

Illinois DCE Retreat Schedule Concept

Monday, November 3, 2025

- 11:00 a.m. Arrive early, bring your own lunch, relax a bit
- Planning Team Members arrive by 10:30 a.m. to greet early arrivers, set up any needed areas, signage, etc.
- 1:00 p.m. Gather, Welcome, Orient to the Retreat
- Planning Team Members share purpose, schedule, group intros, Q & A, etc.
- 2:30 p.m. Teaching Time – Rev. Dr. Jeff Leininger – *Callings for Life: Your Plan, God's Purpose*
- Teaching and discussion time as planned and led by Dr. Jeff
- 4:00 p.m. Rest, Dinner Prep
- Personal and small group times (include specific conversation topic boards/cards)
 - Dinner team (district hosted, but open to those who have an interest in cooking) prepares dinner
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner, Conversation, Games, Walk
- Meal Prayer
 - Dining Together
 - After dinner conversation, games, evening walk
- 7:30 p.m. Evening Worship
- Specific district designed and led, yet open to those who have an interest in providing liturgy, music, and/or prayer leadership

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

- 8:00 a.m. Word & Song (Morning Devotional Time)
- Specific district designed and led, yet open to those who have an interest in providing meditation on God's Word and/or musical leadership
 - Breakfast team (district hosted but open to those who have an interest in cooking) prepares breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast, Conversation
- Meal Prayer
 - Dining Together
- 9:30 a.m. Teaching Time – Rev. Dr. Jeff Leininger – *Callings for Life: Your Plan, God's Purpose*
- Teaching and discussion time as planned and led by Dr. Jeff
- 11:00 a.m. Rest, Lunch Prep
- Personal and small group times (include specific conversation topic boards/cards)
 - Lunch team (district hosted, but open to those who have an interest in cooking) prepares lunch
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch, Conversation, Ministry Updates, Play, Games, Rest
- Meal Prayer
 - Dining Together
 - After lunch conversation, games, rest, walk

Tuesday, November 4, 2025, cont.

- 4:00 p.m. *Callings* Discussion Time – Rev. Dr. Jeff Leininger
- Discussion-focused time based on previous teaching times as planned and led by Dr. Jeff
 - Dinner team (district hosted, but open to those who have an interest in cooking) prepares dinner
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner, Conversation, Games, Walk
- Meal Prayer
 - Dining Together
 - After dinner conversation, games, evening walk
- 7:30 p.m. Evening Worship
- Specific district designed and led, yet open to those who have an interest in providing liturgy, music, and/or prayer leadership

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

- 8:00 a.m. Word & Song (Morning Devotional Time)
- Specific district designed and led yet open to those who have an interest in providing meditation on God's Word and/or musical leadership
 - Breakfast team (district hosted, but open to those who have an interest in cooking) prepares breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast, Conversation
- Meal Prayer
 - Dining Together
- 9:30 a.m. Teaching Time – Rev. Dr. Jeff Leininger – *Callings for Life: Your Plan, God's Purpose*
- Teaching & discussion time as planned and led by Dr. Jeff
- 11:00 a.m. Ministry Conversations, Rest, Departure Prep
- Personal and small group times (include specific conversation topic boards/cards)
 - Lunch team (district hosted, but open to those who have an interest in cooking) prepares lunch
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch & Closing Blessing
- Meal Prayer
 - Dining Together
 - Closing Blessing - Specific district designed and led, yet open to those who have an interest in providing liturgy, music and/or prayer leadership
 - Facility Cleanup by entire group
- 1:00 p.m. Retreat closes, but those who wish are welcome to hang out up until 3:00 p.m.
- Planning Team works with final cleanup