

Ferry Beach Retreat
for
Memorial Day Weekend 2024
Friday, May 24 – Monday, May 27
First Parish in Concord &
First Parish in Lexington



As we have for many years, First Parish in Concord and First Parish in Lexington will have an official retreat together at the Ferry Beach Retreat and Conference Center in Saco, Maine over Memorial Day Weekend. Families, couples, and singles of all ages are welcome and encouraged to attend! The joint Ferry Beach Retreat Committee is busy making plans for our weekend!

Registration is by a new process that has **two parts** this year as follows:

- 1) **Register and pay** for lodging, meals, and fees directly with Ferry Beach, using the this website that is specific to our weekend:

[bit.ly/2024FBRegistration](https://www.ferrybeach.org/2024FBRegistration) (case sensitive, so copy exactly)

You'll be able to choose your lodging type and place (dorm, cabin, cottage, or camping) including requesting specific rooms (put this in the notes). To see choices ahead of time, see <https://www.ferrybeach.org/lodging.html>. If you prefer, you can call 207-282-4489 x1 to speak to a member of the Ferry Beach registration team and register that way. Be sure to tell them you are from our congregation to get the discounted prices for our weekend. **You must use the specific website above or tell them over the phone that you are with our congregation in order to get the special rates they are offering us.**

Registration is first come, first served, so the sooner you register, the more choices you'll have for lodging! Please register soon and latest by May 9, if at all possible.

- 2) **Complete your Registration** by filling out our **Google form** (Registration, Part 2) with info that will come directly to the joint Planning Committee. Please find the form here:

[bit.ly/2024FBRegistrationPart2](https://www.ferrybeach.org/2024FBRegistrationPart2) (case sensitive, so copy exactly)

Lodging and Meal Costs for Memorial Day Weekend Retreat (Friday – Monday):

Lodging – for 3 nights, cost is per room or cottage

For an explanation of each type of lodging, see www.ferrybeach.org/lodging

- Dorm room – \$85/night
- Metz cabin, full cabin – \$145/night
- Kelley Cottage, full cottage – \$285/night
- Morris Cottage, full cottage – \$380/night
- Cross Cottage (each private room) – \$125/night
- Camping – Campsite \$35/night, Small RV site \$40/night, Large RV site \$45/night

Meal Plan – 8 meals, cost is per person

Note: Pre-prepared foods are prohibited in the dining hall (e.g. take-out meals) but pre-packaged foods are permitted (e.g. bag of chips).

The DeWolfe Dining room will not be open Friday evening, but the Dolphin Room (former dining room in Quillen) will be available for gathering at any time.

8 meals = 3 meals on Saturday & Sunday, plus Breakfast & Lunch on Monday

- Adults (18 years +) – \$128 (for 8 meals)
- Youth (9-17 years) – \$104 (for 8 meals)
- Children 8 years and younger – free

There will be a place in the Ferry Beach online registration form to indicate any dietary restrictions or preferences (e.g. allergies, vegetarian, etc.) For any questions about lodging and meals, please call Ferry Beach registration.

Additional Fee: This year we have an added fee that will be collected by Ferry Beach with your registration, but will come to our congregations to cover the cost of various materials, activities, Social Hour snack platters and soft drinks, and lifeguard coverage. Therefore, when you register with Ferry Beach, the following fees will be included in your bill:

- \$25 per Adult (age 19+)
- \$15 Youth (9-18 years)
- Free for Children 8 years and under

Activities that we've loved over the years are being planned again – Sunday night Talent Show, Croquet Tournament, Sand Structure Contest, Bingo, Bracelet Making. Let the Planning Committee know if you'd like to offer an activity or help with something!

The Ferry Beach Retreat & Conference Center follows the most recent COVID guidelines in Maine. See www.ferrybeach.org/covid-19.html for current guidelines.

If you have questions about Ferry Beach, especially if you have never attended before, feel free to contact your co-chairs:

First Parish in Concord: Darien Smith (darien@smithquest.com)

First Parish in Lexington: Deb Weiner Soule (djweiner101@gmail.com) or
Elisabeth Jas (svenjas@msn.com)

If you love Ferry Beach, even if can't go Memorial Day Weekend or are still not comfortable gathering in a large group this year, you may want to consider making a contribution to Ferry Beach – they are still building back after the last four seasons. If later in the summer may be possible for you, check out their summer workshops or the possibility of booking your personal retreat time there. To donate or explore summer programs at Ferry Beach, please see www.ferrybeach.org.