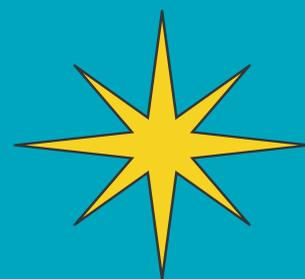




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Winter Camp 2023



Dear Camper Families,

Winter Camp is around the corner, and we are so excited to have your camper back with us. This letter is written specifically toward your perspective as a guardian sending your camper to Forest Home. It contains all the information you and your camper will need to know before sending them to camp! We hope this letter offers you clear expectations and peace of mind, knowing that your camper will have a great weekend with us! If there is anything else that comes up as you prepare for your weekend at camp, please do not hesitate to contact us!

Theme

This year, our theme is "The Turning Point;" we'll look at moments in scripture and moments in our own lives where we're stopped with a decision: to choose obedience and trust God's faithfulness or to trust ourselves and what we think is best. Through worship, messages from our speakers, solo time and counselor-led "cabin conversations," we pray that your camper will have an opportunity for meaningful conversations that will lead them closer to Christ. Please join us in prayer that God would work in big ways and that campers' lives would be changed through Him.

Weather

Weather at camp can be cold, rainy, and / or snowy! We cannot control the weather, but we want to do our best to help you prepare for it! It is advised that campers follow the packing list and carry a jacket on the bus so they can wear it upon arrival. Campers will be briefly waiting outside so they will want to be prepared. The ground at winter camp is usually wet, so we recommend putting sleeping bags and pillows in a waterproof bag to help keep them as dry as possible.

Cell Phones

Forest Home is committed to providing a place of sanctuary and solitude. To help facilitate that, we encourage campers to disengage from their electronics as much as possible while at camp. We want students to enjoy the beauty of God's creation without the distraction of social media and situations happening down the mountain. Undoubtedly, campers will want their phones so they can take pictures to post on social media. You can assure your students that our camp photographer will be taking photos all weekend, so there will be plenty of photos to share!

Additionally, cell phone service is limited up at camp and WiFi is generally not available to students. If you need to get in touch with your camper, we recommend getting in touch with your church's Group Leader so they can either relay a message or get you connected with your camper. If needed, you can also call the Roundhouse at (909) 389-2300 and they will assist in getting your camper connected with you.

Check-In / Arrival

Your church's Youth Pastor / Group Leader will oversee your group's check-in once at camp. To make your camper's portion of the check-in go as smoothly as possible, please follow the instructions provided from your church's group leader. We encourage you to label your camper's luggage with their name and church / group name. That way, if luggage gets misplaced or left behind, we can easily get it back to your camper!



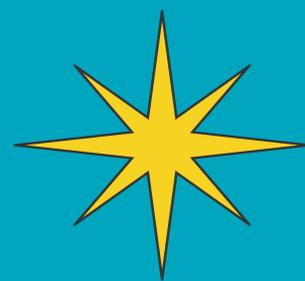
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Medical Forms

Please be advised, Medical Forms are online and **MUST** be completed prior to campers arriving on our grounds. Campers who do not have a completed medical form will not be able to participate in camp. It is recommended that you log-in to your online account and verify that your camper has their medical form completed **PRIOR** to departure. We must strictly enforce this policy, as it is not only the law, but also ensures the safety of all campers. Thank you for your cooperation.

First Aid

Your group leader will have a Health Screening form. Each camper is required to undergo this health screening before arriving to camp. Please note that any ill campers or counselors should not come to camp until they are symptom free for 24 hours; if they are at camp and ill, they may be sent home at the discretion of the camp nurse and first aid policies.

All medications must be in their original containers for both prescriptions and over the counter (OTC) store-bought medications. All prescriptions must have their correct prescription labels. Place all medications in a Ziploc bag with camper and church name on the bag. Please refer to the "Sending Medications to Camp" page on our website for more information on how to send medications – www.foresthome.org/forms.

PLEASE NOTE: If medications are not in the original containers, we will **NOT** be able to administer them.

Food Allergies

Our Guest Dining team is passionate about providing for your camper's dietary needs during their stay and our online registration system makes the process easy and streamlined. Please ensure that all dietary requests are indicated on your camper's online registration form.

Our chefs are trained to accommodate for the following common dietary needs: gluten free diets, nut free, dairy intolerances, egg allergies, vegan, and vegetarian diets. If you have a dietary need other than those listed above, we require that you bring your own food items to satisfy your dining needs during your stay.

We understand many allergies can be severe, and we cannot fully guarantee that every item served is 100% free from airborne particles or other means of food allergy cross-contamination. If you have a severe or life-threatening food allergy (such as Celiac) we require that you bring your own meals in pre-portioned microwave safe containers. Bringing your own food will help limit the chance of any allergen cross-contamination. There are microwaves located in all dining facilities available for use by guests, as well as refrigerators that can be used to store food for guests with allergies. If you are bringing your own food, please bring an appropriate container or safe transport and storage that is clearly labeled with your name. Upon arriving at Forest Home, have your camper notify the Forest Home Staff of their need to store food items and they will be directed accordingly. Lastly, there are other areas in camp that may cause allergic reactions that are out of our control (retail food locations, vending machines, snacks that other campers bring, etc.); please be mindful of this. Our desire is that every guest has a wonderful dining experience at Forest Home. If you have any questions, please contact us directly.



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Recreation

All of these options are available to your camper during free time, weather permitting:

- ✦ Canyon Park – Zipline, Giant Swing, Sky Trail
- ✦ Snow Tube Run
- ✦ Laser Tag (\$5)
- ✦ Mini Golf
- ✦ The Den – Billiards, Ping Pong, Foosball
- ✦ Craft Cabin (additional cost – varies by project)

Spending Money / Retail Options at Cam

Forest Home is a cashless facility. All retail purchases must be made either by using a credit / debit card, a Forest Home giftcard, or an eGiftCard. You can visit www.foresthome.org/storecard to complete the process of loading money onto a camper's eGiftCard account. Funds are accessible through a phone number, so that campers can easily make purchases. Accounts are reloadable, refundable, and carry over from past or to future camp seasons!

If you wish to purchase a Forest Home giftcard for your camper to use, you can call the Roundhouse at (909)389-2300 and order a giftcard to have delivered to your camper while they are at camp.

A Safe Place

At Forest Home, we deeply care about the safety of our campers in every regard. For this reason, we have a closed campus. Because of space and liability issues, please do not invite anyone up to camp who is not a registered guest. Day passes are not available unless prearranged with the Program Director. If guardians or visitors show up to camp without the proper prior communication or check-in process, they will be asked to leave. Your cooperation with this will be extremely helpful in keeping our campers safe.

Emergencies

If there is a serious family emergency and a parent needs to contact their child while at camp, we recommend first trying to connect with your church's Group Leader. You can also contact the Forest Home Roundhouse at (909) 389-2300 and they can put them in contact with the Program Director.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us. We look forward to seeing your campers this winter!

Grateful to Serve,

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WINTER CAMP PACKING LIST

Warm Clothing

- * Casual Winter Clothing – long sleeves, sweatshirts, long pants
- * Pajamas
- * Warm / Waterproof Jacket
- * Winter Accessories – hat, scarf, gloves
- * Warm / Waterproof Closed-Toe Shoes
 - * Vans and Converse are closed-toed shoes, but are not waterproof. Please be mindful of the shoes that you pack – if it happens to be a snowy weekend, you'll want to be prepared with the proper footwear!
- * Trash Bag for Dirty / Wet Clothing and Shoes

Toiletries

- * Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- * Shampoo & Conditioner
- * Soap
- * Deodorant
- * Lotion & Chapstick (recommended for high elevation)

Linens - (not provided by camp) – recommended to be packed in a trash bag for protection from rain / snow during traveling and unloading at cam

- * Towel / Washcloth
- * Sleeping Bag
- * Pillow
- * Extra Blanket (recommended)

Extra Items to Make Camp Awesome

- * Flashlight
- * Reusable Water Bottle
- * Backpack (to Carry Everyday Items around Camp)
- * Bible, Notebook, Pen



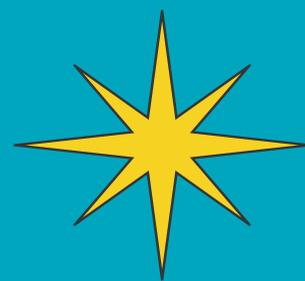
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- * Spending Money – your camper’s experience is all-inclusive. They do not NEED to bring extra money to have a full camp experience; all meals and most activities are paid for in your camper’s registration cost. However, if your student wishes to purchase drinks, snacks, a FH souvenir, or projects at the craft cabin, extra spending money is suggested (\$20-\$40).
- * Items to share with Cabinmates to make camp fun – snacks, decks of cards, glow sticks, etc.

Please Do Not Bring the Following Item

- * Open-Toed Shoes / Sandals
- * iPads, Laptops, Gaming Devices, etc.
- * Weapons – knives, airsoft guns, slingshots, etc.
- * Prank Supplies
- * Drugs / Alcohol / Tobacco – including Juuls, vapes, wax pens, dab pens, etc.
- * Items with significant monetary value or sentimental value

Pro-Tips:

- * Label ALL luggage and items with duct tape and a permanent marker – camper’s name and church name. That way, if luggage gets left behind or misplaced, we can easily get it back to you!
- * Make sure that your camper can carry all the luggage they are bringing to camp.
- * Prepare for cold weather; up on the mountain, it can be cold, rainy, and / or snowy! It is advised that campers have their jackets with them on the bus to be able to put on once they arrive to camp.
- * Avoid potential heartbreak – Do NOT bring anything that is invaluable or irreplaceable. Forest Home is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen items.



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