

# Winter Promise Retreat 2010

## Time Together

We've created this weekend for women to connect,  
but also for couples to enjoy together!

We hope this weekend you'll meet wonderful new friends, who, like you, are homeschooling. This retreat is designed to allow you to connect and create new, wonderful friendships. Many of those attending are using Winter Promise or hope to use it. Creator and author of the Winter Promise materials, and her husband, Don, will be sharing this weekend with you as you hear from them in workshops and swap ideas. You'll also have chances to share supportive encouragement to the other ladies attending, and learn more about homeschooling and Winter Promise. It is the heartbeat of Winter Promise that we be your servants and help to encourage and bless your heart!

This is a weekend designed around YOU!

### Lots of Great Times!

You're going to love this weekend filled with fun activities and plenty of free time! You'll enjoy times of getting to know other parents as you chat, play games, work on crafts, exchange ideas, or just sip coffee together! Listen in on devotionals, and share and pray together with other parents.

### Create Your Own Free Time

Best of all, it's up to you how many things you participate in -- create as much free time for yourself as you'd like. Go or don't go . . . stay up late, or got to bed early -- it's up to you! In addition, there's nearby shopping. You can drive yourself or catch a hotel shuttle to nearby attractions.

### Excursion - Belle Meade Plantation!

A marvelous tour of the mansion and grounds of the historic Belle Meade Plantation.



You are Not Going to Believe  
What We've Got Planned!

## The Gaylord Opryland Resort

April 29th to May 2nd, 2010

A premiere resort at an unbelievable price -- just for you!  
Nashville, Tennessee

Have you ever been to the Gaylord Opryland Resort in Nashville? It does defy imagination. It is a huge, sprawling indoor resort that has several different atrium areas with such attractions as an indoor river (yes, an indoor river!), indoor waterfalls, fountains, a spa, large shopping areas, several restaurants, and indoor walking paths to enjoy the tropical plants and water features. This is a fantastic place to relax -- almost anywhere you choose to sit you'll enjoy the sound of running water and a slight breeze.



We've managed to get an unbelievable weekend rate for our families to enjoy this wonderful time together! We're very much encouraging spouses to come together, if you can, as we'll have activities that both women and men are going to enjoy, and it is just plain a very romantic place!

We've even scheduled an evening dinner time for you to be on your own to enjoy with your sweetheart or go out with a group of gals you've met.

In addition, we're planning an excursion to Belle Meade Plantation for all of us to explore together, enjoying a tour of the mansion and plantation grounds on Friday morning.

This is a weekend for parents to enjoy!





# The Basics



## A Fantastic Location

We've already told you a little about the incredible hotel we'll enjoy -- you're just going to love how nice it is to just sit, relax and enjoy the sumptuous surroundings! **Let us just add a word about why we chose Nashville again.** Well, there are very few cities as central to as many states and people as Nashville is, while still being quite affordable. You may be surprised to discover that 60% of the entire population of the United States lives within a 8.5 hour drive from Nashville. That also means that a significant number of people would be closer than that! And, Nashville's airport is convenient and easy to access from the hotel. In trying to host our retreat at a place most easily reached by the greatest number of people, we kept coming back to Nashville as offering centrality, affordable airline fares, and great services. We hope you'll find that's true as you make your travel plans!

## You'll Love New Features!

This year we're including new things requested by our parents. We're offering times for discussion groups on various topics, which should allow parents to more freely exchange ideas about programs, age challenges, and more. We're also encouraging men to come along, with new activities geared for men, and workshop topics that men will really get into, as well.

## A Great Date

The retreat is scheduled for April 29th to May 2nd, 2010. We've checked around the country for major conventions and tried to avoid most of them, so that you can attend without missing your favorite convention! This time of year is beautiful in Nashville, so we feel certain you'll love your time away!

## A Fantastic Price

We have negotiated a simply fabulous price for our parents. The Gaylord is a top resort and it is likely you'll enjoy it so much you don't want to leave! Though the usual room rate per night at the Gaylord is usually around \$250 per night (including parking, resort fees and taxes) we are offering our retreat for just \$325 a person. This includes:

- A three-night stay, if you take advantage of our bonus night
- Most of your meals -- Saturday's supper is on your own for a date or fun!
- A catered meal at the Gaylord
- All your workshops and discussion groups
- Access around the clock to our meeting space and WinterPromise products, Friday through Sunday
- Free parking and shuttle to nearby shopping
- A 5% discount on your first order at or after the retreat (as long as you register before February 1, 2010)

## You'll Be Able to Place Your Order

At various times over the weekend, you could place your order and submit it to Don, Karen or Autumn. Autumn will be especially available on Saturday afternoon to help with assembling orders and finalizing them. Remember, you'll get an additional 5% off your first order at or after the retreat.

# A Weekend Filled with Fun

You're going to love this weekend filled with fun activities and plenty of free time! You'll enjoy a night of fun getting to know other parents in a variety of activities. There will be time, for instance, to get to know other couples or moms sitting in a serene place in the hotel to the sound of fountains and waterfalls in the background. Moms can take time to "scrap and chat" with friends late night or browse through curriculum in the wee hours. Men can connect with other guys at our Risk or Axis and Allies night. Listen in on workshops designed to encourage you and give you other great ideas, and share and even pray together with other parents.

Best of all, it's up to you how many things you participate in -- create as much free time for yourself as you'd like. Go or don't go ... stay up late or go to bed early--it's up to you! Plus, there's a night all your own to find your own supper, either with friends, alone or with your sweetheart. Finally, not only will you relax in your room or in the hotel's huge, tropical common area, but you'll also relish the meals we'll enjoy all weekend. (Not to mention snacks with friends late night!)

Most importantly, there will be plenty of time to make new friends, exchange great ideas, and connect with other parents whose mission for their family is that same as your own. Parents who've come to retreats in the past make friendships they really value. Fun activities will get you involved in learning new ways to make the most of your homeschooling journey, while allowing you plenty of time to just have fun!

PLUS, there will be fantastic perks including prizes and giveaways, and attendees will be some of the first to finger through our new releases. AND, all registrants who register before February 1st will receive a 5% discount off their next product purchase anytime during or after the retreat.

## A Great Place to Enjoy Being Together

The hotel we've chosen offers rooms that are spacious, with two double beds. You'll share your room with a roommate. There's are multiple, wonderful common areas with tables for small group chats. Within an easy distance is shopping and other things to do, and a hotel shuttle will take you there, if you'd like to get out for awhile.

### **TO SEE THE GAYLORD OPRYLAND FOR YOURSELF:**

<http://www.gaylordhotels.com/gaylord-opryland/index.html>

### **TO GET DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO THE GAYLORD OPRYLAND:**

<http://www.gaylordhotels.com/gaylord-opryland/directions-transportation/directions/index.html>

For your GPS, the physical address is: 2800 Opryland Drive, Nashville, TN 37214

If you are coming in by air, you'll get a time for pick-up as we approach the retreat.

## Relaxation!

There will also be plenty of built in time for just relaxing! If you like to do scrapbooking or other crafts, the meeting room is ours while we're there in which to do some late-night scrapping and curriculum browsing together.

### **What Else Should I Bring?**

Other than the usual things needed for a weekend away, you may want to bring a notebook and pen for note-taking at the workshops, a Bible for a devotional time, and snacks to share with friends. You'll be able to work in some free time, too, if you want to, so you might want to bring a good book along!

# Ways to Learn

## Winter Promise Workshops

### **Encountering the Ancient World! - Friday 4:00-5:00 pm with Karen Brooks**

Discover WP's popular multi-level program, "Quest for the Ancient World." Hear an overview of what you'll encounter in the first program of WP's four-year world history cycle. You'll also get ideas on how to use the resources in the program, adding fun interactive experiences and other notebooking ideas, and organizational tips for the program.

### **Healthy Self-Development in Christ - Friday 4:00-5:00 pm with Don Brooks**

Don will walk you through how to reach your child with the truths of being created in the image of God and how that knowledge will affect their entire lives. He will also give practical advice on how to name and develop your child's gifts, and how to work together to overcome your child's weaknesses.

### **Another Program-Related Workshop - Chosen by Parents! - Saturday 10:00-10:45 am with Karen Brooks**

You'll discover another Winter Promise program -- the one chosen by parents who've participated in our Save & Savor Club. Just as outlined for the "Ancient World" workshop above, you'll get an overview, activity ideas and many more ideas for using another WP program.

### **The Homeschool Dad Lifestyle - Saturday 10:00-10:45 am with Don Brooks**

Don will speak to men about the lifestyle of the homeschool family, and how Dad can fully immerse in that lifestyle. He will talk through a dad's involvement and give help on scheduling and supporting your wife. He'll also offer encouragement on how to be a good disciplinarian, exemplifying and communication, and teaching responsibility.

### **Teaching Top Character Quality Traits - Saturday 11:15-12:00 pm with Karen Brooks**

At past retreats, Karen has talked about how to specifically and thoughtfully integrate character growth into your relationship with your child. This year, Karen will offer more in-depth instruction, giving specific helps on developing the character traits that are usually hardest to master -- perseverance, excellence, and humility. As always, this part of the retreat is extremely practical and easy to learn to do.

## Discussion Groups

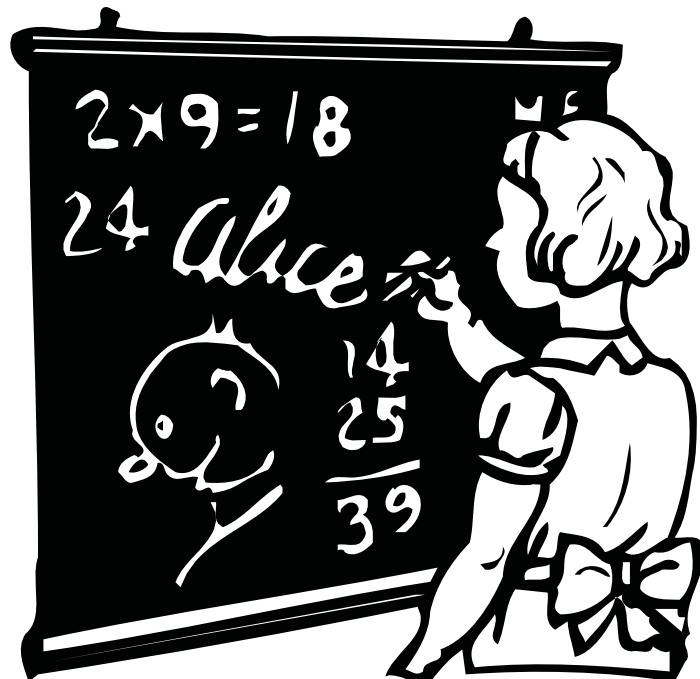
You'll have a chance to sit down with other parents and swap ideas, exchange what works for you and what doesn't, and take in other fantastic ideas offered by your discussion leader. Here are some of the topics that will be a part of discussion groups:

### **Friday at 2:00 pm**

Handling Preschoolers while Schooling	WP Suite
School Spaces & Organization	Meeting Room

### **Saturday at 1:30 pm**

Jr & Sr High - Ways to Make it Work for You	WP Suite
Stuff I Love! Parents "Show and Tell" Time	Meeting Room



# Why You'll Want to Join Save & Savor Club

## **You'll Get Special Perks for Joining!**

In addition to taking care of your retreat in advance, you'll enjoy these perks:

- A gift certificate for \$25 to apply to your program purchase in addition to the 5% retreat discount
- S&S Club members will have a chance to schedule a personal meeting with Karen or Don
- A chance to vote on which program-related workshop you'd like us to do
- A chance to get to know your roommate ahead of time via e-mail (unless you're attending with your spouse!)
- Your choice of one of several resources we'll be offering for free to Save & Savor participants
- A surprise giveaway you'll love - for S&S Club members
- You'll be entered in a drawing for S&S Club members only for a free gift valued at over \$100

## **It Makes It Easy to Afford the Retreat**

You'll have seven months to pay for your retreat -- a little at a time. You'll begin paying for your retreat in October, and will pay monthly through until April. Your first month you'll pay \$55, and pay \$45 every month afterwards. If you join late, you'll have a little more to pay by the payment deadline on April 1st.

## **It Qualifies You for the "Invite a Roomie" Program**

If you are an existing WinterPromise family who has used one of our programs before, and you are able to have a friend join you at the retreat who hasn't used WP before, both of you will get a \$25 gift certificate to use toward your next program purchase.

## **It Qualifies You for a Leadership Meeting**

Have you been wishing to share information with others about WP? This is your opportunity to learn more about how WP is going to help you with that. You'll receive information about a brand new program that will make sharing WP with others so much fun!

## Other Registration Details

**Paying in Full:** Paying in full has its own rewards! You'll get all of the Save & Savor perks and more, but instead of a 5% discount, you'll get a 7% order discount! Your registration is non-refundable, except at the discretion of WP.

### **Deposit & Balance:**

If you choose not to join the Save and Savor club, you'll need to submit your registration with a \$175 deposit. Your balance for the retreat is due by March 15th. The deposit and balance are non-refundable after March 15.

### **Registration Cutoff:**

For everyone, you must register on or before March 15th. If you register right at the cutoff date, you'll need to submit full payment for the retreat.

### **Costs Not Covered:**

We have been offered a free lot on which to park, so there's no need to pay for parking, unless you'd prefer to park closer. Additionally, we have scheduled a dinner on your own for a date with your sweetheart or a fun time with new friends. You can "do it up big" at a hotel restaurant, snack on foods from snack bars in the hotel, grab a bite at a nearby Cracker Barrel or the like, or even get fast food at the food court in the nearby mall via shuttle. It's up to you.

Other costs not covered include the excursion to Belle Meade, which is \$12 a person, assuming we meet the group rate, or taking in a round of golf, etc. These costs are up to you.