

A photograph of a forest with tall, thin trees. The ground is covered in brown leaves and pine needles. In the background, a group of people is standing on a path. The text "98 ACRES OF INSPIRATION" is overlaid in large white letters.

98 ACRES OF INSPIRATION

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY'S RETREAT AND ECOLOGY CAMPUS



A TRUE DESTINATION

Roughly 50 miles northwest of Chicago, Loyola's Retreat and Ecology campus sits in the serene countryside of Woodstock, Illinois. Our space is encompassed by 98 acres of greenery and serves as a peaceful place for spiritual and intellectual growth and connection with peers, colleagues, and friends.



A vibrant, sunlit park scene. In the foreground, a field of tall green grass is dotted with numerous small white wildflowers. A large, mature tree with a thick trunk and dense green foliage stands prominently in the middle ground. The background is filled with more trees and a clear blue sky, creating a sense of a deep, green forest. The overall atmosphere is fresh and natural.

**CHOOSE A GREENER
EXPERIENCE**

ABOUT US

The Loyola University Retreat and Ecology Campus (LUREC) is open year-round for overnight retreats, day meetings, team building, academic programs, and community events. Our customizable programs are tailored to meet the needs of many different groups:

- Corporate and association
- Student
- Ministry
- Youth and scout
- Holistic

GREEN PROMISE

LUREC's fundamental guiding principle is conservation on our campus through reducing, reusing, and recycling. Loyola is committed to restoring and maintaining the biodiversity of our campus, and during your stay with us, we invite you to take part in our mission of sustainability, conservation, and restoration. As part of our green promise, we installed a geothermal system in our north wing so that guests can enjoy the ground's gift of warmth in the winter and coolness in the summer.

Learn more about LUREC and our commitment to sustainability at [LUC.edu/retreatcampus](https://luc.edu/retreatcampus), or contact us at lurec@LUC.edu and **815.338.1032**.



**FIND YOUR PERFECT
SPACE**

MEETING SPACES

Whether it's a small conference room for a daytime event or a large multifunction space, Loyola University's Retreat and Ecology Campus has the venue you need.

We offer a variety of comfortable meeting spaces to encourage a true retreat experience, including multipurpose rooms, classrooms, lounges, computer labs, a demonstration kitchen, outdoor classrooms, and a chapel. Each varies in size, layout, and capacity:

- Small meeting room (10 to 20 people)
- Mid-sized meeting room (21 to 49 people)
- Large meeting room (50 to 200 people)

All meeting spaces are rented by the half day (1 to 4 hours) or full day (5 to 8 hours). Discounts may be available for overnight retreat groups.

EQUIPMENT RENTALS

A variety of audio/visual equipment is available in most meeting spaces at LUREC. If there are items not available, you may contract an external provider. Commonly rented items include:

- Audio/visual package (laptop, LCD projector, screen, Wi-Fi access)
- Projection screen
- Laptop
- Microphone
- Podium
- LCD projector
- Television and DVD player
- Dry erase board



STAY AWHILE

Hotel-style room

OVERNIGHT HOUSING ACCOMMODATIONS

Our retreats can be customized for one-day, one-and-a-half-day, or multiday programs. LUREC can accommodate overnight groups of 12 to 200 guests, and these accommodations can be customized for any type of group. All spaces are fully furnished and include bed linens, pillows, blankets, and towels. Single- and double-occupancy rooms are available, and we offer two different housing options:

HOTEL-STYLE ROOMS	Contemporary rooms with two double beds, desk, dresser, private bath and shower, and air conditioning
DORM-STYLE ROOMS	Traditional rooms with two twin beds, desk, dresser, community shower and bath facilities, and heating and cooling by our new geothermal system

ALSO INCLUDED

- Up to three meals in our dining room

ADDITIONAL ADD-ONS

- Meeting spaces with audio/visual equipment
- Team-building events (challenge course, culinary events)
- Outdoor education programs (archery, geocaching, forest ecology)
- Workshops (farming, restoration activities, eco-spirituality)

A photograph showing a row of white plates, each containing a salad. The salad consists of white rice, yellow bell peppers, green peas, and a generous amount of fresh green leafy vegetables. The plates are arranged in a perspective view, receding into the background. The text "EAT WELL AND LOCAL" is overlaid in the upper right portion of the image.

**EAT WELL AND
LOCAL**

DINING AND CATERING

The experienced chefs who manage our kitchen create all meals from scratch and use only locally sourced, fresh ingredients. We can accommodate most dietary restrictions, including vegetarian, vegan, diabetic, gluten-free, lactose intolerant, and shellfish allergies. Meals will be served in the campus dining room unless catering is requested in a private meeting space.

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| BUFFET-STYLE MEALS | Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are included in the overnight retreat packages and served in the dining hall. Chef's choice meals are included, but you may opt for a specialty cuisine for an additional fee. |
| SNACK BREAKS | Morning, afternoon, and evening snacks are available. Options include a fruit or veggie platter, granola bars, chips and dip, cheeses, or candy. |
| BEVERAGE STATIONS | Coffee, tea, juice, soda, or water stations can be set up in your meeting spaces and can be replenished throughout the day. |
| CATERING ENHANCEMENTS | Turn your dining room meal into a completely catered experience, including linens, wait staff, and a plated meal based on your menu preferences. |
| COCKTAIL RECEPTIONS | Add a cocktail hour (beer, wine, alcohol) and hors d'oeuvres of your choice to any event. Supplemental cost will apply. |

See our Catering Guide at [LUC.edu/retreatcampus](https://luc.edu/retreatcampus) for menu details.

A photograph of two young women participating in a ropes course. They are wearing white helmets and black t-shirts. The woman in the foreground is looking up with an open-mouthed expression of excitement or effort, holding onto a rope. The woman behind her is also looking up and smiling. They are both holding onto thick white ropes that are part of the course. The background is a blurred green forest.

**MEET YOUR RETREAT
GOALS**

TEAM-BUILDING EVENTS

From a retreat icebreaker to a multiday program, LUREC provides team-building options designed for challenge, reflection, and learning. Our seasoned facilitators can help you design a customized program perfect for your team.

CHALLENGE AND ROPES COURSE

Home to the largest ropes course in Illinois, LUREC boasts a three-sided climbing tower, two high ropes courses, a zip line, and 15 low ropes elements. Our programs are customizable for students, businesses, sports teams, ministry groups, and many others. We focus on building communication, goal-setting, problem-solving, and leadership skills that can be applied to everyday life.

SHORT PROGRAM

30 MINUTES TO 2 HOURS

Our retreat openers, group energizers, and short programs will get your group united as a team and ready to delve into the rest of the experience.

HALF-DAY PROGRAM

3 TO 4 HOURS

A customized progression of group initiatives and low ropes elements give your group the chance to start building relationships and trust.

FULL-DAY PROGRAM

ABOUT 7 HOURS

Additional programming gives the group more time for more complex activities and potentially time for one of our high ropes elements.

MULTIDAY PROGRAM

ABOUT 10 HOURS OVER 2 DAYS

A full day of activities followed by a half-day program offers time for a high ropes element and for your own group activities during evening hours.

We require a minimum of 12 participants and can accommodate groups of 100+. The challenge course is open in the spring, summer, and fall—weather permitting.

An outdoor event on a grassy lawn under a clear blue sky. Numerous round tables with white tablecloths are set up, each with glassware and plates. People of various ages are seated at these tables, engaged in conversation. In the center of the scene, a man wearing a brown shirt and a hat stands under a white pop-up tent, gesturing as if he is giving a presentation or speech. The background is filled with lush green trees and a few parked cars, suggesting a park or a large outdoor venue. The overall atmosphere is bright and social.

**BUILD STRONGER
RELATIONSHIPS**

CULINARY EVENTS AND FARM WORKSHOPS

Enhance your retreat experience and create an educational, energetic, and fun atmosphere to connect people and learn the art of cooking. All events run from 1 to 3 hours in duration and are available for groups of 6 to 16 guests.

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| CULINARY TEAM BUILDING | We lead the cooking while guiding your team along the way. Class topics and goals can be customized to meet your objectives, schedule, and budget. |
| IRON CHEF EXPERIENCE | This competition challenges teams to create the best menu possible—with the help of our chef. Once the cooking is complete, the group will have a chance to sit down and sample each team's creations. |
| EMPLOYEE INCENTIVE | Let your team know how much they're appreciated by celebrating in an engaging environment of food, wine, and education. |
| FARM WORKSHOPS | Groups can take a guided or self-guided tour of our gardens and farm—and can learn about planting and harvesting, sustainability, cooking and food preservation, and the Loyola farm. |



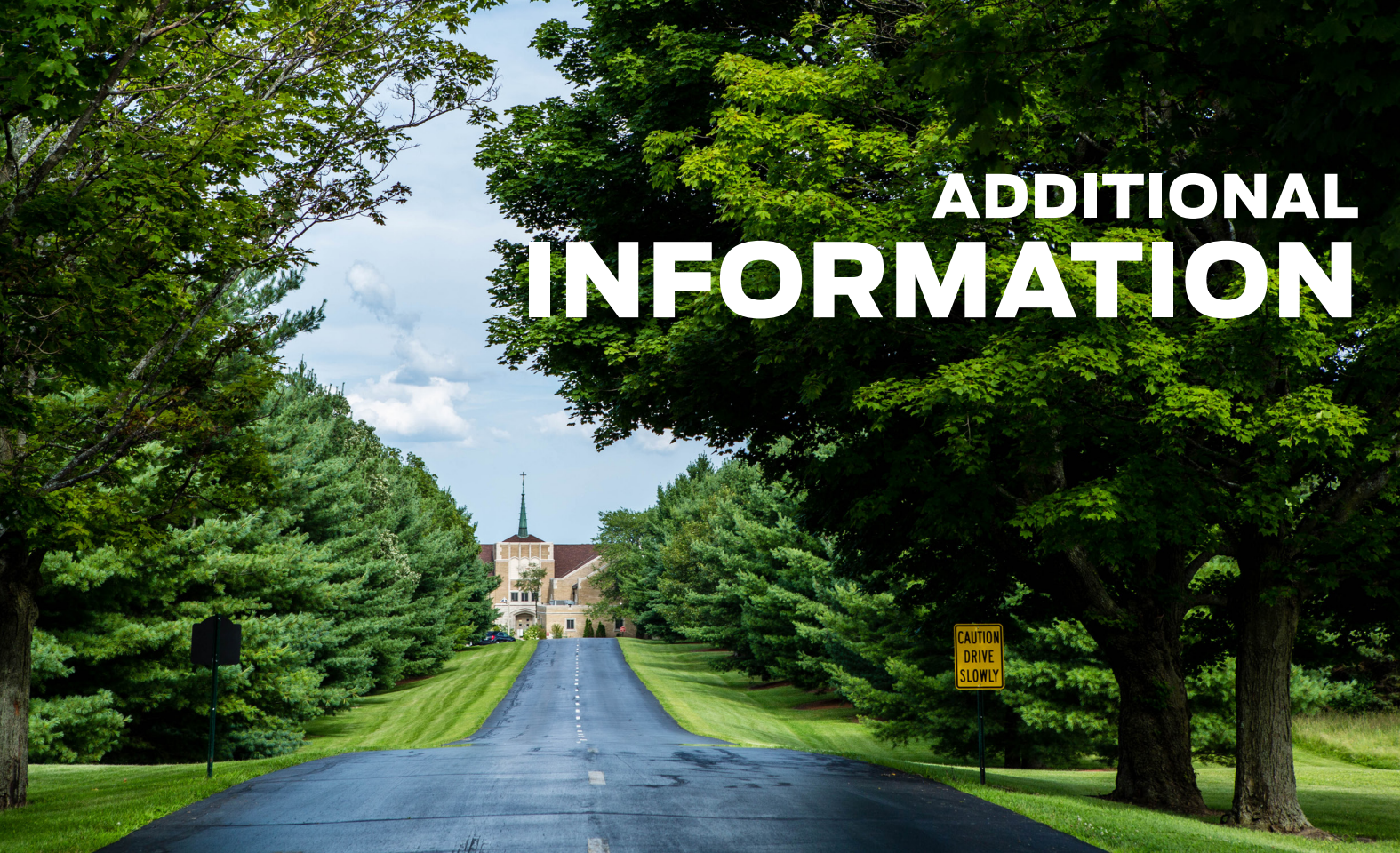
**HAVE AN
ADVENTURE**

OUTDOOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Available to groups of 12 to 100+, our courses are open for student, youth (grades 6 and up), and adult groups—weather permitting.

ARCHERY	Learn the basics of archery, and practice with a recurve bow on an outdoor range. The course will include understanding safety rules, types of equipment, and proper form.
BIRDING	Identify local bird species and the reasons behind their unique characteristics. Plus, students will learn about migration through a role-playing game.
COMPASS AND ORIENTEERING	Experience math in the outdoors! Learn how to use a compass, and play several games to put your new skills to the test.
ENERGY	Every day, we consume energy in all different forms—but where does it come from? Learn about alternative energy sources and take part in several hands-on experiments.
FARMING	Learn how to grow your own food and the importance of eating sustainably, responsibly, and locally.
FLOWERS	Don't just learn how to identify plants in nature—understand the parts of a flower and how people and animals use them for food, medicine, and utility.
FOREST ECOLOGY	Take a hike! Discover how plants and animals thrive in the woods, the importance of soil and the forest floor, the layers that make up a forest, and more.
GPS	Better understand a GPS unit and how to operate one. Students will use the navigation device to complete a scavenger hunt with a geocache awaiting them at the end.
PREDATOR AND PREY	Find out what it's like to be an animal in the food chain (through a role-playing activity). Also, learn about the food chain and how to define herbivores, omnivores, and carnivores.
TREES	Trees are an essential part of our surroundings, providing us with oxygen and food. Learn more about trees and the use of the dichotomous key.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



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LOYOLA UNIVERSITY RETREAT AND ECOLOGY CAMPUS

GUEST PRICING

Book your retreat, meeting, or event at Loyola University's Retreat and Ecology Campus—where nature and serenity meet. Unless noted, all costs are per person.

MEETING SPACES	CAPACITY UP TO 20	CAPACITY 21 TO 49	CAPACITY 50 TO 200
Half-day (1–4 hours)	\$80	\$200	\$300
Full-day (5–8 hours) <i>Flat-rate fee</i>	\$130	\$325	\$450

AUDIO/ VISUAL

A/V package (Laptop, LCD projector, screen, and Wi-Fi Access)	\$225
Projection screen	\$75
Laptop	\$75
Corded microphone	\$20
LCD projector	\$150
Television/DVD combo	\$50
Dry erase board	\$25

Flat-rate fees

MEALS	BREAKFAST	LUNCH	DINNER
Meal in dining hall	\$9	\$11	\$13

Catering available for additional fee; see guide for details at LUC.edu/retreatcampus.

HOUSING ACCOMMODATIONS

Single Occupancy

- Dorm-style \$80
- Hotel-style \$110

Double Occupancy

- Dorm-style \$70
- Hotel-style \$90

CHALLENGE COURSE	YOUTH/ STUDENT	NONPROFIT	STANDARD
Short program (30 minutes–2 hours)	\$15	\$21	\$25
Half-day program (3–4 hours)	\$35	\$45	\$65
Full-day program (7 hours)	\$49	\$59	\$79

MULTIDAY PROGRAM	YOUTH/ STUDENT	NONPROFIT	STANDARD
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Includes 10 hours of challenge course programing, meals, and housing.

Single Occupancy

- Dorm-style — \$153 \$176
- Hotel-style — \$188 \$220

Double Occupancy

- Dorm-style \$128 \$138 \$160
- Hotel-style \$153 \$168 \$200

Challenge course is available for groups of 12–100+.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION	YOUTH/ STUDENT	NONPROFIT	STANDARD
1.5-hour program	\$12	—	—
2-hour program	\$15	\$20	\$25

Outdoor education is available for groups of 12–100+.

CULINARY TEAM BUILDING

1–3-hour program \$55–65

Culinary team building is available for 6–16 people.



LOYOLA UNIVERSITY RETREAT AND ECOLOGY CAMPUS

LOYOLA FACULTY/STAFF AND STUDENT PRICING

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MEETING SPACES Complimentary for Loyola groups

Small meeting room

(Capacity up to 20)

Mid-sized meeting room

(Capacity 21–49)

Large meeting room

(Capacity 50–200)

AUDIO/VISUAL Complimentary for Loyola groups

A/V package

(Laptop, LCD projector, screen, and Wi-Fi Access)

Projection screen

Laptop

Corded microphone

LCD projector

Television/DVD combo

Dry erase board

MEALS

BREAKFAST

LUNCH

DINNER

Meal in dining hall

\$7

\$9

\$11

Catering available for additional fee; see guide for details at LUC.edu/retreatcampus.

HOUSING ACCOMMODATIONS

FACULTY/
STAFF

STUDENT

Single Occupancy

- Dorm-style
- Hotel-style

\$70

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\$80

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Double Occupancy

- Dorm-style
- Hotel-style

\$60

\$50*

\$70

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**\$25 paid for with Student Development subsidy*

CHALLENGE COURSE

FACULTY/
STAFF

STUDENT

Low ropes

(2–4 hour program)

\$25

\$22

High ropes

(5–6 hour program)

\$35

\$32

MULTIDAY PROGRAM

FACULTY/
STAFF

STUDENT

Includes 10 hours of challenge course programing, meals, and housing.

Single Occupancy

- Dorm-style
- Hotel-style

\$100

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\$110

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Double Occupancy

- Dorm-style
- Hotel-style

\$90

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\$100

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Challenge course is available for groups of 12–100+.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

1.5-hour program

\$12

2-hour program

\$15

Outdoor education is available for groups of 12–100+.

CULINARY TEAM BUILDING

1–3-hour program

\$44–52

Culinary team building is available for 6–16 people.