



2016 MIDWEST MEN'S RETREAT – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

This is my first retreat. What is the property like?

Most of the buildings on our property were built by men going through our leadership development training many years ago. There is a main lodge that serves as a recreation area and also has rooms for lodging. Three other houses used for retreat lodging are close to the main lodge, as well as one additional house further up on a hill (with a beautiful view!). The other lodging is rustic cabins with bathhouses you can get to by trail. We will have our sessions and eat in the main dining room building located near the lodge

Is Morning Star Ranch really out in the middle of nowhere?

Yes! We are 30 miles from a decent sized town so make sure you have everything you need when you arrive. The roads are dirt roads and you will need to do a bit of walking to and from activities. But the scenery is beautiful! The cell signal is very spotty and Wi-Fi is only available in select places, most likely not in the place where you will be sleeping.

What are the bedrooms like?

The bedrooms will encourage you to bond with the other men in your group! You will be sharing a room and bathroom with 2-5 other men. All the beds are twin mattresses so **you will need to bring a sleeping bag or twin sheets and a blanket and pillow along with a towel and all your toiletries.** Most of these beds are bunk beds. If you cannot physically make it up to a top bunk, please tell us when you register and we will ensure you get a bottom bunk.

Who sponsors this event?

World Impact, in partnership with The Urban Ministry Institute (TUMI), sponsors the SIAFU men's and women's retreats. World Impact is a Christian missions organization committed to facilitating church-planting movements by evangelizing, equipping and empowering America's unchurched urban poor. World Impact has sites across the country from Los Angeles, CA to Wichita, KS to Newark, NJ and other cities in between. This retreat is specifically sponsored by our World Impact site in Wichita, Kansas.

You call this a "SIAFU" Retreat? What is SIAFU?

The SIAFU Network is a national association of chapters anchored in local urban churches and ministries dedicated to the city. These chapters are designed to help identify, equip and release spiritually qualified servant leaders to reach and transform our neediest, unreached communities in urban America. SIAFU is an African ant that is vulnerable and alone, but mighty when formed into an army. We use the image of the SIAFU ant to underscore our belief that the local church community is God's chosen agent to represent His invincible kingdom, and that individuals by themselves are at risk to attack, discouragement, and failure. Our SIAFU Retreats (both men's and women's) are designed specifically to give attendees the opportunity to connect with others in your locale, state, and region, integrating you with other churches and believers who share your vision and commitment to transforming the city in Christ's name

What should I bring?

See our "What to Bring" info sheet.

What if my job calls at the last minute and I can't make it, can I get a refund?

Unfortunately, we cannot issue any refunds. However, you can talk to your church/group leader about finding another man to take your place and cover the cost.

Contact Andrew Medlen at amedlen@worldimpact.org with any other questions.