Who is invited to attend the retreat?

C.O.P.S. Siblings Retreat is planned for surviving siblings and their spouse/domestic partner (21 years or older) of law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty, as determined by C.O.P.S. criteria. Other relatives and friends are not eligible to attend.

How will the retreat benefit me?

Surviving siblings have at times been referred to as the “forgotten ones” due to putting their grief aside to help the surviving parents, spouses and children. Siblings that attend this program find relief in having an outlet to express themselves with others who know how they feel.

At the retreat, you will attend seminar sessions designed for your needs, participate in challenging and fun activities, and unwind in the evenings with new-found friends. It is our goal for you to leave the retreat feeling relaxed with a support system of peers and knowledge to help you in the future.

Where is the retreat located?

We will be staying at the YMCA Trout Lodge on Sunnen Lake in Potosi, MO. This is located 90 minutes outside of St. Louis. Couples will be roomed together; those attending alone will share a room with another attendee.

How do I get to the retreat?

If you are flying, you should plan to arrive at St. Louis Lambert Airport (STL) between 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Friday, September 11. You will be met by a C.O.P.S. representative at the airport and transported to the YMCA Trout Lodge by bus. You will be transported back to
Testimonial:

Beth Wouters has attended the Siblings Retreat every year for the past 17 years, having only missed two times. She says “C.O.P.S. saved my ‘emotional’ life twice. If it hadn’t been for the counselors at the Siblings Retreat, I don’t know where I would be today.” She attributes the psychotherapy treatment EMDR (Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing) for helping her cope.

Beth continues to attend the Siblings Retreat where she enjoys seeing the growth of herself and other survivors year after year. “One survivor was so grief stricken, she couldn’t speak her brother’s name,” Beth said. “Now to see how far she has come over the past couple of years is remarkable. That is what C.O.P.S. does.”


What is the cost of the retreat?

Your only expense is your travel to and from the St. Louis Airport if flying or to and from the YMCA Trout Lodge if you are driving. If you fail to cancel your attendance and you do not show up for the program, you could be subject to a participation fee for the following year’s program.

Code of Conduct: This program has a Code of Conduct. Breaking that code will cause immediate expulsion from the program. Cost of expulsion will be the responsibility of the affected participant. A copy of the C.O.P.S. Code of Conduct and Cancellation Policy will be sent to you after we receive your registration request. C.O.P.S. and the counselors working with C.O.P.S. reserve the right to pre-qualify applicants and excuse those who may not be suitable for the program. All decisions concerning the same shall be final.

Limited travel assistance may be available. Contact your local C.O.P.S. Chapter or the C.O.P.S. National Office for additional information.

This event is organized by National C.O.P.S. The sale of merchandise for any cause other than National C.O.P.S. is strictly prohibited. All merchandise sold or distributed at any Hands-On Program must be approved by National C.O.P.S. prior to the program. This project was supported by Cooperative Agreement No. 2016-PS-DX-K002 awarded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance.
Registration Form (Please print or register online at www.concernsofpolicesurvivors.org)

Attendee Name: ___________________________ Spouse/Domestic Partner Name (if attending): ___________________________

Attendee Date of Birth: ___________________________ Spouse/Domestic Partner Date of Birth: ___________________________

Address __________________________________________________________________________________________

City ___________________________ State ___________________________ Zip ___________________________

E-mail(s) ____________________________________________________________

Home Phone ___________________________ Cell Phone(s) __________________________________________________________

Roommate Preference __________________________________________________________________________________________

If you have a medical condition or dietary concern(s) we should be aware of, please describe below:
____________________________________________________________________________________________

Arrival flight information on September 11: __________________________________________________________

Departure flight information on September 14: __________________________________________________________

Airline Flight # Time Airline Flight # Time

If you are flying and arriving early, will you be riding the bus from the airport to the Trout Lodge on September 11?  □ Yes □ No

□ I/We will be driving. Please send detailed directions.

Officer’s Name ___________________________ End of Watch _______ / _______ / ___________

Department __________________________________________________________________________________________

Cause of Death: □ Accidental □ Felonious □ Natural Causes

Your Health Insurance ___________________________ Policy Number ___________________________

In case of emergency, notify:

Name ___________________________ Relationship ___________________________

Home Phone ___________________________ Cell Phone ___________________________

Detach this registration form and return to the C.O.P.S. National Office or register online at www.concernsofpolicesurvivors.org by August 11, 2020.

For more information, call the C.O.P.S. National Office - (573) 346-4911.

This program is planned for surviving siblings and their spouse or domestic partner who have been affected by the line-of-duty death of a fallen law enforcement officer according to C.O.P.S. criteria. C.O.P.S. is a 501(c)(3) corporation. Donations are tax deductible.
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