



The Retreat at Artesian Lakes (formerly Chain-O-Lakes Resort & Conference Center) is a corporate retreat facility designed, built and operated to support learning. Whether working with a start-up company or a Fortune 500 conglomerate, it offers the complete combination of setting, amenities and programs to ensure the success of corporate meetings, seminars, workshops and planning retreats.

We are located approximately 60 miles northeast of downtown Houston off Highway 59, Cleveland Exit, on the edge of the Texas Big Thicket.

Quietly nestled in over 500 acres of East Texas pines and surrounded by interconnected Artesian water lakes, the conference center provides the solitude and communion with nature key to opening the mind and heart to growth experiences and relationship building.

We have capacity for a maximum of:

- 44 guests on Exclusive Occupancy (one building—log cabin or private home—per person);
- 70 guests on Single Occupancy (one bedroom and one bathroom per guest with 11 guests enjoying private Exclusive Occupancy);
- 56 guests on Double Occupancy (two persons sharing a bedroom and/or bathroom);
- 106 guests in Combined Occupancy (exclusive, single and double)

Complete Meeting Packages (CMP) minimum 15 participants

- Lodging in authentic log cabins or executive private homes overlooking lakes or in log suites set in a pine grove
- Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner at Hilltop Restaurant
- Meeting Room with basic A/V Package
- Morning & Afternoon Snack Breaks and Continuous Beverage Service
- Evening Hospitality Suite set up with games

Exclusive Occupancy CMP Package Sun/Thurs Rate:	\$265 per person per night
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Single Occupancy CMP Package Sun/Thurs Rate:	\$205 per person per night
Double Occupancy CMP Package Sun/Thurs Rate:	\$175 per person per night
Single Occupancy CMP Package Off Season Weekend Rate:	\$259 per person per night
Single Occupancy CMP Package Seasonal Weekend Rate:	\$274 per person per night
Double Occupancy CMP Package Weekend Rate:	\$195 per person per night

*The CMP Rate is subject to 6% Occupancy Tax;
the Meals portion of the CMP is subject to 20% Service Charge.*

Additional and Breakout Meeting Rooms:	\$150 per day
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Day Meeting Packages:

- Up to three meals per day at Hilltop Restaurant
- Morning & Afternoon Snack Breaks and Continuous Beverage Service
- Meeting Room with AV Package

Day Meeting Package with Lunch:	\$73 per person per day
Day Meeting Package with Breakfast and Lunch:	\$85 per person per day
Day Meeting Package with Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner:	\$105 per person per day

These packages are subject to 6.75% Sales Tax and 20% Service Charge on Meals

Challenge (Ropes) Course Packages (minimum 15 participants), may include:

- Use of the course for four or eight hours
- Snack breaks delivered to course
- Boxed lunch delivered to course or Lunch at Hilltop Restaurant

Challenge Course Half-day:	\$55 per person
Challenge Course Full-day:	\$65 per person
Challenge Course Full day w/boxed lunch and 2 snack breaks:	\$95 per person
Challenge Course Full-day w/lunch at Hilltop and 2 snack breaks:	\$105 per person

Meal portions of these packages are subject to 6.75% Sales Tax and 20% Service Charge

Facilitation Services

Our founder, Dr. James D. (Jimmy) Smith, Jr., is a principal in our “faculty” of accredited facilitators, available to work with church, corporate, non-profit, and youth groups in areas such as team building, leadership development and selection, creating a purposeful culture (especially in merger/acquisition situations), business simulations, and strategic planning.

Please visit our website for more information about our resident and visiting facilitators, including bios, areas of specialization, and fees.

Accommodations

- Authentic log cabins overlooking lakes in four different floor plans providing a variety of options for Single or Double Occupancy. These units feature king or queen-size beds, fireplaces, antiques, fully-equipped kitchens, and porch swings.
- Log Suites. These five units are located in a secluded pine grove within walking distance of Swim Lake and the swimming pool and feature two bedrooms (one king and one queen bed); two full bathrooms (one with Jacuzzi tub), a dining area, fully-equipped kitchen and covered patio.
- Private Homes. These beautiful log homes are located in the gated second-home community adjacent to the resort (¼ to ½ a mile from the meeting rooms and restaurant), and offer magnificent lake views. Each house is unique but they all feature at least three bedrooms/bathrooms; living areas with fireplaces, TV sets with cable; and internet connections; fully-equipped kitchens; and expansive outdoor decks. Rental fees for these properties range between \$400 and \$800 exclusive of Meeting Package.



Dining

- Executive Chef Jim Condra's corporate menus are influenced by the fresh herbs grown in the adjacent garden and are carefully planned, prepared and served to complement the overall retreat experience.
- A conference services coordinator works closely with each group to ensure all the participants' dietary requirements, as well as any special requests, are addressed.
- Hilltop also offers a selection of domestic and imported beers, a variety of wines and its signature Lime Tarragon Margaritas.
- Themed dinners, herb garden tours, and team-building cooking demonstrations are also available.
- Snack breaks are served outside each meeting room daily at mid-morning and mid-afternoon. Beverage service is provided continuously.



Meeting Space

- We offer several meeting rooms in a variety of sizes—ranging from a cozy conference room setting for small groups to a larger room with capacity for up to 100 guests.
- All meeting rooms are equipped with wireless, high-speed internet access, basic A/V equipment, “tack-friendly” walls and adjacent break areas.
- In addition, many groups turn our decks and gazebos into outdoor classrooms.
- Our ropes course includes a spacious gazebo for conducting debriefing sessions.



Experiential Learning

Rated among the best in Texas, our course provides a carefully sequenced series of outdoor problem-solving challenges and obstacles that use assorted props, trees, ropes, cable and height to provide physical metaphors for situations simulating the corporate environment.



Evening Hospitality Suite

Complete Meeting Packages include a Hospitality Suite every evening. A spacious or intimate gathering spot, depending on the group's preference and size, these feature board games, billiards, ping-pong, karaoke, foosball, TV/VCR. Bars, with or without bartenders, are available at additional cost.



FREE TIME ACTIVITIES

Beach Party at Swim Lake/Swimming Pool Area

Gather at the beach or poolside and we'll set up the tiki torches and campfire and supply the music, beverages and snacks to end the workday on a festive note. Bars, with or without bartenders, are available at additional cost.

Beach Party (15 person minimum):	\$20 per person
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Boating

We rent canoes and kayaks to enjoy all our interconnected lakes.

Canoes and Kayaks (2 people):	\$25 per boat for Four Hours; 8-5 p.m. \$30.00; \$35 for 24 hours
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Cooking Classes

With advanced reservations, our Executive Chef Jim Condra will share some of his secrets and teach group participants how to cook like pros!

Cooking Classes (15 person minimum):	\$50 per person
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Fishing

Our 250 acres of Artesian water-fed lakes are stocked with bass, catfish, crappie, brim and perch (rainbow trout is available from January through April). Fishing tournament participants will be provided a fishing pole, small tackle box and a resort map. Includes orientation and instructions by Facilitator.

Team Building Fishing Tournaments (15 person minimum):	\$75 per person
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Hayrides and Campfires with S'mores!

This signature service takes guests around the resort and drops them off at an authentic country campfire complete with S'mores! *Country-western performers and poetry readings are available w/advanced reservations. Alcoholic beverages are available at additional cost.*

Hayride and Bonfire w/S'mores: 15 person minimum	\$15 per person
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Bonfire w/S'mores: 15 person minimum	\$10 per person
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Herb Garden Tours

Includes a printed summary of the herbs we grow.

Guided Garden Tours (15 person minimum):	\$5 per person
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Horseback Riding

The Stables offers guided horseback riding with advanced reservations.

Guided Horseback Riding:	\$25 per person
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Massage Therapy

Massage therapy can be scheduled in or outside your cabin or in a massage room. Invigorating 15-minute Chair Massages can be enjoyed right outside the meeting room or during Evening Hospitality Suite!

More!

Swimming, Hiking, Bike Riding, Volleyball, Basketball, Bird Watching, Star Gazing...

***For a productive business retreat without external distractions, the natural choice is
The Retreat at Artesian Lakes!***

