



# What to Pack

The Diakonia Retreat Center is a beautiful mountain camp with comfortable buildings and facilities. Plan for a “camp” atmosphere with gravel paths, a lovely lake and outdoor trails. We will have daily worship in the chapel and you are welcome to wear your casual “campy” clothes as this is an informal gathering. **Wear sturdy and comfortable shoes to walk around the property.** The walk to the church is almost half a mile on a gravel road, and although you may drive or ride with others, many enjoy the walk around the lake.

Pillows, linens, blankets and one towel will be provided, but you may bring your own pillow, washcloth, and extra towel(s) if you like. We will have our meals at scheduled times in the dining hall, as well as an afternoon snack.

## Suggested Items to Pack:

- ❖ Casual clothes
- ❖ A sweater for chilly, air-conditioned rooms
- ❖ Comfortable, sturdy shoes
- ❖ Rain jacket or umbrella
- ❖ Shampoo and soaps (not provided)
- ❖ Hairdryer (not provided)
- ❖ Pens, pencils, highlighters, notepad for class

## Optional items:

- ❖ Your favorite pillow
- ❖ Washcloth, an extra towel, shower shoes
- ❖ Reusable water bottle and/or travel mug
- ❖ Flashlight
- ❖ Antihistamines, bug spray, sunscreen
- ❖ Specialty foods, snacks, soft drinks for your cabin or lodge refrigerator.
- ❖ If staying in the lodge, a tote bag is handy for taking your clothes and toiletries to the bathroom.
- ❖ Your Bible or other reading
- ❖ Fishing rod, boat shoes
- ❖ Artwork or a handicraft to display at our Tuesday evening Art Party
- ❖ Items listed below for your particular workshop
- ❖ Cash in case you would like to contribute to an end-of-week tip for the DRC staff (\$10-20 per person suggested, entirely optional)

For Byzantine chant:

- ❖ An iPad or other device can be used to read the texts and music for Orthros and Vespers daily, but it is not required. If you do not have one, you do not need to purchase one. Students often share during the services and there will be some printed materials.
- ❖ If you usually wear a chanter robe and have one available to bring, please do. Robes are not required.
- ❖ Byzantine Chant: The Received Tradition textbook by John Michael Boyer

For Iconography:

- ❖ old brushes for mixing paint
- ❖ painter's smock or apron
- ❖ magnifying glass
- ❖ painter's bridge and/or easel (not required) -- You may pre-purchase an easel with bridge from <http://www.imageandlikeness.com/iconographers-easel/>