

# MARRIED COUPLES

## ROMANCE

### WEEKEND

#### SAMPLE SCHEDULE

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

*We request that cell phones are silenced during sessions and the couple relationship-building activities in order to minimize distractions for all participants.*

#### FRIDAY

- |         |   |         |   |
|---------|---|---------|---|
| 5:30 pm | Room Check-in & Relaxation<br>Join other couples for Fellowship in the Great Room | 1:30 pm | Relationship-Building Activities<br><i>Hot Beverages &amp; Bottled Waters available during Break Time</i>   |
| 6:15 pm | Welcome & Prayer in the Great Room  | 4:30 pm | Ride back to The Lodge  |
| 6:30 pm | Dinner  | 4:45 pm | Couple Time<br><i>Suggestions: Deer Run, downtown Franklin, historic Leiper's Fork</i>  |
| 7:30 pm | <b>SESSION 1</b>  | 7:00 pm | Candlelit Dinner & Dancing (optional) with Live Music followed by your choice of couple time in the Great Room, around the campfire or in your room |
| 9:00 pm | Campfire with S'mores   |         |   |

#### SATURDAY

- 8:00 am Breakfast
- 9:00 am **SESSION 2**
- 10:30 am 15-minute Break
- 10:45 am **SESSION 3**
- 12:15 pm Lunch
- 1:15 pm Ride to Relationship-Building Initiatives  
*Dress for the outdoors & meet in front of The Lodge.*

#### SUNDAY

- 8:00 am Breakfast
- 9:00 am Worship
- 9:30 am **SESSION 4**
- 11:00 am Group Photo, then Pack Up & Check Out of Rooms or Cabins



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### WHAT TO PACK

- An open heart and mind to where God leads you this weekend
- Notebook (if you are a note-taker)
- Camera or phone to capture memorable moments
- Casual clothing for sessions and free time
- Loose-fitting pants and sturdy shoes or hiking boots are recommended for the couple relationship-building activities. Do not wear open-toe or open-heel shoes, sandals or flip flops.
- Saturday night romantic dinner — dress up or dress casual, whichever is most comfortable for you
- Warm clothing (depending on weather) for outdoor activities: jackets, gloves, scarfs, caps, long johns

#### **ALLERGIES or DIETARY RESTRICTIONS**

Contact Guest Services if you have food allergies or dietary restrictions.

We do our best to accommodate your needs.

Call 615.794.2918 or email [Contact@DeerRun.camp](mailto:Contact@DeerRun.camp).



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#### FAQs

**IS THIS WEEKEND FOR US?**

The weekend is designed to offer new insights and renewal to even the best marriages and relationships. The weekend gives you time away from everyday stress and schedules and provides time for you to focus on each other.

It is also a weekend for couples who are struggling and are seeking hope for restoration of their relationship. The speakers, worship and other elements of the weekend give you a foundation to rekindle your love and start anew.

**DO THE LODGING ACCOMMODATIONS PROVIDE A PRIVATE ROOM FOR MY SPOUSE AND ME?**

Yes, rooms are not shared. All accommodations are private rooms with a private bath.

**WILL WE HAVE SOME FREE TIME TO CHOOSE WHAT TO DO ON OUR OWN?**

Yes, couples have time on Saturday afternoon to relax together and choose to stay at Deer Run or spend time off site. Nearby options are historic Leiper's Fork or downtown Franklin, each only 15 minutes from Deer Run.

**ARE THE COUPLE RELATIONSHIP-BUILDING ACTIVITIES PHYSICALLY CHALLENGING?**

Many of the activities are not physically challenging, but rather help you with communication and trust. For the more physically challenging activities, it is participation by choice. Most couples who attend comment that this is one of the best parts of the weekend experience.

**IS CHILDCARE AVAILABLE ON SITE?**

Sorry, but no, childcare is not available.

**WHAT SHOULD WE WEAR TO THE SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER?**

Wear whatever is comfortable for you; there are no dress requirements. However, this is an opportunity to dress up if you would like to.

**IS DEER RUN AFFILIATED WITH A SPECIFIC DENOMINATION OR CHURCH?**

Deer Run is a non-denominational, 501(c)(3) nonprofit Christian ministry which teaches fundamentals of God's Word from The Bible. Deer Run is not owned, governed, or funded by a church or church organization. Deer Run has a volunteer board of directors and is funded through user fees, individual donations, monthly supporters and grants.

**WE ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING AT DEER RUN. HOW CAN WE GET INVOLVED?**

Volunteers are vitally important to this ministry! They help us meet the needs of our guests and with property upkeep and improvements. Volunteers help throughout the year in areas such as serving meals, landscaping, cutting firewood, construction, summer camps, fund raising events plus community and family events. Call the office if you are interested in serving or fill out a volunteer card while you are at Deer Run.



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# FALL ROMANCE WEEKEND

November 17-19, 2017



## BRUCE & MARLINA MARTIN

*Guest Speakers*

Bruce and Marlina Martin have been married for 33 years, have a 19-year-old son Zach and a 2-year-old dog Dugg, and reside in Huntsville, Alabama.

They've been involved in marriage counseling and enrichment for over 20 years. Their relationship has endured dishonesty, betrayal, infidelity, infertility, depression and near bankruptcy. They consider it a great joy and privilege to help other couples navigate their own struggles and learn to love each other well.

They love being outdoors together — hiking, walking, camping, working in the yard, etc. But when they're indoors, they love watching a good movie or football game together.

Bruce is the author of *Desperate For Hope: Hanging On and Finding God During Life's Hardest Times* published by Revell/Baker Publishing Group. *Desperate For Hope* helps people find hope in God in the middle of the worst of circumstances. Read more at [desperateforhope.com](http://desperateforhope.com).

He is the founding pastor of Westside Community Church, a multicultural congregation in Huntsville, Alabama and co-founder of The CornerStone Initiative, a community development ministry that works with the vulnerable and under-resourced in West Huntsville.

Bruce serves as a keynote speaker for conferences, marriage seminars, men's retreats, young adult venues and fund-raising events. He is especially passionate about teaching how the Gospel intersects with culture and encouraging God's people to live out the Gospel in their everyday lives.

Find out more at [BruceWMartin.com](http://BruceWMartin.com).

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# VALENTINE ROMANCE WEEKEND

February 9-11, 2018



## BILLY & YOLANDA JACKSON

*Guest Speakers*

You can read more about them  
and their ministry at  
<http://LiveInPeaceMinistries.org>.

Billy and Yolanda founded Live in Peace Ministries. Together they have overcome some of life's most difficult challenges for marriage such as selfishness, control, addiction, blended family issues and even a life changing injury.

They know marriages are under "attack" by the enemy, but believe with God all things are possible. Their marriage is a testament to God's miracles.

It is their desire to help married couples learn key principals and live in God's peace. They passionately believe that through marriage God can and will change this world "piece by peace."

Billy is not foreign to serving others. He is an army veteran and has served the Nashville community as a Police Officer and Crime Lab Technician for 16 years. While continuing his service with the government he has stepped deeper into his calling as a minister of the Gospel and has a deep passion for married people.

Billy and Yolanda have been married for almost 10 years. Yolanda's passion to serve others started in the beauty-wellness industry where she served in leadership for 18 years. As a step-in faith, she transitioned from Corporate America in 2014 to serve as the Director of Spiritual Development for Olive Branch Church. Currently Yolanda is serving full time in their Marriage Ministry Live in Peace Ministries.

These two are a force to be reckoned with when it comes to "real life" marriage and family situations. Two very different souls from broken marriages found God's true love in 2004 and blended their families together in 2007. They have 4 beautiful children and 3 adorable grandchildren. Billy and Yolanda are native Nashvillians and now reside in Hendersonville, TN.

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**SPRINGTIME  
ROMANCE WEEKEND**

**March 23-25, 2018**



**HENRY & HOLLY  
BIEBER**

*Guest Speakers*

Henry and Holly have been married for 31 years and have been investing in and mentoring couples for a number of years. They lead small groups where spiritual, emotional and relational health are emphasized.

Henry is currently the Partner Care Pastor of Shoreline Church in Knoxville, Tennessee. He has been in vocational ministry for 33 years, serving in various capacities at 4 different churches in the Southeast. He has earned a Master of Arts in Biblical Counseling from Colorado Christian University and has been offering Marriage and Family spiritual direction to couples and individuals for 24 years.

Henry and Holly have a passion to see people live according to the design for which God created them. They are the parents of two adult sons, Reid and Tripp and two stunning daughters-in-law, Morgan and Kelly.

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November 16-18, 2018



## ROBBY & CHRISTY RYAN

*Guest Speakers*

You can read more about their story at  
<http://RobbyandChristyRyan.com>.

We are Robby and Christy Ryan. We have been married for 26 years and have three children. In 2008 we were called into marriage ministry after God saved our own marriage from years of alcoholism, drug use, gambling, pornography, and affairs. God led us from hopelessness and near divorce to forgiveness and total restoration. His work in us was so life-changing that we now love to share with others about His Word and power.

For the last several years we have walked alongside many couples, led small groups, and spoken at several churches, retreats, and LifeWay conferences about the Biblical marriage insights we have gained. [Deer Run is one of our “favorite” ones!:]

Our hearts beat to see marriages strengthened and restored, and to adopt God’s design for family. We believe that maintaining openness and honesty in marriage strengthens a couple’s relationship, but only in applying the full truth of Scripture to the way we run our homes do we find freedom. *“The truth will set you free.” John 8:32*

We know the Lord heals broken marriages and strengthens all marriages and families because He healed and strengthened ours, and we believe He desires to do the same in yours. We look forward to sharing our hearts with you.