



**MEN'S RETREAT**

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# Welcome!

We are so glad that you will be joining us for the **Men's Retreat**. These weekends are designed to prepare and equip men to be godly men in their church, families, and workplaces. Please feel free to ask any staff member for assistance during the weekend. We want to be able to remove distractions so that you can focus on connecting with God and the other men.

## Important Weekend Information

### Check-In

Check-In is from 6:00PM– 8:00PM on Friday at Grace Adventures in the Keep.

- Please have one person prepared to handle final payment at Check-In for yourself or your group
- Your housing assignment will be given when you Check-In. One of our staff will direct you to your housing location
- Upon Check-In, each person will receive a **Men's Retreat** booklet that contains the weekend schedule, workshop information, campus map, activity options and more. Please hang on to your booklet for the duration of the weekend
- Upon Check-In, each person will receive a name badge. We ask that you wear these badges all weekend so that we know you are participating in the event and so that you can get to know other men
- If you know that you or your group will be Checking In after 8:00PM, please call our office so we can offer assistance with Check-In when you arrive
- Please do not arrive before 6:00PM on Friday as we may be serving other groups at that time

### Move-In

You may move into your housing after you have Checked-In

- If you are being housed in the Retreat Center or Lodge, please park your vehicle and move your belongings into your housing unit
- If you are being housed in the Cabins, we will have staff to assist you in moving your belongings if you desire

### Friday Night Snack

There is a snack provided during Check-In for all attendees in the Beacon. If you require a more substantial meal on Friday night, please plan to visit one of the fast food locations or restaurants located just off the Hart/Mears exit.

### Weekend Meal Times

During Check-In, you will receive your specified meal times. If you are part of a group, your whole group will be listed under the same meal time. Please adhere to these meal times throughout the **weekend so that everyone will have a place to eat. Some meals are "Open" so you may come when you want.**

# Housing

## On-Campus

- Housing is assigned by Grace Adventures Staff based on group size. Special requests may only be made if there is a need for handicap accessible housing
- Groups will receive their housing assignment when they Check-In
- All Housing units are smoke-free. Please only smoke in the designated areas on campus
- On-Campus attendees must bring their own bedding (*See Packing List on page 8*)
- All housing units are heated and have bathrooms and showers located inside the building
- Firearms are not allowed in housing units
- We try our best to not have separate groups share housing units

## Hotel

- We partner with a local hotel to give our participants a discounted hotel experience. Hotels and rooms will be assigned by Grace Adventures based on group sizes. The only special requests that will be considered are for physical handicaps. Please make sure that your need is indicated on your registration (and, if applicable, communicated to your group leader)
- Hotel rates are based on two people per room. There is an upcharge of \$60.00 for a single occupancy room
- Hotel attendees will be housed at the Dunes Express Inn & Suites.
- You may Check-In to your hotel starting at 3:00PM on Friday or choose to Check-In after the evening events
- Hotels require the names of individual guests for room assignments, please have your group members confirm their name and contact information online by two weeks before the retreat date
- Grace Adventures partners with the hotels for these events, please be respectful and considerate of all other guests during your stay
- Check-Out at the hotel is at 12:00PM on Sunday
- Groups/Individuals are responsible for their own transportation from the hotel to Grace Adventures

## Commuters

- Groups choosing to Commute are not assigned housing on campus
- Commuters may stay for the duration of the program during each day
- Parking is free
- Groups/Individuals are responsible for their own transportation to Grace Adventures

## Weekend Activity Information

### Horseback Trail Rides – Sign-Up Required

Come ride a horse at Paradise Ranch! We'll take you on a ride through our vast system of trails for a chance to enjoy Michigan in March. Please wear long pants, closed-toe shoes, and warm riding clothing. Attendees must be able to mount themselves on a horse to ride. Sign-up sheets will be available in the Keep Lobby after the Friday night session through lunch on Saturday.

### Open Activities

Open activities are available for you to enjoy during scheduled times and have no extra cost. You'll receive the full list of activities and times in your booklet at Check-In.

Open Gym

Laser Tag

Climbing Tower & Other High Adventure Activities

The Man Cave – Couches, Billiards, Ping-Pong, Televised Basketball Games, Foosball

Target Sports

Trap

Archery

Rifles

Handguns

### Large Group Events

Man Games – **In this annual competition you'll get to team up with a group of 6 or more and compete against other groups to become the manliest men at the Men's Retreat.**

Battle Ball Tournament – Get a group of 8-10 guys together to compete in this twist on a classic dodgeball tournament. Show up at the listed start time to check your team in and claim a spot in the bracket.

# Schedule

(This is a tentative schedule for your planning purposes. Details and specifics will be provided at the retreat. Subject to change)

## Friday

6:00 Registration, Snack, and Move In

8:15 Welcome and Session 1

9:45 Evening Activities

## Saturday

7:00 Morning Devotion

7:30 Open Breakfast

9:15 Session 2

11:00 Man Games

12:00 Lunch 1

1:00 Lunch 2

1:00 Afternoon Activities

4:00 Workshop Block

5:15 Man Feast 1

6:15 Man Fest 2

7:30 Session 3

9:30 Evening Activities

## Sunday

7:00 Morning Devotion

7:30-9:00 Open Breakfast

9:30 Session 4

11:00 Depart

# Directions

Grace Adventures is located about 35 miles North of Muskegon, 20 miles South of Ludington, and 80 miles Northwest of Grand Rapids. Grace Adventures is on Upper Silver Lake, almost 7 miles West of US-31. The closest commercial airports are Grand Rapids and Muskegon.

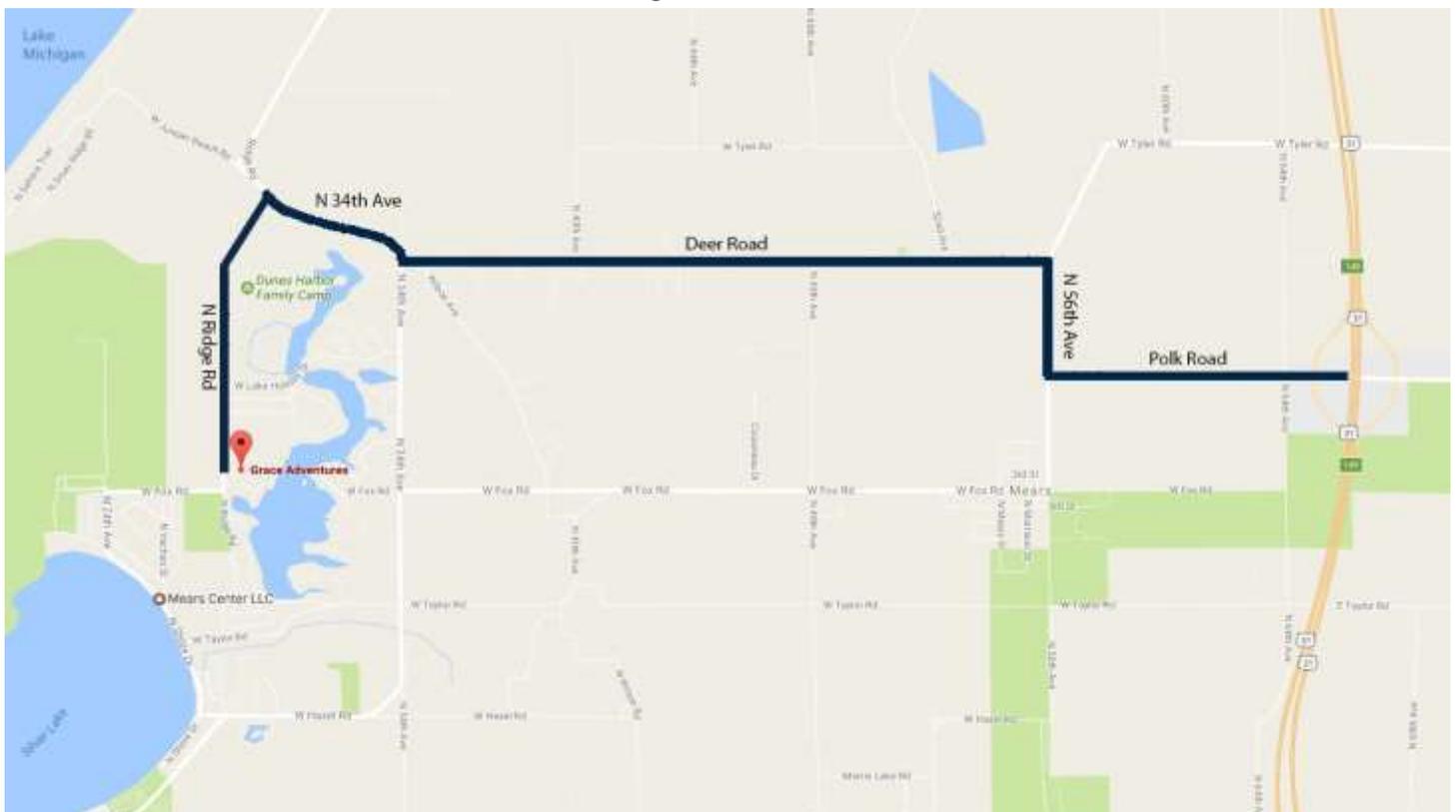
Traveling from Muskegon, follow US-31 Northbound to Hart/Mears (Exit 149). Turn Left (West) and stay on this road until it stops (approx 1 ½ mile) and follow the signs.

Traveling from Ludington, follow US-31 Southbound to Hart/Mears (Exit 149). Turn Right (West) and stay on this road until it stops (approx 1 ½ mile) and follow the signs.

Traveling from Grand Rapids, follow I-96 West to Muskegon, then follow the above directions from Muskegon.

Note: During Winter/Spring 2017, Silver Dam Road, off of W Taylor Rd is closed. Please take 56<sup>th</sup> Ave North to Deer Road to get to Grace Adventures.

Grace Adventures Address:  
2100 N Ridge Rd, Mears, MI 49436



# Directions

# Campus Map



## What to Bring

- Bedding (Sleeping Bag/Sheets and Pillow)
- Toiletries (Including Towels)
- Warm, outdoor, comfortable clothes
- Bible, Notebook, Pen, Highlighter
- Fishing Gear (weather permitting)
- Closed-toe shoes
- Guns and Ammunition in locked cases (bring your own or use ours)
  - Includes rifles, pistols, bows, crossbows, and shotguns
- Flashlight
- Camera and/or GoPro (optional)
- Spending Money for Camp Store

*We recommend that you “unplug” during this retreat. Internet, Cell phones, and other electronics can be a distraction. We will require that phones and other devices are silenced during sessions and events. Anything brought on campus, including electronics, is the owner’s responsibility. We are not responsible for items that are lost, stolen, or broken.*

*All firearms and weapons need to be in a locked vehicle when not in use.*

*Grace Adventures has zero tolerance for illegal substances and/or intoxicants, including marijuana and alcohol, on all of our properties, in all of our facilities and vehicles, and at all of our events. All such substances are strictly prohibited.*

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# Frequently Asked Questions

## What does the Registration Fee Include?

In short, everything! The registration fee is all-inclusive. All housing, meals, and activities are included. The only extra money you may need is for extra snacks and drinks at our Camp Store during the weekend.

## Seriously, we can bring our own guns?

Yes. We encourage guys who like to shoot their own guns to bring them and ammunition. There will be times for shooting guns at our ranges. We have a rifle range, shotgun trap shooting range, pistol range, and archery range. While firearms are not in use, they **MUST** be locked in vehicles. No firearms are allowed in housing units.

## What if any of us have special dietary needs?

We are happy to accommodate some dietary needs and restrictions that our guests may have. We are pleased to offer gluten free, dairy free, peanut/tree nut free and vegetarian options. If your allergy/dietary restrictions fall into any of these four categories please inform us at least one week prior to your experience by filling out those needs on your online health form. If your allergy/dietary needs exceed those listed above please contact our Executive Chef, Pam Schutter, at [pam@graceadventures.org](mailto:pam@graceadventures.org) or 231-873-3662 to make arrangements to bring your own food.

## Is Wi-Fi available during the retreat?

Because of the beautiful and remote area that surrounds us, we do not offer Wi-Fi to our guests during their stay. We encourage you to disconnect from the internet and enjoy time in nature and with the other men in your group.

## How many people usually come to the **Men's Retreats**?

Every weekend is different and will have a variable number of people, but our capacity for the weekends is 240 total people. Typically weekends will be between 200-240 people.

## Are your buildings handicap accessible?

Many of our buildings and housing units are handicap accessible, but not every housing unit and activity site. We have paved sidewalks that go between the main session space, gymnasium, dining hall, the Lodge housing unit, and the Retreat Center housing unit. There is a significant amount of walking required to get around campus. If you require handicap accessible lodging or accommodations, please let our staff know ahead of time so that we can plan for those needs.

## What should we do in case of emergencies?

In the event of an emergency, please call 911 and inform a Grace Adventures staff member. Make sure your men have the proper insurance and medical information on hand. At Check-In **you'll be given more information on** how to reach a staff member at any time. The nearest hospital is Mercy Health Lakeshore in Shelby, MI. (72 S State St, Shelby, MI 49455)