

# TIPS FOR HAPPY CAMPERS

## Preparing for Fall Retreat

Please review the below list of instructions and suggestions in order to fully prepare for your retreat experience. Should you have any questions, please contact Kai Lawrence at [klawrence@cobbchamber.org](mailto:klawrence@cobbchamber.org).

### ATTIRE

Dress for the Retreat is casual. In addition to the appropriate attire for your skit performance on Thursday night, you will want to dress as comfortable as possible considering that there may be several outdoor activities. As a result, you will want to wear some type of walking, running or similar shoe. It may rain, so be prepared with clothes that can get wet. You will also want to include a change of casual clothes or shoes for the social activities after dinner. Finally, we will spend part of each day in the conference room, which is air-conditioned and could be cool, so be sure to bring layered clothing. **Please check the “What to Pack” list carefully.**

### MEALS

We will provide a continental breakfast for you Wednesday morning. Times and places for other meals will be communicated to you during the Retreat. There will be an assortment of soda, water, and snacks available to you during the Retreat. If you would like to bring your own snacks, please feel free to do so. We will provide soda, water, beer and wine during nighttime receptions, but if you have a specific beverage preference, you are welcome to bring those items with you.

### SKITS

Your skit performance will be on Thursday night after dinner. You will need to meet as a group a few times **prior** to coming to the Retreat to discuss your assignment and practice for your big performance! There will not be much spare time for preparation during the Retreat. Remember that your group must provide all costumes, music and props necessary for your performance. There are restrictions on what you may bring, so please refer to your skit instruction handout for additional details.

### CLASS INTRODUCTIONS & HOMEWORK

Participant introductions will occur first thing on Wednesday morning after arrival. At your Opening Day, you received Fall Retreat Cards for each of your new classmates and it is your responsibility to **study** and **learn** the information prior to the Retreat! Please note that the success of the Wednesday morning activity depends upon class members knowing the background information about each other as provided on the Game Cards. Please bring your Game Cards to the Wednesday morning session. Your game cards have been divided into five groups: 70s, 80s, 90s, 00s, 10s. In addition to learning about your classmates through the game cards, each skit group is expected to create/design a matching t-shirt. **You should wear your shirt upon your arrival at the Retreat, Wednesday, August 27th.**

### ITEM OF SIGNIFICANCE

During the Retreat, you will be asked to share an item of significance with your classmates and briefly discuss its importance and meaning to you. Please be sure to bring this item with you (example: photo, book or memento).



### CARPPOOLING

Please carpool with other class members if at all possible. This is a great time to get together to fine-tune your skit performance and study your cards.

### ACCOMMODATIONS & CHECK IN

Double accommodations have been reserved for all participants at the Lodges of Brasstown Valley Resort. **You will be able to check into your room after the Wednesday afternoon activities.** Upon arrival, please leave your luggage in your car. Go directly to the Brasstown meeting room, to the left of the main entrance and follow the Leadership Cobb signs and stationed committee members. Plan to arrive wearing your “team shirt” and comfortable clothing and tennis shoes for the day’s activities since you will not be able to change clothes upon your arrival. Light breakfast will be provided upon arrival.

### EARLY ARRIVALS

If you plan to go up to Brasstown early on Tuesday you are welcome to do so **AT YOUR OWN EXPENSE**. **Please wait until Friday, August 8th to call for reservations** to ensure that the rooming list is fully up-to-date. For Tuesday night accommodations, please call (706) 379-9900 and make sure to let the reservations office know that you are with the Leadership Cobb group. This will ensure that you remain in the same room throughout the week. **Please also let Kai know if you are going up early as an FYI.**

### INCIDENTALS

Your Leadership Cobb tuition covers lodging and all scheduled meals and socials. Any incidental charges are your responsibility and should be paid at check out on Friday.

### PHYSICAL CHALLENGES

During the Retreat, there will be several activities that are somewhat physical in nature. If you have any physical or health conditions that will restrict your involvement, and have not notified Kai, please email [klawrence@cobbchamber.org](mailto:klawrence@cobbchamber.org).

## Skit Happens

As part of Fall Retreat, your small group will be required to prepare and perform a short skit for the amusement of yourselves, your fellow classmates, and the retreat committee. Here are the rules:

- Your group’s skit should be about 5 minutes in length and must include all group members.
- Props, costumes, and music are encouraged, but not required. Only a limited sound system will be provided.
- You may not bring or use projectors, laptops, or any other type of technical support media (even if you are the IT person).
- We encourage your skits to be “SNL funny”, but not R-rated.
- By the end of tonight’s skit group huddle you should exchange cell phone numbers with your group, create a team GroupMe for ongoing communication, and most importantly, you should schedule your first skit practice meeting. By the first meeting, you will need to decide on a team name that corresponds to your assigned decade. This name will follow you all year, so choose wisely. Once you have selected your team name, please email it to Kai at [klawrence@cobbchamber.org](mailto:klawrence@cobbchamber.org).
- **Please have music (if used) in one file, emailed to Kai at [klawrence@cobbchamber.org](mailto:klawrence@cobbchamber.org) AND your respective camp counselor by Wednesday, August 20.**
- You may NOT bring or use projectors, laptops, or any other type of technical support media (even if you are the IT person).
- If your skit requires additional IT needs or musical support, be sure to identify a point person to coordinate.

Your group skit should focus on some sort of experience during your assigned decade. You could perform a skit recreating an iconic moment from your decade, you could create a parody incorporating the class theme, or just dance around and sing camp songs. Be sure to incorporate Leadership Cobb in your skit, but have fun with it!

### Here are some examples. You may use other ideas. Be creative!

Skits will be judged and prizes awarded by the Fall Retreat committee. Do with that information what you will.

1970s	1980s	1990s	2000s	2010s
Scooby-Doo characters solving a crime about Leadership Cobb.	Campers confusing the cast of Stranger Things with Leadership Cobb members.	Talent show singing Leadership Cobb songs with boy bands.	A Survivor competition where contestants are trying to “outwit, outplay, outlast” through Leadership Cobb challenges.	Social media influencers going viral featuring Leadership Cobb themes.

## What to Pack

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Item of significance</li><li>• Matching group t-shirt (don’t pack it, wear it Wednesday morning)</li><li>• Leadership Cobb Game Cards</li><li>• Skit performance costume, music and props (if needed)</li><li>• Several changes of casual day clothes (e.g., jeans, shorts, comfortable shirts) — you may get sweaty and dirty!</li><li>• Optional casual change of evening clothes/shoes for dinner and evening social activities.</li><li>• Boots and/or tennis shoes — you will be walking!</li><li>• Sweater or sweatshirt</li><li>• Poncho or rain jacket</li><li>• Umbrella</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hat</li><li>• Any needed medications</li><li>• Toiletries and other personal items</li><li>• Insect repellent</li><li>• Sunscreen</li><li>• Flashlight</li><li>• A good sense of humor</li><li>• A willingness to make new life-long friends</li></ul> <p>Oh, and BYOB!</p> <p>We will provide assorted non-alcoholic drinks, beer and wine at the dinner/hospitality suite each night, but if you have a specific beverage preference, please feel free to bring it with you!</p> |
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Although we wear business/class attire for most Leadership Cobb programs, dress is casual for the entire Retreat. The activities will take place both indoors and out, and a few will be somewhat physical in nature. We will be in the mountains during a transitional weather time. In other words, it could be hot and muggy or it could be very cool and rainy. Both men and women will probably want to wear jeans, khakis, shorts or athleisure throughout the Retreat. Prepare accordingly!