

Connecting Point

January

2024

***Retreat Joy 2024
Information Inside***

Two Weekends of Retreat Joy in 2024

Retreat Joy is a time of Christian fellowship, growth and fun. See inside for Retreat Joy activities, events and request for applications.

New this year: Request for Retreat Joy 2024 application forms may be filled out online. Go to BrevardGathering.com and be prepared to pay your \$10 application request fee (by credit card) to complete your online form.

Weekend # 1 dates are Fri-Sat-Sun April 26th – April 28th

Transportation from & to *Rockledge* will be provided.

Weekend # 2 dates are Fri-Sat-Sun May 10th - May 12th

Transportation from & to *Vero & Melbourne* will be provided.

Both weekends are open to males and females. Since there are stairs involved, please see below for your best option.

Choose **Weekend # 1** (April 26th – April 28th) if:

—You are a male and require a straight-in access ramp with no stairs to your room.









Choose **Weekend # 2** (May 10th - May 12th) if:

—You are a female and require a straight-in access ramp with no stairs to your room.

A nurse will attend both weekends.

What is the cost going to be?

\$275- \$300 depending on the level of supervision.

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thur</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<p>January 2024</p> 	1	2 No Promise Bible Study Today	3	4 For Vero Chapels, call Rebekah at 772-770-1011	5 • No Island Choir	6 • No Vero Choir • 3:30pm Vero Gathering 1105 58th Avenue
<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:15am Melbourne Choir at 2700 Sarno Road 9:30am-Melbourne Gathering at 2700 Sarno <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00am-Island Gathering at 65 Needle Blvd <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Titusville Choir at 1355 HWY 50 3:00pm-Titusville Gathering at 1355 Hwy 50 	8	9 	10		12 • No Island Choir	13 • 2:30pm Vero Choir • 3:30pm Vero Gathering 1105 58th Avenue
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What is Retreat Joy 2024?

The annual 3-day Retreat Joy is a time of Christian growth, fellowship and fun. Since we have more people than the Church Retreat Center has room for, we offer two weekends. Choose either Weekend 1 (April 26-28) or Weekend 2 (May 10-12).

Highlights of Retreat Joy include our Chapel Services with a relevant message and Praise and Worship. The Church Retreat Center offers comfortable rooms and serves delicious meals.

Activities include Bowling, Arts and Crafts, Bingo, Basketball, Zumba, and Swimming. Game Room fun includes shooting pool and playing ping pong, as well as Foosball, board games and many other activities.

There is a themed **dance** where the Gym is decorated to the max and an accomplished DJ plays all the best music! You may come to the Saturday night dance even if you are not attending retreat that weekend. There is NO CHARGE to just attend the dance.

Included in Retreat Joy is one day spent at a **Theme Park**. This year's theme park will be Andretti Thrill Park in Melbourne.

Why Andretti Thrill Park in 2024?

The Retreat Joy theme park in 2024 is Andretti Thrill Park. There are a number of advantages. Fun Spot has big roller coasters, swings, etc., that most people did not use. There are rides like this at Andretti Thrill Park but there are fewer of them and they are not as big. Andretti Thrill Park also has other options like laser tag, batting cages and miniature golf. Don't worry, there are multiple go-cart rides.

The foot print (size) of the property is smaller and there is only one way in and out of the park. At Fun Spot, we required Moderate Supervision attendees to stay in a group. This year, there will be the option for family (or staff) to give permission for Moderate Supervision attendees to NOT have to stay in an assigned group.

Retreat Joy at a Glance:

Dates: April 26-28 and May 10-12, 2024

1) **Independent \$275** per person. Attendees stay in hotel-type rooms with one other person attending the retreat. You must be legally competent. You are not supervised. You come and go at will. You are treated as any non-mentally challenged adult. You must function independently, including the ability to self-medicate. At **Andretti Thrill Park**, you will move around freely. Volunteers will be stationed at each entrance and exit.

2) **Low Supervision \$285** per person. Attendees stay in hotel-type rooms with one other person attending the retreat. You must be legally competent. You may choose your activities/rides, the food you eat and what you do with your time. You must be able to self-medicate. For safety, we will make a roll call check on attendees at each meal and once at bedtime. At **Andretti Thrill Park**, you will move around freely. There will be a volunteer stationed at each entrance and exit.

3) **Moderate Supervision \$300** per person. Attendees stay in hotel-type rooms with one other person attending the retreat. You are able to choose your activities/rides, the food you eat and what you do with your time. We will make a visual check on you every hour during the day and will administer your medications. At **Andretti Thrill Park**, you will stay in a group with a volunteer unless written permission is given to NOT be in an assigned group.

Mail in your Request for Application Form TODAY.
Make \$10 Checks out to Special Gathering

We regret we cannot take incontinent attendees.

Retreat Joy Request for Application Form-LOW SUPERVISION

Mail to: 20 Sutton St., Rockledge, FL 32955 (321) 252-9391

Please send \$10 processing fee with this application request form.

No application will be sent to you unless a \$10 fee is enclosed.

Make check out to Special Gathering

LOW SUPERVISION at Retreat Joy. \$285 (\$235 with scholarship)

We will call those who do not get a scholarship. If you can't attend without a scholarship, your Application Fee will be returned.

I DO NOT need a scholarship. I will pay the full amount.

Check the box below for the weekend you choose.

Weekend 1 April 26-28, 2024 Open to males and females. If you are **male**, require a straight-in access ramp with **no stairs** to your room, you should choose Weekend 1. **Pickup in Rockledge.**

Weekend 2 May 10-12, 2024 Open to males and females. If you are **female** and require a straight-in access ramp with **no stairs** to your room, you should choose Weekend 2. **Pickups in Vero & Melbourne.**

Attendees stay in hotel-type rooms with one other person attending the retreat. You must be legally competent. You may choose your activities/rides, the food you eat and what you do with your time. You must be able to **self-medicate**. For safety, we will make a roll call check on attendees at each meal and once at bedtime. At **Andretti Thrill Park** in Melbourne, you will move around freely. There will be a volunteer stationed at each entrance and exit.

Name of Attendee: _____

Where to send application form:

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number _____

Warning! A \$10 processing fee will be charged for any returned forms.

No application requests will be accepted after March 15, 2024.

After April 17th, 2024, no refunds will be given.

Circle your T-Shirt Size: S M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL

Retreat Joy Request For Application Form-INDEPENDENT

Mail to: 20 Sutton St., Rockledge, FL 32955 (321) 252-9391

Please send \$10 processing fee with this application request form.

No application will be sent to you unless a \$10 fee is enclosed.

Make check out to Special Gathering

INDEPENDENT at Retreat Joy. \$275 (\$225 with scholarship)

We will call those who do not get a scholarship. If you can't attend unless you have a scholarship, your Application Fee will be returned.

I DO NOT need a scholarship. I will pay the full amount.

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Name of Attendee: _____

Where to send application form:

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

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Retreat Joy Request for Application-MODERATE SUPERVISION

Mail to: 20 Sutton St., Rockledge, FL 32955 (321) 252-9391

Please send \$10 processing fee with this application request form.

No application will be sent to you unless a \$10 fee is enclosed.

Make check out to Special Gathering

MODERATE SUPERVISION at Retreat Joy

COST: \$300 (\$250 with scholarship)

We will call those who do not get a scholarship.

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Name of Attendee: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian _____

Where to send application:

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone Number: (____) _____

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Rides and Attractions at Andretti Thrill Park

Below is the list of Rides and Attractions at Andretti Thrill Park in Melbourne. We will not make or push anyone to ride a ride, but we will not stop anyone from riding a ride. This includes go-carts, bumper boats and other carnival type rides. Please go to Andretti Thrill Park web page <https://andrettipark.com/attractions/> where you can find descriptions and photos and/or videos of each ride.

Wave Rave Bumper Boats

Laser Tag

Spinning Coaster

Batting Cages

F1 Speed Track-GoKarts

Majors Miniature Golf

Andretti Edge

Andretti 360

Hologate -Virtual Reality

Arcade Games

Jr Indy-GoKarts

Drop N Twist Tower

This permission form is needed for Moderate Supervision only.

*THERE IS POTENTIAL RISK IN THESE ACTIVITIES AND RIDES.
HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT MENTALLY CHALLENGED PERSONS
HAVE THE RIGHT TO THE DIGNITY OF RISK.*

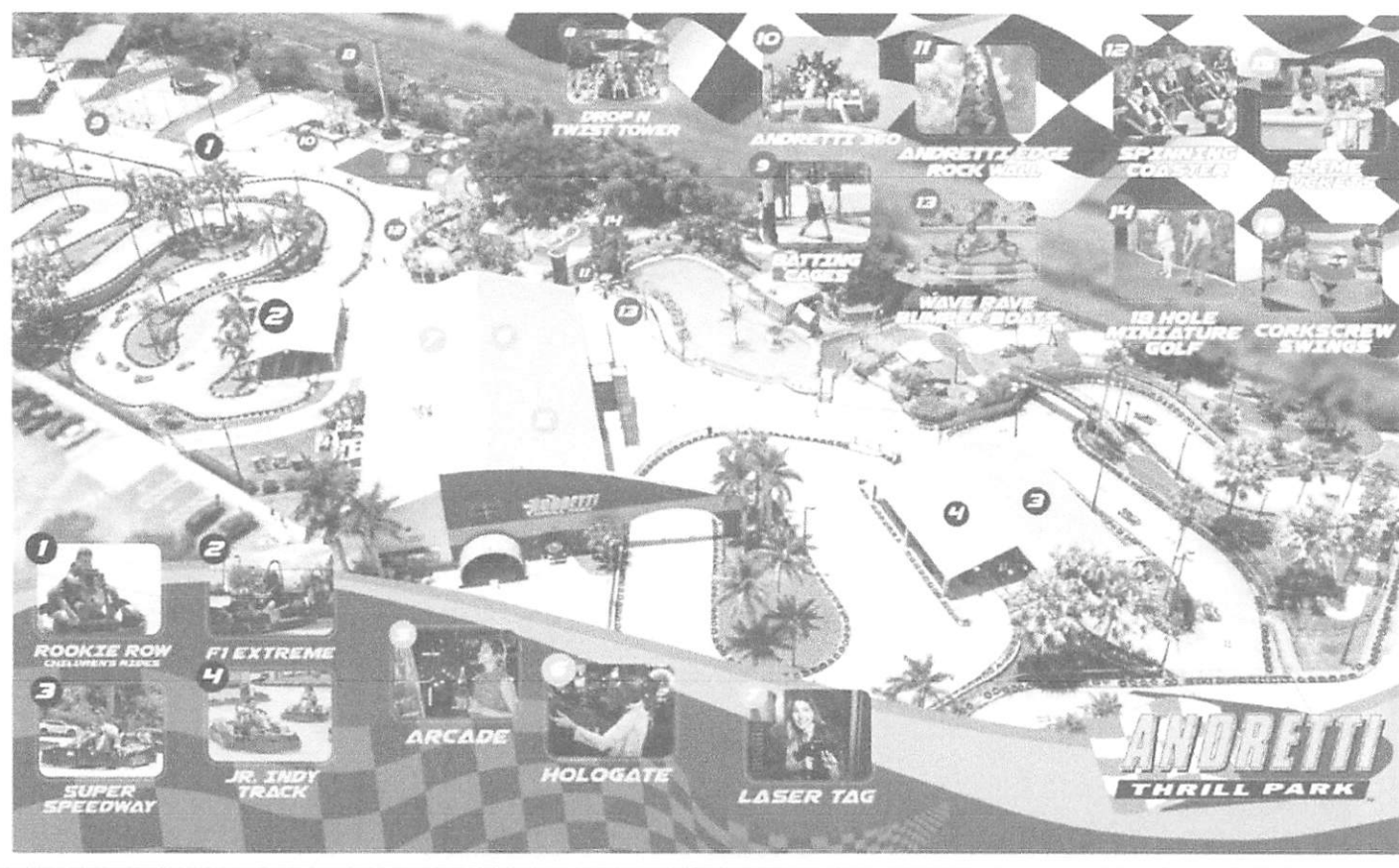
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SIGNATURE OF PERSON ATTENDING

DATE

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/FAMILY/GUARDIAN/STAFF

Map of Andretti Thrill Park in Melbourne



Retreat Joy 2024 T-Shirt Order Form

Those attending Retreat Joy receive 1 T-Shirt with their paid registration and do not need to use this form. If you are not attending Retreat Joy but want a T-Shirt, please order here.

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Mail this form and \$10 per T-Shirt to:

Brevard Gathering

20 Sutton Street

Rockledge, FL 32955

Circle T-Shirt size: S M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL

Notes (If more than 1 shirt, etc) _____

Vero & Brevard Gathering
P. O. Box 685
Cocoa, FL 32923

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and Physically
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