

Play Ball! & Connect



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**SPRING TRAINING RETREAT WITH
'PADDLE PILGRIM' DAVE ELLINGSON**

PLAY BALL & CONNECT! A DESERT SOJOURN RETREAT

Join us for an inspiring Spring Training experience in Arizona, where baseball enthusiasts and faith-driven individuals unite to explore the connection between sport and spirituality.

This unique retreat, led by Pastor Dave Ellingson, combines fellowship, worship, and the excitement of baseball with opportunities to attend MLB Cactus League games in the vibrant Arizona desert.

Highlights include: Daily fellowship gatherings around the theme of baseball and faith; Baseball-themed entertainment, film screenings, and discussions; Poolside fellowship and breakfast and dinner provided each day.

Please Note: The registration cost includes accommodations, meals, and group gatherings. It does not include transportation to and from Carefree, game tickets, or alcoholic beverages.

Space is limited to 10 rooms, so reserve your spot today to experience exciting Spring Training baseball with us!



Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center, located in a beautiful and peaceful Arizona desert setting, hosts programs and retreats for participants of all faiths and traditions to experience reconciliation, renewal, healing, and transformation.



WHEN

**Tuesday - Friday,
March 10-13, 2026**

WHERE

**Spirit in the Desert
Retreat Center**
7415 E Elbow Bend Road,
Carefree AZ 85377

COST

Price per person:

1 person, private room : \$775 ea
2 people, 2 in a room : \$625 ea
3 people, 3 in a room : \$525 ea

Price includes: Four days of programming, three nights lodging (Tuesday-Thursday) and 6 meals (3 breakfasts and 3 dinners).

REGISTER ONLINE OR CALL

(480) 488-5218



Dave Ellingson, the Paddle Pilgrim, has taught courses in spirituality, environmental ethics, human development, and youth ministry at Trinity Lutheran College in Everett, Wash. He is a Lutheran pastor, author, Master Gardner, former distance runner and triathlete, and has a Doctorate in Holistic Health. Dave is married, father of 5 children and 5 grandchildren, and lives in Edmonds, WA. For more info on Dave: www.paddle-pilgrim.com.

Dave Ellingson is the author of several books, including five Paddle Pilgrim kayak adventures; *Say What? A Fresh Look at Old Sayings*; *Biblical Wisdom for a Digital Age*; *My Body, My Life*; and *Grizz and His Friends*.