

Come join us!

Registration information:

The cost for the retreat is \$425.00. This includes all meals, housing, activities and materials. Please send your registration form and a check for \$50.00 as a non-refundable deposit to ***Missionary Resources Connection*** by May 1st. The remaining balance (\$375.00) is due at check-in time the first day of the retreat. The application form may be down-loaded from the website, at www.mresourcesconnection.org. Please feel free to contact our Retreat Coordinators, Debbie Dinstel, Jessica Ketcham or Lauren Wiest (mrc.tck.retreat@gmail.com), if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you at our retreat!

What is a TCK?

A third-culture kid is an individual who, having spent a significant part of his developmental years in a culture other than his parents' home culture, develops a sense of relationship to all of the cultures, while not having full ownership in any. Elements from each culture are incorporated into the life experience, but the sense of belonging is in relationship to others of similar experience.

You know you're an MK when:

- ◇ You can't answer the question, "Where are you from?"
- ◇ "Where are you from?" has more than one reasonable answer.
- ◇ You speak two languages, but can't spell either.
- ◇ You have a passport, but no driver's license.
- ◇ You speak with authority on the quality of airline travel.
- ◇ You sort your friends by continent.
- ◇ You believe vehemently that football is played with a round, spotted ball.
- ◇ Rain on a tile patio --or a corrugated metal roof-- is one of the most wonderful sounds in the world.
- ◇ You know how to pack

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MK/TCK Re-Entry Retreat *presented by* **Missionary Resources Connection**

Retreat:

Dates: August 6-15, 2012

**Location: Bethel Christian Camp in
Gaston, SC**

Crossing the ocean.....Again?!

Does the U.S. feel like a foreign country to you? Do you have questions about opening a bank account, or getting a job once you're in college? Are you nervous about making friends here in the States?

Our re-entry retreat offers help for these common concerns and more! We like to think of it as a resting place along your journey of life—a time to reflect and share about where you've been, as well as a time to think and prepare for your future. You will enjoy fun times with fellow TCKs, and learn new and practical things about yourself and others in order to make a smooth transition to college life in the U.S.

Here's what people are saying:

“God hears me and really is a friend that will listen and be there whenever I need him.”

“It's ok to be mad, sad, lonely, etc., but the way you handle it can make or break your experience.”

“That God doesn't always give us a straight course toward our future. He causes our paths to meander but only so that we grow.”

“That you can't just turn grief off when you get tired of it. You actually need to work through it to be healed.”

“That my story matters and listening to other people's stories matter.”

“To fight my fears, enjoy life and don't live in fear.”

Come learn about:

- ⇒ **American Culture and Values**
- ⇒ **The Stages of Transition**
- ⇒ **Personality Puzzles: Understanding Yourself & Others**
- ⇒ **Maintaining a Biblical Worldview**
- ⇒ **Initiating Healthy Friendships**
- ⇒ **Handling Separation & Loss**
- ⇒ **Managing Finances & Banking**
- ⇒ **Finding a New Church Home**
- ⇒ **Identity & Belonging**
- ⇒ **Healthy Goodbyes**