

Why a weekend retreat?

ISNA has grown very quickly over the past year. Many intersexuals have written and asked about attending a peer support group meeting, currently held only in San Francisco. A few have already flown across the country to attend these three hour meetings.

This weekend retreat will better fill the needs of those who travel long distances to meet other ISNA members, and the longer format will let us get to know each other more deeply than is possible in a three hour meeting.

Who will be at the retreat?

Other than one or two possible outside facilitators, the weekend participants will be limited to intersexuals. Please respect this intention, and do not distribute this pamphlet. If you know someone whom you think would benefit from this weekend, please introduce them to ISNA. We will send an invitation to all intersexed persons who contact ISNA before the registration deadline.

We may have outside facilitators to help with some program events. This is a gentle space; we recognize that all of us have different needs and different paces of healing. No one will be pressured into participating in any program. There will be plenty of time for casual conversation, shared meals, and quiet resting.

Location

We will meet in a quiet, sunny resort two hours north of San Francisco in the beautiful wine producing region of Sonoma County. We will have our own large house, with shared accommodations, a kitchen, large living room, and outdoor hot tub.

There is a swimming pool on the grounds, shared with other resort guests.

There are several options for traveling from the San Francisco International Airport to the resort; instructions will be provided after you register.

Weather, meals, accommodations

Expect the weather to be very warm and sunny, but bring a sweater for evening. If you will extend your stay before or after the weekend, be aware that the weather in San Francisco itself (not Sonoma) is very changeable, and can be cool.

Meals will be served (Friday dinner through Sunday lunch). Meals are vegetarian at breakfast and dinner, with fish or chicken and vegetarian options for dinner.

We will stay in shared accommodations, with bedding and towels provided. You may wish to bring a large towel for hot tub and swimming pool use.

Possible program ideas

We would like to have a number of events facilitated by participants. If you would like to lead an event, please contact ISNA. The following are some suggestions/ideas.

Saturday afternoon

Get acquainted, set the weekend agenda

Sunday

Movement, relaxation time, sharing our stories, shame, gender, sexuality, genital sensation after surgery, sugar and spice and puppy dog tails

Monday morning

Discuss location, date, and program for 1997

How to register

The cost of attending the weekend retreat is \$150 per person, including two nights of shared accommodations, six meals (Saturday evening through Monday lunch), use of all facilities, swimming pool, and shared accommodations.

Registrations are accepted in advance only. To register, fill out the registration form on the other side and return it to ISNA as soon as possible. Space is limited, so don't delay!

A deposit of \$75 must accompany your registration form. Checks and money orders should be made payable to ISNA. We are not equipped to accept credit cards. Payment in full is due by August 7, 1996.

After your registration is received, we will mail you directions on how to get to the weekend.

Registration Form
ISNA Weekend Retreat
(Fill out completely in order to register)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Zip _____

Telephone(s) _____

Email _____

Enclose your check or money order made payable to ISNA for either the \$75 deposit, or the total amount of \$150. If you pay only the deposit, the balance is due by August 7, 1996.

Advance registration is required as there will be no registration at the door. Contact ISNA if you have any questions.

Mail your completed registration form, with payment, to:

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the first ISNA
Weekend Retreat

August 31–Sept 2, 1996
in Sonoma County, California

