Welcome to the Stanford Symphony Orchestra 2009-2010! To start the season off with a bang, we’re having a retreat on September 26-27 at Monte Toyon Camp in the Santa Cruz Mountains. We will have rehearsals and several (really fun – we promise) activities to help you get to know your fellow orchestra members. Here are the details of the retreat.

**Transportation**

We plan to leave in charter buses at 11:30 am on Saturday morning. If you prefer, you can drive yourself, but you’ll need to let us know.

**Food**

We’ll have dinner on Saturday and breakfast and lunch on Sunday at the retreat center, and the chefs can accommodate any dietary restrictions. Tasty snacks will be provided Saturday night!

**Lodging**

The retreat center provides a roof and a mattress. You provide everything else (i.e. you’ll need to bring a sleeping bag). If you are wondering about showering, there are bathrooms in the cabins we’ll be staying in.

**Summary of “Stuff” to Bring**

Cell phone (even though you will get limited service), sleeping bag, pillow, flashlight, toiletries, insect repellent, underwear, pajamas, 1 pair of clothes for Sunday, *folding music stand (if you have one), instrument(s), and music!* It can get pretty cold at night, so you might want to bring a jacket and an extra blanket or warm clothes to sleep in.
**Itinerary**

**Sat. 9/26**
- 11:30 am  Meet at Dinkelspiel loading dock
- 11:45 am  Depart for Monte Toyon Camp
- ~ 1 pm  Arrive!
- 1-3:30 pm  Initial Icebreakers, Talent show?, soccer, frisbee, hiking
- 3:30-6 pm  Rehearsal in amphitheater or Helgesson Hall
- 6-6:45 pm  Dinner
- 7-8:30 pm  Sectionals
- 8:30-10 pm  Bonfire with s’mores
- 10pm-?  All noise must be indoors

**Sun. 9/27**
- 8-8:45 am  Breakfast
- 9-12 am  Rehearsal in amphitheater or Helgesson Hall
- 12-12:45 pm  Lunch
- 1-2 pm  Play time
- 2-3 pm  Clean up and load buses
- 3 pm  Leave for Stanford
- 4 pm  Arrive back at Stanford

**Attendance**

Because we need everyone to be present for the rehearsals, the retreat is mandatory. If you need to be absent, you will need to contact your social chairs and explain your situation in writing.

**RSVPing**

Everyone who auditions for the SSO will fill out a paper form and give it to Jindong and Martin so we can plan the retreat more efficiently, since it is only a few days after auditions are over.

If you plan to play in the SSO and you have any kind of dietary restrictions (i.e. vegetarian, allergies), we encourage you to fill out the online form in advance, as soon as possible, so that we can let the retreat center know earlier to accommodate you. Follow this link to the online form: [https://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dHluQXd5OXhYakhPVTRLb083TzY4VFE6MA..](https://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dHluQXd5OXhYakhPVTRLb083TzY4VFE6MA..)

**Questions?**

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