stigman.** With the new wiffleball stadium as a backdrop, we're going to revisit the glory years of the Minnesota Twins. A two-time All Star, Dick pitched for the Twins from 1962-65, teaming up with Oliva, Killebrew, Kaat, Battey, Versalles, Allison and Mudcat Grant to play Minnesota into its first World Series in 1965. Dick will share lots of baseball stories, as well as his own "ultimate story" of when he found Christ after baseball.



**#7 SMALL GROUPS:** Who says that men don't talk? The setting will be informal and unpressured, but the topics are vital.

**#6 GREAT FOOD!** Your men won't leave any of the five meals hungry!

**#5 THREE HOUSING & THREE PRICE-POINT OPTIONS.** We've reserved the entire camp, including the hotel-like Cedar Bay Lodge (with linens!). Pick the option that works best.

**#4 TOURNAMENT ACTION.** For those who like fun competition, there are plenty of options, including two golf events: the 9-hole **Early Bird Tourney** on Friday aft (1 PM in Albany) and the **16<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Best Ball Scramble** on Saturday (8 AM in Little Falls). BONUS FUN: \$10,000 Hole in One Prize. There's also **8 Ball, Doubles Horseshoes, Ping Pong, Fishing** (walleye, bass, and pike), the **CEDAR LAKE SHOOT OUT** ("TOP GUN," "ROOKIE OF THE YEAR," and "TEAM CHAMPS" – 4-man teams), and the **CORN HOLE TOSS!**

**#3 STRESS RELIEF.** For just twelve bucks, men can join the battle on Camp's jungle-like **paintball** course. Fee includes 200 rounds, marker, helmet, and an hour of action! The **Screamin' Eagle Zipline** will also be open.

**#2 SENIOR PASTORS COME FREE!** We're so eager for your **SENIOR PASTOR** to share this experience, that we invite him to come at NO CHARGE! All other paid pastoral staff come at half price!

**#1 OUTREACH TO MEN.** What a great way to reach out to guys in your church and community! The Truth of God's Word will be proclaimed with relevance and life will be enjoyed in exuberance.

Expect a great time of "eatin' and playin'." But there's so much more. **Men's Retreat is purposefully designed to encourage men to "break huddle" and get into the "game of life" played out for Almighty God.** The program provides meat for the mature, low-pressure opportunities to encourage the spiritually disconnected, and activity options for all. So, men, grab your pastor (he comes FREE!), organize your troops, and go for it!

*Bill Abeler*



## TWO BIG GROUP DISCOUNTS – ORGANIZE YOUR MEN AND SAVE!

- **10 FOR 10:** Register TEN or more and save \$10 per person. Full and part time eligible.
  - **DOUBLE BONUS (NEW!):** Bring 20 or more and #21 and #22 come FREE!
- NOTE: See **GROUP WORKSHEET** for step by step instructions. **September 5** deadline.



NOTE: A **PDF promo** is available for email blasts. Copy from Camp's men's retreat web page or email the Camp.

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