



# Silver Spur and Next Generation Women's Ministries\*

## 2010 Women's Retreats

### *From Feelings to Faith: A NewCycled Life*

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## **Helpful Information**

Thank you for being our Women's Retreat Coordinator! You have assumed a vital role because you are the primary communication link between Silver Spur and the retreat goers you represent. Your service makes the registration process run much more smoothly for your group and for the Silver Spur office.

### **PUBLICITY**

The first thing you'll want to do is to raise interest for the women's retreats. Some suggestions for publicizing the retreats are:

- ~ Hang the poster(s) we have enclosed
- ~ Provide your group with the enclosed information about the retreat
- ~ Post announcements in the church bulletin, and/or creatively announce the retreats in church, Sunday school classes, and Bible studies. Silver Spur can provide church bulletin inserts upon request.

If you need more posters, please call the camp office and we will be happy to send them. Posters are also available to download at: [www.silverspur.com/womensretreat.htm](http://www.silverspur.com/womensretreat.htm)

### **REGISTRATION PROCESS**

You and your group can now register on-line. Go to the Silver Spur website and follow the prompts for the on-line registration for the women's retreat. Other ways to register include mailing, faxing, emailing or calling us with the information on the registration form, along with a \$25 Visa, MasterCard, check or cash deposit. If a woman from your church cancels, you may substitute someone else in her place (the deposit is transferable within your group to a new attendee, but not refundable). Please inform the camp office of any changes as soon as possible so that we can update our records.

**We will do our best to house your church together** with the exception of those who make special requests. If there are women in your group with special needs like requiring a lower bunk, please help them by doing room assignments for your group. Please note that we are unable to accommodate babies at the retreats.

### **NAMETAG DECORATING!**

We encourage you and the other women of your church to create nametags for your use at the retreat. You can be as creative and crazy or as authentic as you want. Hopefully this year you can make use of some "recycled" materials in lieu of purchasing materials! If you don't have time to do this before the retreat, it will be offered as a special craft. We anticipate that this will be a team-building and fun activity for all involved!

## SPECIAL FINANCIAL NEEDS

The Women's Retreat Committee offers a limited number of \$30 scholarships. If a woman from your church wishes to apply, have her send a brief letter to Silver Spur stating her need. You may write that letter on her behalf if the circumstances warrant it. When approved, she will receive confirmation of the scholarship. However, since these funds are limited, any help from your church is greatly appreciated. Gifts or donations of any size can be made to the scholarship fund.

## SILVER CREEK HOUSING

In addition to our housing at the Main Lodge facility, the Silver Creek cabins are also available. Silver Creek is a quarter mile up a fairly steep hill from the main lodge. This facility consists of twelve cabins with two separate rest room buildings. The lovely hilltop setting makes it a favorite among many. Ladies who choose this option for their housing will need to walk or drive to the Main Lodge area where all the primary activities (meals, sessions, workshops, recreation, gift store, and other events) will be held.

## FREE TIME OPPORTUNITIES

Be a part of Silver Spur's version of the Amazing Race we like to call the "Rummage Rush" - an energetic, interactive, team-building game. Also try a tennis match, swimming (pools are not heated), recreation options, tournaments, archery, hiking, volleyball, the Climbing Wall, book tables, water slide (weather permitting), gift shop, and much more! Also, there will be time on Saturday afternoon to visit nearby attractions.

## HELP US HELP OTHERS:

"NewCycle" your old cell phones and chargers, prescription eyeglasses and reading glasses, and used Bibles and other Christian books and literature. Bring these to retreat and they will be given to carefully selected organizations, who will distribute them to those who need them.

## THEMED BASKET DRAWING - PROJECT OFFERING

Each year it is our privilege to take an offering during the retreats for Christ-centered ministries. This year we are featuring our host, Silver Spur, as well as giving to Evangelistic Radio Broadcasts in Senegal, Africa. As a special part of our Project Offering this year, we plan to do a Gift Basket Drawing. We encourage churches and individuals to use their imagination and plan to create, bring and donate gift baskets of various sizes, shapes and themes.

### How it works:

You will have the opportunity to purchase tickets and put them in the envelopes of any baskets you're interested in. A winning ticket will be drawn for each basket over the course of the retreat.

### Helpful Hints:

Bring small, pre-printed address labels to place on tickets and save yourself having to write your name again and again!

Make the gift baskets into a group project. This can be a great opportunity to fellowship and bond with other women. Choose some themes for the baskets and allow individuals to donate various items relating to each theme. Then, plan a "basket stuffing party" shortly before retreat time. As they finish each basket, the group can pray for those who helped make it and for those who will be receiving it. This could be an activity to build enthusiasm for attending retreat.

A list of suggestions for theme baskets is on the following pages.

## THEME BASKET SUGGESTIONS:



**Recycled** – Cloth grocery bags, reusable cloths, recycled note paper, “green” items

**Devotional** – Prayer journal, highlighter, pen, book marker, devotional book, coffee mug, tea

**Family Movie Night** – Blockbuster gift certificates, microwave popcorn, licorice vines, assorted candy

**Relaxation** – Bubble bath, bath gel, scented candles, scented body sponge, lotion, body splash, herb tea and soft music tape/CD

**Barbie** – Barbie lip gloss, cologne, nail polish, sticker, clips, jewelry, Barbie Doll or backpack

**Hair Accessories** – Hair decorations: clips, barrettes, headbands, jewelry (button), hair pick, brush, hairspray, mousse, gel, shampoo

**Kitchen** – Kitchen towels, oven mitts, potholders, magnets, placemats, napkins, tablecloth

**Precious Baby** – Receiving blankets, lullaby cassette/CD, shampoo, lotion, talc, wipes, rattles, blanket, onesies or t-shirts, socks, ointment, bottles, hooded towel and washcloth

**Child’s Basket** – Bible storybook, Bible story coloring book, crayons, markers, Bible Trivia card games, bubbles, Christian video

**Pasta Basket** – Two varieties of pasta, gourmet spaghetti sauce, mesan cheese, pasta recipe book, sparkling cider

**Romantic Basket** – Two wine goblets, sparkling cider, summer sausage/cheese, scented candle and candleholder

**Cozy Blanket** – Tea, coffee, cocoa, mugs, shortbread cookies and a throw blanket

**Tea Lovers Basket** – Porcelain teapot, tea strainer, single serve herbal teas in assorted flavors, loose leaf tea, sugar cookies, honey, honey dipper and a book on tea

**Cookie Basket** – Mason jars filled with cookie ingredients, cookie sheet, cookie cutters, cookie recipes, cookie sprinkles, and oven mitt

**Gift Wrapping Fun!** – Gift wrap, tissue paper, gift bags, ribbons, bows, scissors, tape, pens, greeting tags, or greeting cards

**Face Care Basket** – Mary Kaye, Jafra or Avon face products, such as face wash, astringent, face cream, face sponges, make-up applicators and eye-shadows

**Snack-Attack Basket** – Specialty cookies, gourmet candy, snack crackers with cheese, gourmet microwave popcorn, canned peanuts, salsa, tortilla chips, and Ghirardelli chocolates

**Chocolate Lover’s Delight** – Assorted chocolate candies and cookies

**Teddy Bear Comfort Basket** – Stuffed Teddy, Teddy magnets, Teddy note cards and Teddy cups.

**Beanie Babies Basket** – Assorted Beanie Babies



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**Basket of Family Fun** – Puzzles, board games, snacks

**Precious Memories Basket** – Assorted picture frames, photo album and disposable camera

**Fragrance basket** – Potpourri, scented candles, candleholder, plug-ins, tea lights, oil lamp



**Veggie Tales Basket** – Veggie Tales videos, books, games, puzzles, stuffed animal

**The Teen Basket** – Christian book for teens, popular Christian CD's, Big Tent Revival CD, Christian t-shirt, Devotional Bible for teens

**Crochet basket** – Assorted yarns, crochet hooks and a crochet book

**Cross-stitch fun** – Assorted threads, cross-stitch patterns, rings, etc.

**Picnic basket** – Plastic table cloth, plastic table ware, plates, napkins, sparkling cider, cheese, crackers, summer sausage

**Fun with colors** – Assorted watercolors, construction paper, colored markers, crayons, chalk, paint brushes

**Baby Shower Basket** – Blanket, bottles, rattles, diaper bag, baby book etc.

**Christmas Basket** – Christmas mugs, cinnamon potpourri, apple cinnamon tea, candle, candleholder, Christmas kitchen towels, mitt and potholders, Christmas ornament, etc.

**Christmas Wreath basket** – Christmas wreath, Christmas lights, Christmas cards, candles

**Card Basket** – Christmas cards, birthday cards, thank-you cards, all-occasion cards and pen set

**Jewelry Basket** – Assorted necklaces, bracelets, earrings, scarves

**Be creative and have fun putting these baskets together. Here are some helpful hints for this year's theme baskets:**

- ◆ Use STURDY baskets for heavy items
- ◆ Use CLEAR cellophane on ALL baskets – this allows for easy viewing and protection of the contents.
- ◆ Securely fasten the cellophane
- ◆ Attach your Church Card to the basket so we can easily identify who brought the basket
- ◆ Please, if you decide to use food in your basket(s), use only pre-packaged food items, except for the Cookie Basket suggestion on the former page.



**THANK YOU AND HAVE A WONDERFUL TIME OF FELLOWSHIP  
PUTTING YOUR BASKETS TOGETHER!**

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