

## Preparing for GBC Women’s Retreat 2026 and Schedule for Leaders and Ladies groups

To help you in planning for yourself and assisting others as a group this information may help you:

In our monthly newsletter we will have a special section for you to focus in on this process along with documents you can print out for yourself or the ladies in your group. We want to make this as smooth as possible.

Here are some suggestions:

Month	Suggestion	Documents	Dates
November	Start introducing the May Retreat - May 1-3 & the theme.	Save the Dates With the theme	Month of November
December	Build prayer teams and pick up the Requests from the Monthly newsletter	The prayer team document with themes  Ideas for <b>fund raisers</b> to offset the costs for ladies as needed. Put costs into perspective.	Start in December and go through until the retreat
January	Make personal contact with each lady. Encourage them to start saving for camp cost.  Prepare for collection of registration fee by specific date.  Distribute brochures and or flyers.  Begin to advertise in your churches	Sample of dates for saving and collection of funds, you can also encourage church body donations.  Electronic brochures, posters and flyers available for you	January – and ongoing.  Reg opens at noon on Feb 17 <sup>th</sup> - March 31 @ noon . After that it is an additional \$20.
	<b>Note – Registration fees are nonrefundable due to the fact that the monies are used for operational expenses.</b>		
February	Keep talking about registration & get fees collected,	Registration dates and guidelines	See guidelines.

	Get information out about Lodging e and start collection for housing .	Lodging guidelines	<b>Premium lodging (Lodge and cabins) must be paid in full to be secured.</b>
March	Reminder that early registration ends at March 31 @ Noon . Late registration starts at 1pm with an additional \$20 . Ends April 14 <sup>th</sup> . Start introducing the cost of meals and collection.  Make another personal follow up contact with Ladies.	On Remaining fees including meal costs.  Tips for working with Groups and resource contact.	March 31 – early registration is due.  Late registration is an addition \$20. due at
April	Collect the final fees and submit to registrar by April 14 <sup>th</sup> .  Start arranging travel and rides to make sure everyone is covered.	Camp reminders – tips for what to bring and being prepared	April 14 <sup>th</sup> – all fees are due . No refunds after this date.
	<b>Please note that if you encourage ladies to start saving even in Dec. if you start in the first week of January it is Approx. \$ 10/ week to cover costs – this is done for 12 weeks.</b>		