Student Organization Retreat Resource

This guide is a list of our top 8 resources for student organizations planning off-campus leadership retreats. All retreats are located within a 2.5-hour radius of Duke University. Student organizations are not limited to the listed resources. If you need any assistance finding a location contact UCAE: Student Involvement.

1. New Hope Camp & Conference Center (9.6 miles- 15 min)
   4805 NC 86
   Chapel Hill, NC 27514
   (919) 942-3266
   http://newhopeccc.org

   • Amenities:
     o Playground
     o Swimming pool
     o Teambuilding- Outdoor Team Challenge
     o Vespers Area:
       ▪ Outdoor chapel overlooking the pond, accommodates 50 people
     o Prayer Labyrinth:
       ▪ Designed for a place of worship, prayer and reflection

   • Facilities:
     o Dining hall
       ▪ Accommodates up to 144 guests
     o Fleming Lodge:
       ▪ Accommodates up to 104 guests
       ▪ Used for large gatherings or meetings
     o Oak Lodge:
       ▪ Accommodates up to 50 guests
       ▪ Used for medium size group gatherings or meetings
     o Dogwood Center
       ▪ Day-use or overnight (heat & air)
       ▪ Meeting room, kitchen, two bathrooms and bedrooms
     o May Guest House
       ▪ Day-use or overnight (heat & air)
       ▪ Meeting room, kitchen, four semi-private rooms and two bathrooms
     o Office Pavilion and Front Field
       ▪ Shelter for gatherings and field for recreational activities
     o O’Briant Pavilion and Back Field
       ▪ Shelter for gatherings and back field for recreational activities
       ▪ Full kitchen included
2. Avila Retreat Center (10.8 miles- 20 min)
711 Mason Road
Durham, NC 27712
(919) 477-1285
avila@raldioc.org

http://dioceseofraleigh.org/offices/retreat-centers/avila-retreat-center

• Amenities:
  o Meditation trail
  o Labyrinth- meditation or prayer

• Facilities:
  o Cottages A-B: 6 single rooms per cottage (sleeps 6)
  o Cottage C-G: 4 double rooms per cottage (sleeps 8)
  o Meeting Room 1- max seating 60
  o Meeting Room 2- max seating 15-18; piano
  o Chapel- max seating 35-40
    ▪ All rooms come with TV/DVD player, easels
    ▪ Projector and screen available
  o Screened in gazebo with surrounding deck- seats 20
  o Dining Room 1- max seating 38
  o Dining Room 2- max seating 32
    ▪ Home cooked meals provided in dining room
3. Chestnut Ridge Camp & Retreat Center (18.8 miles- 23 min)
4300 Camp Chestnut Ridge Rd.
Efland, NC 27243
(919) 304-2178
info@campchestnutridge.org
http://www.campchestnutridge.org

- Amenities:
  - Sports recreational facilities
  - Lake with Toys (Facilitated by CR Staff and summer only)
  - Pool
  - Hiking, Mountain Biking and Running trails
  - Water recreational facilities (canoeing, kayaking and fishing)
  - Team Building (low ropes, facilitated by CR staff)
  - High ropes challenge
  - Zip line
  - Target sports
  - Horseback riding and hay rides

- Facilities:
  - Morris Center:
    - Dining and conference center: houses 150 guests
  - Falcon Lodge:
    - Accommodates 32 overnight guests and 45 day guests (heat & air)
    - 6 sleeping areas with 5 full baths
    - Common area and kitchenette included
    - Equipped with ramp and accessible restrooms
  - Cabins:
    - Accommodates 12 overnight guests (heat & air)
    - 2 full baths
    - Equipped with ramp and accessible restrooms
  - Crane Lodge:
    - Accommodates 16 overnight guests and 30 day guests (heat & air)
    - Common area
    - 2 sleeping areas with 1.5 bath
  - Bunk House
    - 2 houses accommodate 32 overnight guests (heat & air)
    - Common outside area
    - Adjacent open-air bath house
4. **Camp Oak Hill & Retreat Center (50.5 miles- 52 min)** Only Aug-May
1528 Oak Hill Road
Oxford, NC 27565
On-site: (919) 693-2990
Office: (919) 782-2888
info@campoakhill.org
http://campoakhill.org

- **Amenities:**
  - Gymnasium
  - Low ropes course
  - Field games
  - Swimming pool
  - Tennis
  - Zip line
  - Wet Willie Waterslide

- **Facilities:**
  - Legacy Cabins (4):
    - 2 separate cabins share a common porch (air & heat)
    - Each cabin sleeps 16 people
    - Each cabin has own bathroom with 2 showers, stalls and sinks
  - Lakeside Cabins (4):
    - Sleeps 20-28 depending on cabin (air & heat)
    - Each contains two bathrooms with shower, stall and sinks
  - Activity & Fellowship Center:
    - Meeting spaces for large and small groups, staff offices and camp store
  - Dining Hall:
    - Accommodates up to 250 and provides home-cooked meals
  - Guest House
    - Provides accommodation for retreat leaders or special guests who need a private space to sleep
5. Carolina Bible Camp & Retreat (106 miles- 1 hr 36 min)
1988 Jericho Church Rd
Mocksville, NC 27208
(336) 492-7802
http://carolinabiblecamp.com

- Amenities:
  - Outdoor basketball court
  - Tennis court
  - Softball field with bleachers
  - Sand volleyball court
  - Fishing lake
  - Crafts building with covered porch

- Facilities:
  - 12 cabins- each holds 20 people in 5 rooms (climate controlled)
    - Two full bathrooms with shower stalls
  - Cafeteria with seating for 275 people
  - Open-air covered activity building with seating for 300 people
  - Variety of outdoor sitting and gathering areas
6. Cedar Grove Retreat (116 miles- 1 hr 43 min)
3350 Camp Julia Rd
Kannapolis, NC 28083
(704) 938-1314
info@cedargroveretreat.com
http://cedargroveretreat.com

- Amenities:
  - High Ropes Course
  - Waterpark
  - Paintball
  - Low Ropes Course
  - Basketball court
  - Recreation fields
  - Sand volleyball
  - Boating
  - Climbing wall

- Facilities:
  - Red Cedar Lodge
    - Sleeps 24 people (heat & air)
    - Restrooms inside with two showers and two stalls
    - Screened in back porch with view
  - Yellow Pine Lodge
    - Sleeps 16 people (heat & air)
    - Bath house nearby
  - Cabins
    - 4 Lakeside cabins (heat & air)
      - Sleeps 54 people
      - Bathhouse conveniently located near
    - 4 Hillside cabins (heat & air)
      - Sleeps 50 people
      - Bathhouse conveniently located near
  - The Guesthouse
    - Source of privacy and houses only 7 people (heat & air)
    - Full kitchen, dining room, living room and bathroom
  - Lakeview Hall
    - Seats up to 70 people
    - Large hall complete with wood floors
    - Used for meetings and a place to eat
    - Includes a TV with DVD
  - Meeting Tent
    - Seats up to 150 people
    - Outdoor location
    - Tent has heat and air
    - Stage, sound system and flat panel televisions
7. **Rockfish Camp and Retreat Center (110 miles- 1hr 46 min)**
   (Sister camp to Chestnut Ridge and Don Lee)
   226 Camp Rockfish Rd.
   Raeford, NC 28376
   (910) 425-3529
   [http://www.camprockfish.org](http://www.camprockfish.org)

- **Amenities:**
  - Camp Store
  - Teambuilding (High ropes and challenge course)
  - Skate park
  - Sports
  - Water recreational activities (paddle boards, canoeing, lake toys, creek float)
  - Climbing tower/zip line
  - Arts and crafts, drama

- **Facilities:**
  - Bergland Retreats:
    - 24 hotel style living spaces with Fine Dining space
    - Ample meeting spaces
  - Cabin Retreats (restroom centrally located):
    - Screened Porch Cabins
      - 20 guests per cabin (heat & air)
    - A-frame cabins:
      - 5 cabins sleeping 18 guests
      - 1 cabin sleeping 14 guests in one large area and an additional room on the side for 2 guests
  - Yurts:
    - Up to 7 guests per yurt (heat & air)
  - Tree houses:
    - 2 tree houses sleeping 7-8 guests
  - Log Cabin:
    - Sleeps 32 guests
    - Kitchen, fireplace, two bathrooms, foosball table
  - Dining hall:
    - Seats up to 300 guests
  - Lodge:
    - Serves as a meeting space for conferences
    - Holds up to 75 guests
    - PA sound, projector, screen, TV and dvd player (no extra charge)
  - Carolina Building:
    - Meeting space for groups
8. Laurel Ridge Camp, Conference & Retreat Center (152 miles- 2hrs 31min)

Mountain Style Retreat
124 Pendry Dr
Laurel Springs, NC 28644
(336) 359-2951
info@laurelridge.org
http://www.laurelridge.org

• Amenities:
  o Hiking
  o Group Interactive Course (low ropes)
  o Swimming with lake toys
  o Canoeing and kayaking
  o Water tubing
  o Fishing
  o Disc Golf

• Facilities:
  o Higgins Lodge
    ▪ 48 sleeping rooms
    ▪ Full service dining room
    ▪ 4 meeting rooms
    ▪ Game room
  o Tise Lodge
    ▪ 32 max occupancy
    ▪ 8 bedrooms
    ▪ Great/rec room
    ▪ Dining area
    ▪ Men’s and women's bathrooms
  o Friends Cottage
    ▪ Master bedroom with queen bed
    ▪ Loft with 4 single beds
    ▪ Full kitchen
    ▪ Secluded location
  o Summer Camp
    ▪ 16 cabins with 12 beds in each
      ▪ Groups of 4 cabins
      ▪ One cabin in each group contains
        o Kitchenette
        o Restrooms and showers
        o Meeting room
  o Activity Center
    ▪ Large area for recreation or conference presentations
    ▪ Restroom facilities
    ▪ Heated activity area
9. Don Lee Camp and Retreat Center (166 miles- 2hrs and 52 min)
Beach Style Retreat
(Sister Camp to Don Lee)
315 Camp Don Lee Rd
Arapahoe, NC
(252) 249-1106
info@donleecenter.org
http://www.donleecenter.org

• Amenities:
  o Sailing
  o Swimming
  o Canoeing
  o Challenge course
  o Basketball courts, volleyball court, horse shoes and other game space
  o Camp store
  o On-site medical center
• Facilities:
  o 12 lodging cabins
    ▪ Each sleeping 20-24 people
    ▪ One ramp accessible cabin sleeps 20 people
  o Dining Hall:
    ▪ Home style meals
    ▪ Main dining seats 180, small seats 80
    ▪ Also used for classroom or meeting areas
  o Fellowship Hall:
    ▪ Seats more than 200 people
  o Community Life Center:
    ▪ Seats up to 350 people
  o Chapel:
    ▪ Seats up 25 people and overlooks Neuse River
  o Vesper Dale:
    ▪ Outdoor theater can seat around 200 people
10. The Winds Resort Beach Club (201 miles- 3hrs and 8 min)
Beach Style Retreat
310 East 1st Street
Ocean Isle Beach, NC
(800) 334-3581
info@thewinds.com
http://thewinds.com/

• Amenities:
  o Three pools
  o Complimentary Southern breakfast buffet
  o Wireless internet
  o Bikes for exploring island
  o And more
• Facilities:
  o Ocean Front Hotel rooms
    ▪ 1, 2, and 3 bedroom suites
    ▪ Kitchen
    ▪ Heat and A/C
  o Resort cottages
    ▪ 4, 5 and 6 bedroom cottages (not oceanfront)
    ▪ Access to the ocean
    ▪ Large living rooms
    ▪ Kitchens
    ▪ Spacious decks with rocking chairs
    ▪ Most cottages feature private outdoor whirlpool spas
    ▪ Heat and A/C
11. Kingston Resorts (201 miles- 3hrs and 8 min)
Beach Style Retreat
9800 Queensway Blvd.
Myrtle Beach, SC
(800) 876-0010
http://www.kingstonplantation.com/accommodations/royale-palms-myrtle-beach-luxury-condos/

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13. Myrtle Avista Resort (195 miles- 3hrs and 8 min)
Beach Style Retreat
300 Ocean Blvd.
North Myrtle Beach, SC
(855) 710-4941
Vacation-Planner@AvistaResort.com
http://www.avistresort.com

- Amenities:
  - Oceanfront
  - Outdoor: 2 pools, 1 lazy river, kiddy pool, and 2 hot tubs
  - Indoor pool: 1 pool, 1 lazy river, and 1 hot tub
  - Full kitchen with refrigerator, microwave, oven and appliances
  - Fitness Center
  - Wireless internet
  - Convention and Event Facilities

- Facilities:
  - One, two and three bedroom accommodations
14. North Carolina State Parks (multiple options – two examples below)
http://www.ncparks.gov/make-a-reservation

**Morrow Mountain State Park (76.7 miles ~2 hours)**
49104 Morrow Mountain Rd
Albemarle NC 28001
Phone Number: Information: (704)982-4402

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**Hanging Rock State Park (78.3 miles ~ 2 hours)**
1790 Hanging Rock Park Road
Danbury NC 27016
Phone Number: Information: (336)593-8480

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Vacation-Planner@AvistaResort.com
http://www.avistresort.com

• Information:
  o Fund code required to make booking, 20% non-refundable deposit based on original booking numbers
  o $50 per person per day, plus $1.83 sales tax on food.
  o $13 linen rental required per person
  o Room charges vary from $50 to $300 per day
Non-religious Retreat Centers:

Sacred Grove Retreat
Phone: 704-299-5124
110 Miles from Duke
Website: [www.sacredgroveretreat.com](http://www.sacredgroveretreat.com)

North Carolina State Parks (two of which have cabin rentals)
Phone: 919-707-9300
~78 miles from Duke

For a super small retreat (two bedrooms):
Peace Pointe Guest House and Retreat
Phone: 919-638-1176
37 miles from Duke
Website: [http://www.peacepointeretreat.com/](http://www.peacepointeretreat.com/)

Art of Living Retreat Center
Phone Number: 800.392.6870
164 miles from Duke
Website: [http://artoflivingretreatcenter.org/](http://artoflivingretreatcenter.org/)

Haw River State Park
Phone Number: 336-342-6163
60 Miles from Duke

The Om Sanctuary
Phone Number: 828.252.7313
224 miles from Duke (about 3 hours)
Website: theomsanctuary.org