



3rd Annual Rainbow Knitting Retreat 2017

Rapid River Lodge

Rapid River, MI

April 28, 29 & 30

Registration Now Open—first come first serve basis

Deadline April 1st

(Details on fees are on the registration page)

This years Retreat promises to be another fantastic weekend! Take time to go into the link shown on the email to see the beautiful accommodations.

(or google Rapid River Lodge, Rapid River MI)

Some of this years activities include:

Gift Exchange

Classes, Classes, Classes

Rainbow Gifts Store

Delicious meals prepared by Sheryl & Linda

Nature walks

Hot tub

Artesian spring

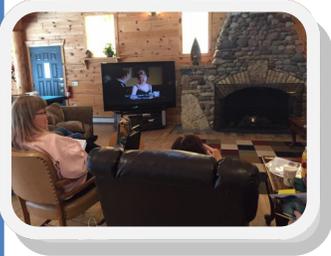
Snacks to share

Movie watching

Piano music (hopefully!)

Lots of time to knit, crochet and relax!

I'm so excited, I just can't hide it....!!!



I am getting so excited just thinking about this years retreat I can't stand it!!!! April can't come quick enough for me.

First I want to thank everyone who attended and helped with last years retreat. I'm so happy everyone had such a good time. How could you not in such a beautiful place!! So here we are ready to get all the details for

Knitting Retreat 2017!!

From some of the things gleaned from last year here are some new and existing details:

FOOD

Sheryl and Linda served us so many wonderful meals we all must have gained 10 pounds! **And we have their good cooking to look forward to again this year!!!**

In listening to some suggestions we have decided to only serve two meals on Saturday. So the weekend meals will include:

Supper Friday evening at 6:00

Brunch Saturday at 11:00

Supper Saturday evening at 5:00

Brunch Sunday at 11:00

That being said, we will include in our snack table offerings some breakfast breads so that those who wake up hungry can feast from the snack table.

This year we will be asking you to help with **meal clean up**. We will have a sign up sheet for you to sign up for which meal you will be willing to help with. We would like to give our cooks a helping hand!

Coffee: anyone is welcome to make coffee. If you need pointers just ask. We will provide regular and decaf coffee grounds, but if you would like a flavor of your choice please feel free to bring it. If you have a carafe to hold your specialty coffee, please again feel free to bring it (you may want to mark your name on it)

Refrigeration—we will be making a **portion** of the refrigerator in the back room available for your use. So if you bring any foods, drinks that need refrigeration there will be **some** space for you. (if you bring a 6 pack of pop, you may want to only put 2 in at a time allowing more room for others.) However, we (staff) will not be responsible for these foods. If you bring something not intended to be shared, please make provision and mark your goods clearly. If something does NOT have YOUR name on it, please be respectful and leave it. Some people are on strict diets and may need them for their well being.

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Food continued:

SNACKS: The snack bar will again be open. PLEASE be responsible for what you bring. If your item needs refrigeration, cutting, serving up, please take care of it. The cooks are not kitchen staff. If you bring a dip that needs refrigeration, please bring it out at appropriate times and put back in between.

GIFT EXCHANGE: Everyone enjoyed our Gift Exchange last year. I think everyone made out like champs!! So we will be doing it again this year. If you would like to take part you are asked to MAKE an item of \$10 or less, bring it wrapped and at some point through the weekend we will have our exchange. Please put your name on a card inside the package.

LIGHT OR NOISY SLEEPERS!: :)

Ok, I think we all understand that when you go to a retreat you are bound to hear a little noise during the nights. :) So, if you are a light sleeper, bring some ear plugs, if you know you snore, maybe bring some nose strips. Just some thoughts!!

TAGS: It's been suggested to have name tags for the beds. Great idea! I'll see what I can do.

MUSIC: There is a piano in the lodge. If you play piano bring along some sheet music and we'll gather around the piano and have a sing a long!!

MOVIE: It tickled me to see how much so many of you gals enjoyed watching the Downton Abbey Movies last year. If anyone has a suggestion of other movies, or if you have some you love, please bring them. If you would like to continue watching Downton Abbey let me know, I'll be happy to bring it again. I was very happy to see you take my words literally, this is YOUR weekend to do whatever you feel like!!

KNITTING HELP: Wow ladies, you have had a very generous offer by Michele. Michele is willing to make herself available to help anyone with questions or that need a helping hand with a project. This help will be available at various times and will be disclosed at the retreat. Thank you Michele!!

SHOW n TELL: We WILL do a show and tell this year. So bring some of the items you have made and we will have a display area ready for you to put them up. It's so much fun and inspiring to see what others have made and to have them viewed by people who truly appreciate the workmanship.

WORK AREA PHOTOS: We WILL also have a board ready with pins for you to put up a photo of "YOUR WORK SPACE" Anyone who comes into my house sure knows where "my" chair is! So let us see yours. Take a photo or two or three of where your creative genius takes place!

RAINBOW GIFTS STORE: I love being with wonderful honest girlfriends! I will again set up a little store front and will have pages for you to write down your items as you pick them up. On Sunday before leaving I will be available for check out. If there is anything in particular you would like me to bring please let me know ahead of time. I will have materials for any of the classes during the weekend.

Weekend Schedule

(ALL TIMES ARE EASTERN STANDARD TIME)

Friday :

- 1:00** check in begins (**note this is earlier than last year**)
6:00 Supper
7:00 **Group Photo on deck** ****please be prompt!**
7:30 **Class** time
or Free Time

Saturday:

- 8:00 Breakfast Snack Bar ready
9:00 Class
Free Time

11:00 Brunch
1:00 Class
Free Time

3:00 Class
Free Time

5:30 Supper
7:00 **Gift Exchange by the Fire Place & Style Show** **** not sure of this time—re:-prom**
After—free time

Sunday:

- 8:00 Morning Breakfast Snack bar ready
9:00 Free Time
11:00 Brunch
1:00 Check Out
Have a safe ride home and thank you for coming!! We'll see you next year!

** Some changes or adjustments may be made.

** There is a outdoor hot tub ladies!!! It will be available through out the weekend.

Please remember ALL activities and classes are optional! They are there if you want it. If your goal is to get away and hold a couch or take several naps, you feel free! This is OUR time girls, to do with it what we want! ❤️

Sleeping Accommodations:

The lodge can only sleep 20 people (7 in one room). If our retreat numbers grow (which we hope they will) and because of other situations we have looked into adding outside sleeping accommodations.

There are two motels near by that you may choose to sleep at instead of the lodge. These motels are 7 to 10 miles from the lodge. If you choose to stay at these options you will still have full access to the rest of the weekend schedule and food.

If you choose to stay off premise your weekend fee will be reduced by \$50. If this is of interest to you please email me for the motel information. I would appreciate being kept in the loop of who is staying where.

That being said there is another option.....



Another option to our sleeping arrangements is we have been given permission to park a few campers at the lodge. If anyone has a camper (of any type) that you would be willing to offer as sleeping arrangements for some of the guests, please contact me to discuss further details. Bathroom facilities would/could still be used in doors. I suppose for the hardy, tents could even be considered. We had beautiful weather last year. Just throwing this out for thought!



Rainbow Gifts Spring Retreat 2017

Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone (best to reach you at): _____

Cell phone: _____

**Email: _____

Please list any special considerations you may need

Contact person and number in the event of emergency:

Fees:

We have broken down the price in this way:

Full Accommodations (staying at the lodge)	\$200
"Sleep off premise" weekend	\$150

Payment options:

\$200 Full Accommodations :	in full \$200	2 payments of \$100
\$150 Partial	in full \$150	2 payments of \$75

Cancellations: Refunds will be given until March 1st. After that time they will only be given if your place can be filled. This includes class fees.

Classes: *Class fees do not include materials. Materials for all classes must be purchased at the Rainbow store which will be available during the weekend.* Details on classes will be sent in another email. Additional classes may also be added. If you want to wait to sign up and pay for the classes until after details are mailed out you may do so.

Class Sign up & Fee		\$15 each class
Double Knitting	add \$15	_____
Crochet	add \$15	_____
Needle Felting	add \$15	_____

Total Payment mailed in = _____

Checks payable to Rainbow Gifts & Yarn

(please email me a receipt at@ _____)

Please Mail your payment to:

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