# Celebrate the beauty of God's creation...

...experience the fellowship of God's people...

...attend St. George's Parish Weekend at Shrine Mont

### A Note about T-Shirts

Some people love them, some people don't. We are offering t-shirts for those who want them at a cost of \$10 each. If you would like one, please indicate size (Youth and Adult sizes available) and color (Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Purple). Orders due by 7/1/2023.

# Shirts x \$10 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

#### Why Come?

There are hundreds of reasons why you should come. Here are a few:



- O Programs for children, youth and adults
- o Colorful mountains in the fall
- o Porch sitting
- o Hike the North Mountain
- o Hayrides
- o Flashlight tag
- o Fishing
- o Bonfire with marshmallows and singing

#### Where is Shrine Mont...

It is nestled among the trees at the foot of Great North Mountain at Orkney Springs in the Shenandoah Valley about two hours from Fredericksburg.





St. George's Episcopal Church



## Parish Weekend at Shrine Mont

October 6-8, 2023

Shrine Mont Orkney Springs, VA Shrine Mont is a place where people are more important than things; where prayer and reflection, rest and recreation are more important than appointments and tasks. Shrine Mont is where we connect as a community and finally have time to meet each other, laugh together, and share stories of difficult commutes and...set life down for awhile. Shrine Mont is a place where kids play out in God's own creation and we all give thanks for streams and flowers and ponds full of fish. Shrine Mont is marshmallows and memories—a place where we celebrate being part of the family of God.



#### The Program...Wonderfully Made

Our theme this year is "Wonderfully Made!" The Psalmist tells us that "I will praise you; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are your works; and my soul knows it full well." (Psalm 139:14)

As we live into St. George's vision of worshipping together, loving God and each other, loving our community, and welcoming all with love, our morning program this year will feature a panel of speakers. We are excited to introduce FREDtalks: Faith. Relationships. Evangelism, and Discipleship!

We will also provide special activities on Saturday morning for youth and teens to reconnect with their friends. On-site activities may include a nature hike, yoga, creative art, and games.

Our planned afternoon activities include Crafternoon hosted by The House with free art activities to bring out your creativity and conversations with friends, old and new. There will also be a Hymn Sing, so start thinking about your favorite hymns with 4 part harmony!

The Accommodations... The Shrine Mont retreat facility is owned by the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia and operates independently as a full service conference and retreat center. Lodging is in a quaint old hotel and nearby cottages, all with private baths. Meals are served in the large dining room of Virginia House, the main conference facility.

Free time activities .. Shrine Mont has something for everyone - unlessyou are looking for a TV! Ac-tivities include fishing, hiking, porch sitting, sleeping, playing music with friends, crafts, reading, playing cards, hayrides, games, wading in the lake. This year, we will host a Saturday Crafternoon—with opportunities for arts and crafts for all ages.

Plus...If there is a need, our own great NURSERY comes with us for childcare during adult programming. It is a tradition that we have a **BONFIRE** on Saturday evening and we **WORSHIP** on Sunday morning in the beautiful open air shrine - the Cathedral Shrine of the Transfiguration, the Cathedral of the Diocese of Virginia.



Also...Scholarships are available to any parishioner; please speak to any of our clergy or co-chairs. Funding requests will be held in confidence. Sharing and receiving are nurturing elements in our Community growth—if resources permit, consider contributing to our scholarship fund. Donations will be cheerfully accepted and greatly appreciated.

Questions or more info...contact Danielle Davis at danielle@stgeorgesepiscopal.net or Wendy Cannon at wendyccannon@gmail.com.

#### WEEKEND REGISTRATION FORM

Registration and payment due by July 15 No refunds after September 1, 2023

Register now with a non-refundable \$50 deposit.

Name(s):	
Children (Names and ages):	
Please include preferred pronouns.	<del></del>
Address:	
Telephone (home):	
E-Mail:	
I would like: A Quieter RoomRoom nA Single RoomNo Pre	ear action ference
Special Needs (crib, gluten free med	als, food allergies, etc.)
Transportation to Bonfire and/or t	o Shrine:
Price includes lodging, activities,	and meals.
Adults: Double \$175 each; Single Teens 14 to 19: \$175 Youth 4 to 13: \$110 Children 0 to 3: Free	\$230 Cap of
Amount Enclosed:	\$570
*Household includes adults and dependent children in one house. Balance paid by parish scholarship funds.	per Household*

You may also register online at www.stgeorgesepiscopal.net/fellowship/shrine-mont

Please tear off and mail with payment to: St. George's Episcopal Church PO Box 7127 Fredericksburg, VA 22404