

## Upstate New York Fall Retreat

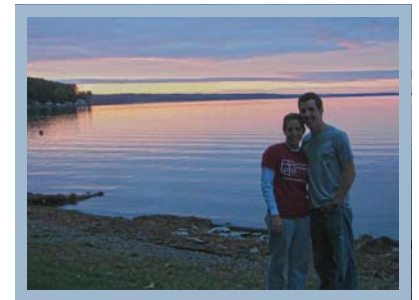
Imagine spending a weekend away from the busyness of life, schedules, and deadlines. Imagine having fun with old friends and getting to know new friends all throughout the weekend. Imagine a relaxed time to focus on your relationship with God and learn about what He is trying to teach you.



This is exactly what happened about a month ago at the Upstate New York Fall Retreat. There were about 250 people there which included students and Campus Crusade staff from colleges in Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Albany, and Cornell gathered at a retreat center along Seneca Lake in Western New York (see picture below: us along the beautiful lake). From the Rochester area alone there were 85 students that attended the Fall Retreat (see picture left), and from RIT alone

there were 42 students! Despite the gray and rainy weather, there was a lot of fun, excitement, and learning that occurred throughout the weekend.

Highlights from the weekend include: campus times (time set aside for each campus to discuss what they have learned/what God has been teaching individual students), a rowdy touch football game (Eastern NY vs. Western NY...Eastern NY finally pulled out the win this year after many years of defeat), meaningful times of prayer, the diverse talent show, and amazing times of learning and worship included in each session.



The greatest highlight from the weekend for us is hearing what individual students learn from God. We enjoy hearing how God is changing their lives! A weekend like this can have a great impact on a student's life. Shellae, a second year student at RIT, says Fall Retreat helped her "to realize that God wants (and needs) to be everything in our lives." She explained how "there is no separation between Him and school, or Him and family problems, or Him and 'good times'. He's in everything, all the time, everywhere." Another student, Stephen a freshman, learned that "it's easy to get caught up in a lot of homework and forget about what really matters in life. Fall Retreat helped put things back in perspective on why I am here in NY and not some place else. It reminded me that I need to rely on God when things get tough, because I won't get far in life if I don't."

## Freshman Bible Study



We just finished week 6 (out of 9 weeks) of a Bible study that we have started with a coed group of freshman students. The study we decided to start is called "The God Who Is," and it is a Bible study that examines the different characteristics of God and who He is. On average, we have had 10 freshman students that consistently attend each week. Every week we have

great discussion and feedback from the students, and we can sense in them an openness to learning more about God and what the Bible says about Him. Please be in prayer for this Bible study and these freshman students. Some of them are really searching for answers, and we are praying that God would make Himself so apparent in their lives!



CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST

Building Spiritual Movements Everywhere

44 Bayberry Dr.

Rochester, NY 14609

nathan.miller@uscm.org

emily.miller@uscm.org

nateandemilymiller.blogspot.com

585-233-9701

Campus Crusade for Christ

P.O. Box 628222

Orlando, FL 32862

1-888-CRUSADE

www.give.ccci.org/give/0595765