

# The La Foret Story

La Foret was originally the summer home of Mrs. Alice Bemis Taylor, a prominent Colorado Springs philanthropist and one of the benefactresses of the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center. Mr. & Mrs. Taylor began construction of their summer estate in 1927 on what was then over 500 acres in Black Forest.



Taylor Memorial Chapel, 1929

Ponderosa Lodge is where she resided while spending summers at La Foret. The Taylor Memorial Chapel was constructed in 1929, in memorial to her husband, Mr. Frederick Morgan Pike Taylor who passed away before ever visiting the property. After Mrs. Taylor died in 1942, the Bemis Taylor Foundation deeded La Foret to the Colorado Congregational Church, now known as the United Church of Christ. Cabins were constructed and the church used La Foret for their outdoor ministries. Today, La Foret operates as a non-profit organization serving a wide variety of clientele. The organization is committed to preserving the ambience of the original Bemis Taylor residence while modernizing our facilities for our guests.

## Programming

Although La Foret offers space and place for groups to bring their own programs, there are many events and classes that the general public can join. Be sure to check our website often to learn about these exciting programs.

- RMC UCC & DOC Summer Camps
- "Something's Movin' in the Forest" Kids Day Camp
- Art & Acting in the Forest offered by Bemis Art School
- Monthly Social Dance with a 1-hour dance lesson
- Private and semi-private dance lessons
- Halloween & Easter Celebrations
- ...and much more!

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*"In a world which needs compassion, tolerance & love, La Foret Conference & Retreat Center is committed to nurturing the spirit, connecting people with one another, refreshing the weary and inspiring healthy and confident future generations. La Foret provides a safe and welcoming haven for programs which promote these values."*

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## La Foret



Open year-round, La Foret is located on 400+ wooded acres in the Black Forest area just 15 miles north of Colorado Springs. With our beautiful rustic setting and a variety of cabins and meeting spaces, La Foret is the perfect venue for your next event: retreat, school excursion, group meeting, outdoor education program,

wedding, holiday banquet, church gathering or family reunion. Recreational facilities include a heated outdoor swimming pool (open between Memorial Day and Labor Day), softball field, tennis and basketball courts, and horseshoe pit. On-site amenities include: picnic grounds, audio/visual equipment, and sports equipment. There is a variety of nature and hiking trails, a high and low ropes elements challenge course, and our unique labyrinth.



## Cabins

**Indian Paintbrush**  
Sleeps 18; kitchen



**Willow**  
Sleeps 20

**Aspen & Columbine**  
Each cabin sleeps 16

**Yucca & Tannenbaum**  
Each cabin sleeps 14

**Kinnikinnick**  
Sleeps 11; kitchen

**Sage & Prickly Pear**  
Each cabin sleeps 10



**Yurts (total of six yurts)**  
Located in yurt village;  
each yurt sleeps 12

## Dining Services

Whether your stay is with a small youth group, corporate retreat, or holistic yoga seminar, La Foret will provide the perfect meal package to complement your experience. We cater to a large range of dietary needs that can be custom tailored to serve any type of group.

## Meeting Spaces

**Inglis Hall**

**Ponderosa Lodge**

**Carriage House**

**Blue Spruce Lodge**



## Recreation

La Foret has a variety of recreational options:

Swimming  
Labyrinth  
Tennis  
Basketball  
Volleyball  
Hiking  
Campfire Circles  
Hayrides  
Octoball  
Archery  
Ropes Course



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