



Campership Program Guidelines 2018

Thank you for reviewing these guidelines about the Forest Home Campership Program.

At Forest Home, we do our best to make camp affordable. However, we know that life circumstances can sometimes create a financial need. For that reason, Forest Home has a Campership Program to provide financial assistance to those who would not otherwise be able to attend Forest Home camp programs.

The Forest Home Campership funds are provided by individuals and foundations who recognize the impact a camp experience can have on a person's life. Because these are "donor dollars," we have a responsibility to use the funds wisely.

To determine your eligibility for assistance and ensure as many people as possible benefit from this program, we ask you to complete the application process described below.

Camperships are generally not awarded to guest groups (e.g. Churches, Schools, or other organizations) who use Forest Home facilities for their own retreats or conferences.

If you have any question or you feel these requirements would prevent you from applying, email campership@foresthomes.org. Someone from our Campership Team will contact you.

Winter and Summer Children and Youth Camps

Applies to: Winter Camp 2018 and Summer Camp 2018 for Children, Junior High, and High School

Deadline: The deadline for children and youth campership applications for 2018 are as follows:

Winter Camp 2018 – December 1, 2017

Summer Camp 2018 – June 1, 2018 or a minimum of four weeks before the start of camp

The Campership Team will review campership applications as they are received and notify you within two weeks.

Applications submitted after the deadline will be considered. However, funding may be limited.

Children/Youth Campers Attending with a Group: This applies to children and youth attending a Forest Home camp program as part of a youth group. The **group leader** should submit the campership requests for the campers in their group that need a Forest Home Campership. Camperships will be awarded based on these specific campers and are expected to benefit these individual campers.

Here is how to apply for camperships for children and youth attending as part of a group:

1. Register for the camp program and number of campers you will bring as part of your group.
 - a. Begin early to determine which individuals in the group will likely need financial assistance.
 - b. Work with the family to determine what they can contribute to the cost of their child's own camp experience.
 - c. Determine what your local church body can/will do to provide scholarships to those who need assistance.
 - d. If finances are still a hindrance for a camper, request a Forest Home Campership.
2. Go to foresthomes.org/forms and read the **Campership Guidelines** PDF.
3. After you have read the Guidelines, complete the **Campership Application – Church or Group - Youth** by the deadline noted above (The application is also found on foresthomes.org/forms). Please complete a **separate application for each camp program/week** (The Village, Adventure Mountain, Creekside, Lakeview). In that application, be prepared to:
 - a. Specify how many campers in your group need financial assistance. E.g. Out of your group of 30 campers, 10 are in need of camperships.
 - b. Name the specific camper(s) requesting assistance. Camperships will be awarded based on these specific campers' needs. You can name up to 10 campers on that part of the form. Use the comments section if you need to list more.
 - c. Specify the amount of assistance you are requesting for each camper (after determining what their family and your local church body can contribute)
 - d. Briefly describe the circumstances that cause them to need a Forest Home campership. e.g. Single parent, sudden loss of employment by one or both parents, unusual medical expense or condition, death in the family or other family trauma, homelessness, et al.

4. You will be notified of the Campership Team decision within two weeks after receiving your application. The campership amount will be applied to your group registration, reducing your group's balance due.

Children/Youth Campers Attending Independently of a Group: This applies to children and youth attending a Forest Home camp program independently of a youth group.

Here is how to apply for an individual child or youth campership:

1. Determine what you and your family can contribute to the cost of camp. Each camper is expected to contribute as much as they can towards their own camp experience.
2. Go to foresthomes.org/forms and complete the **Campership Application - Individual - Youth** by the deadline noted above.
3. You will be notified of the Campership Team decision within two weeks after we receive your application so that final payment arrangements can be made.
4. Register for camp immediately (if you have not already done so) so that the campership amount can be applied to your registration.

Family Camp, Adult Retreats, and Parent/Child Retreats

Applies to: Memorial Weekend Family Camp, Summer Family Camp, Home for the Holidays, Men's and Women's Retreats, Parent/Child Retreats, and Marriage Retreats conducted by Forest Home

To ensure as many people as possible can come to camp, **an individual or family is eligible to receive a campership a maximum of two times over a five-year period.**

Requests should be received **no later than 6 weeks** prior to the conference or retreat start date.

1. Determine what amount you can contribute to the cost of camp. Each individual or family is expected to contribute as much as they can towards the cost of their own camp experience. We are happy to create an installment plan to help you make regular payments that fit your budget.
2. Register for the conference or retreat you plan to attend. Please be aware that to assist as many campers as possible, camperships can be used for Economy housing only.
3. Pay your deposit. First consideration for camperships will be given to those who have registered and paid their deposit. Your deposit is refundable if the campership request is denied.
4. Go to foresthomes.org/forms and complete the **Campership Application – Family/Adult.**
5. You will be notified of the Campership Team's decision within approximately two weeks. Any campership awarded will be applied to your balance due.