Bahá'í Children's Retreats

A Complete Planning Guide

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Bahá'í children's classes are a core activity of the current Plan. As a complementary experience, these retreats can help to jump-start neighborhood classes by attracting new students and their parents.

As occasional events, the retreats do not conflict with the core activities or consume human resources which would otherwise be dedicated to neighborhood classes. Rather, they have been effective in recruiting children's class teachers, and building their enthusiasm and capacity for service.

In addition, the retreats offer youth and adult volunteers an opportunity to apply their institute training and to quickly acquire new skills through an intensive experience, so they return home with added confidence, kid-tested ideas and supplementary materials to support the children's classes in their own neighborhoods.

What People Are Saying

"This retreat was life changing. You feel a renewal of passion for educating children. Children are capable of amazing things!" **— Lynn Haug, Parent**

"I really enjoyed the retreat and so did my boys, especially the oldest who is getting decidedly opinionated about what outings our family participates in. They went into the whole thing with some resistance. At the end, they didn't want to leave." **— Dr. David Walker, Parent**

"My children had their best Bahá'í experience to date. Both in their opinion and mine." **— Jayotta Jefferson Feimoefiafi, Parent**

"It was an awesome performance today and I hope that you will carry on doing children's retreats until you pass on to the holy kingdoms of God!!! A human being cannot describe how much you guys did for me. Thank you from the bottom of my heart." **— Zia, age 11**

"My three girls and I felt so very fortunate to have been a part of your weekend retreats! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! It was really a warm, welcoming, and purposeful weekend we won't soon forget. I look forward to more such weekends in the future." **— Paul Lucas, Parent**

"I really enjoyed all the things we did. I loved the classes and the songs and the play and the arts and the crafts and the archery and the hot tub. It was fun, exciting and cool!" **— Enrique, age 12**

"Thank you for hosting this beautiful children's retreat. I am hoping that we will be able to come again soon. Thankfully, I brought my camera so my mom will be able to host one too!"
— Alexis, age 10

"Without fail, participants emerge from these joyous events glowing with positive feedback, and the same old question, every single time: When can we do this AGAIN?" **— Flash Jordan, Youth Volunteer**

"We need to look at our children's' retreats as something we can offer to the greater public. It really filled a need for them to meet with like-aged peers, learning and realizing the brilliant future ahead of them." **— Leigh Lohrasbi, Local Assembly Member**

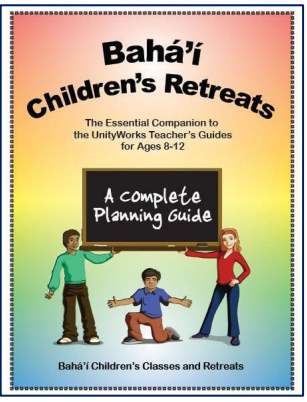
"The retreats have been an integral part of my growing up experience, and I'm so grateful for the opportunity to come and help out now as a youth. It's really special to see my brothers and cousins and their friends, and know that they'll grow up with the same wonderful friendships and learning experiences and shared memories that my generation of youth gained. I always feel a little guilty about wanting to come because I have ulterior motives — I love the retreats!" **— Brynne Haug, Youth Volunteer**

"I wanted to say thank you again for your retreats. The boys loved them and the retreats have inspired us. Last summer we held our first children's retreat here at our property. We called it "Summer Breeze" and we had 13 kids from all over...which really brought it home to me how much these are needed for our kids. We plan to make it an annual event. It was a blast! Anyway...it was your retreat that inspired us to try the same thing. I hope it catches on and someday there will be children's retreats all over the country for these great kids!" **— Valerie Stephenson, Parent**

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