

DARE WEEKEND 2008

INFORMATION

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Camp address: Highland Lakes Camp

EMERGENCY NUMBER: 512-264-1777

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Dear **Danforth Area Directors** and **Consultants**,

(The best way to use this information is to PRINT IT and start a folder or three-ring notebook for ALL of your **DARE WEEKEND** info ... registration flier ... plane tickets ... etc. Keep adding to it as you get more info and bring it with you in the car or airplane. **DARE Weekend** is going to be SO EXCITING! We will have LOTS of WONDERFUL Danforth Area Consultants and Directors attending. And especially to have a **POWERFUL GUEST INNER CIRCLE SrNSD SUZANNE BROTHERS VARLEY & HER HUSBAND MIKE** ... plus ... **RAUL DOMINGUEZ from Ruby Sales Development**. I know we will have a GREAT time together! There will be lots of time for sharing and relaxing ... and **BONDING WITH YOUR DANFORTH PEERS** ... the women with whom you will go arm-in-arm into your MK future! Can't wait to have time with YOU!

Most of your questions will be answered when you read to the bottom ...

REGISTRATION:

The registration deadline has been extended to Friday, Sept 26th, midnight).

Consultants & Directors: \$160 – covers meals from Friday Dinner through Sunday Brunch plus your "bunk" and linens for bed and bath. (I suggest you bring a beach towel & extra washcloths ... or disposable ones)

Register on our Website on the **PayPal registration page**. Remember to refresh/reload the Web pages as you click through them so that you are getting the newest info.

The "**NORMAL**" **REGISTRATION (\$160)** is for arriving Friday and departing Sunday (two nights / three days). The other options are for your convenience if you want to relax before and/or after the three-day program (Fri/Sat/Sun). Those options include the meals during that time frame (breakfast/lunch/dinner). The camp cannot prorate with any more detail than this.

We have **separate Director Registration & Consultant Registration** with identical options within both registration formats for you to choose your nights (some want to come in early and/or stay late). Zac has told me that almost any problem with registering would be "user error" or use of an "old" computer without the necessary operating system to allow you to go through the registration steps. If you are having

problems that you can't figure out, please email Zac (Jennifer & I can't figure out the problems either). Zac's email is:

webmaster@patdanforth.com

PayPal receipts are available on the **PayPal Confirmation page**. Be sure to print it then for we don't ever have access to one for you. (Hint.)

I will do a drawing from the **first 50 Registered Directors or Consultants**. The **prize will be a FULL REFUND of the Registration Fee \$160** ... you must be present to win. :)

TRAVEL INFO:

DRIVING ... There are maps and clear written directions (from me!) posted on our **DARE Weekend** page of our Area Website:

FLYING ... We live outside of **AUSTIN** on the West side of Lake Travis. Austin is the capitol of Texas and has a very nice airport. Unfortunately, you will probably have to make connections to get here, depending on which airline you fly. Be sure that when you book your flights, you say **AUSTIN, TEXAS**. I have had reservations people think I said "Boston"!!!! You also could fly in to Dallas or San Antonio and rent a car. It will be a 4-hour drive from Dallas and a 2-hour drive from San Antonio. The Austin Airport is on the Southeast side of town, and we are on the West side of town. It takes almost an hour to drive to the camp even without the "rush hour" traffic that we will have after 4pm ... and we will start dinner and the program on time at 6pm. Sign-in will be from 2:30pm – 5:30pm, dinner at 6pm. Late sign-in will also be available from 7-10pm, but you'll miss part of the program. You will probably want to travel with your friends or connect with them at the airport. If you arrive earlier than they do, you may need to wait (I LOVE those moments ... read a book ... or better, book someone!). You will need to make & pay for your own arrangements. Remember that the airport security is REALLY strict about liquids ... and they consider even lip gloss and mascara to be liquids! Each airport should be the same but they aren't. I would recommend packing all of your (minimal, remember) cosmetics in your checked luggage just to be safe. If you have questions call your local airport.

Contact SuperShuttle ... 512-258-3826 / 1-800-bluevan / www.supershuttle.com

You will need to give them the camp address. These are the prices they quoted me:

One person = \$71.50	2 = \$81.50 total	3 = \$91.50 total
4 = \$101.50 total	5 = \$111.50 total	6 = \$121.50 total
7 = \$131.50 total	8 = \$141.50 total	9 = \$151.50 total

Divide the "total" by the number of you riding together (ie. 5 would pay \$22.30). That doesn't include a tip for the driver. They said they can fit 10 in a "Blue Van" but I wouldn't think that it would include all of your luggage ... even though you are "packing light"!!!

Larger groups can contact SuperShuttle at ... 1-800-622-2089 ext #2. It might even be more cost-effective to rent a car for 3-5 of you, but you won't need it.

SIGN-IN & DEPARTURE TIMES:

If you MUST arrive late or leave earlier than our “official” schedule, please think of the BIG PICTURE of **DARE Weekend**. It is like having guests arrive late or leave early from your Skin Care Class. They don't know it, but they have missed something. I know this may be challenging timing for some of you, depending on your job, other family responsibilities, where you live, how far you drive, or what airport you use, but if at all possible, please arrive/leave in the scheduled times. Think, "what if everyone?" That said, for those who truly cannot arrive/leave within the schedule, know that I would much rather have you HERE for whatever part you can attend and I trust you to figure it out the best way. Just please keep in mind that asking another Consultant or Director to arrive late or leave early in order to meet you at the airport or take you in her car, is asking HER to miss something important.

SIGN-IN ... The camp will be available to us at noon on Friday. You will need to eat lunch before you get here. There are several opportunities on Hwy 71 coming from Austin. MacDonald's is on the right at Bee Caves Road and Rosie's (good Mexican food) is on the right just past 620. There are also two opportunities on Pace Bend Road. Lee's on the right about 2 miles from Hwy 71 (good hamburgers) and Moon River on the left set way back off the road just before the Camp entrance (lots of options). Both are "dives" but Tim and I eat there and haven't died. The pool will be open for you from 12-4pm if you want to relax there. **Actual SIGN-IN will be between 2:30-5:30pm. It will be A LOT OF FUN so don't miss it.** If you can sign-in by four please do, so that we can stagger the sign-ins as much as possible.

DEPARTURE ... We will all leave the camp after Brunch and Closing on Sunday. Most DEPART for the AUSTIN AIRPORT beginning at 1PM, with flights scheduled no earlier than 4PM. You will need to make and pay for your own arrangements. The SuperShuttle is perfect for this too.

“CAMP” INFO:

1 - This is a casual setting. While my personality is very resistant to change (I am as much an "S" as a "D") I have changed the weekend locations and formats many times through the years. I have done weekends my home ... in expensive hotels ... in inexpensive hotels ... at "fancy" retreat centers ... and at rustic retreat centers. This is rustic. Rustic does not mean uncomfortable. We had a wonderful time last year and anticipate that again for this year. Please remember that it is not your wedding ... wedding reception ... honeymoon ... and you are not moving in. It is only two nights and it is FUN! :)

2 - Accommodations vary. There are "hotel" rooms for Directors, DIQs, FutDir, & Team Leaders. Sr. Consultants & Consultants will be in “Dorms”. Most did fine with that and actually had fun with it. They make a lot more friends than when they stay with just 3 or 4 in a hotel room. This is a retreat center, but it is comfortable, air-conditioned, the food is plentiful and good (special dietary dishes are available), linens are provided (except that those in Dorms must bring their own blanket), and the staff is

accommodating. The center directors of the retreat center go to church with Tim & me, they like us, and it is located 5.4 (less than five and one half) miles from my front door.

3 - ALL Consultants & Directors are invited. I have also done a variety of "qualifications" through the years, but have found that it made early commitment a challenge for women who questioned their ability to qualify, and left out a lot of women who could have been inspired, educated, motivated, be-friended, and blessed by attending. Recognition for different levels of achievement will be plentiful: seating ... stage time ... classes ... meals.

4 - Husbands are not included. I would love to include the husbands, but I think it will require a different location to do that.

5 - Directors and Consultants will arrive and leave at the same time. Again, I have done a variety of schedules with this ... most Directors seem to prefer traveling with their Consultants ... it is extra "bonding time" for the Unit!

6 - We ARE including Adoptees at this event. ... ONLY if they do not have a National, or if their National is not doing a Retreat. I am a FIRM BELIEVER in the Adoptee program. I am a product of it ... our Area is a product of it ... and I have always welcomed Adoptees (I was MKHQ Miss Go-Give in January 1989). These are some of the aspects that I consider:

1) Including Adoptees often tempts people closer to another Area's retreat to go there instead of their own Area's retreat. I think I speak for most NSDs when I say that we want our people to attend our own Area retreat. And I KNOW I speak for Mary Kay who was adamant about not inviting other Director's/NSD's people to attend your retreat instead of their own.

2) This is not a money-making project for me. I absorb the extra costs.

3) I won't include people when I need numbers and then exclude them as our Area grows.

4) Our numbers are growing rapidly AND we will pick up three more Areas in the next three and a half years! As long as we can include Adoptees we will, however, I also need to plan now for the upcoming growth of your Units and our Area as a whole.

ATTIRE/PACKING:

TRAVEL ATTIRE ... You know how I am about driving/flying in to Seminar, Career Conference, etc dressed professionally. Well, there will be a slight adjustment since you literally can't arrive in heels at this camp ... you couldn't walk! AND you will not have a "closet" for hanging anything. For travel, please dress "cute skirted casual". My definition: modest dress or top and skirt with flat sandals (can you believe "no panty hose necessary"!). Compared to the way most people travel you will still be the most class act in the airport and on the plane!!

CAMP ATTIRE ... Think "Girl Scout Camp". It is rustic/austere, could be REALLY HOT / REALLY COLD. If you don't like Texas weather, stick around for a few minutes, it will change. I want you to be comfortable so bring comfy, layered clothing. I will personally have on denim skirt/shorts/jeans the entire weekend!

PACKING LIGHT ... Bring the smallest suitcase/duffle you can. with one hanger for your dress/skirt&top that you can hang from the end of your bunk bed. I am packing:

- Power Bars so that if you are hungry due to “time-change-differences” you have something to eat
- Swim suit & beach towel ... the towel can double as an extra shower towel or blanket
- 2 pairs shorts or pants or jeans
- 2 T-shirts or sweat shirts
- Sweater or jacket
- PJs and undies
- MINIMAL cosmetics (this will be interesting!), including medications, sunscreen, & insect repellent (we didn't have many insects last year, but you never know). I LOVE the Cutter SkinSations. It's got aloe, moisturizer, and actually smells good.

Remember the airline restrictions.

- Extra washcloths ... disposable or cleansing cloths are great
- **PLEASE NOTE**: Consultants will be in the lodges/dormitories and for some reason they must bring their own blanket. ?!?!? Directors are in the “hotel” part which has blankets provided. ?!?!? Pillows are provided for everyone, but if you LOVE your pillow, bring it with you!

Additional items you might want:

Business Cards

Checkbooks (you may want to order CDs of the classes, etc.)

Camera

Extension cord or power strip (few electrical outlets available)

Notebooks & pens

Flashlight

MEALS:

The menus at the Dining Hall are healthy down-home types of food. There is also fruit available at breakfast/brunch and a big salad bar accompanying each lunch and dinner. The food is always a big hit ... and it will give enough options for those with dietary restrictions. Plus, they are equipped to work out any special needs. (OK, not just special desserts!) If you have a (truly) special dietary need you must email my assistant, Jennifer, by Sept 26th: jennifer@patdanforth.com

“BUNKING”:

Yes, it is BUNK BEDS. If you need a lower bunk there are plenty. The CAMP LODGES/DORMITORIES have approximately one sink, shower, and toilet per 8-10 people when the dorm is full. We will not fill each of the lodges/dorms we are using ... we get to “spread out” a little to make it more comfortable for you. Still, I would urge you to “come clean” on Friday and to plan minimal “hair-styling” during the two days! Remember ... think “Girl Scout Camp”.