

LEADER VOLUNTEER

WINTER RETREAT 2027 WATERMARKS CAMP FAQ'S

When is Winter Retreat 2027?

Winter Retreat will be February 12th-15th 2027.

What time will we depart and return?

You should plan to be at PVC by **2pm on Friday**, February 12th, we will depart at 4pm. Since Monday, February 15th is a school holiday, we will be returning around noon that day.

What are the lodging arrangements?

You will be staying in cabins or converted school buses at Watermarks camp. All sleeping areas are heated and gender-specific.

Will I know who's in my room ahead of time?

You won't. Room assignments change constantly. People get sick, plans change, and life happens. As a result, we finalize room assignments the night before we depart for camp.

Can I get a specific student in my room?

You can request students, but we can't guarantee that you will lead the students you request due to the number of students and room requests.

How do I lead small group time?

We provide a leader booklet to help you lead students throughout the weekend. You'll also attend volunteer training to prepare you for the weekend.

How do I handle hard conversations?

You'll learn more about navigating conversations during volunteer training. If you ever need help leading your cabin, don't be afraid to reach out to Pastor Kevven Kijak or another staff member.

When do I need to record a care form and when do I not need to?

Any time you have a care conversation with a student, you should fill out a care form. You'll learn more about this at volunteer training.

Who do I go to if I need help?

We will have staff attending camp to assist you with anything you need while at camp. He or she will be in touch with you throughout the weekend.

What do I do if I have a student who does not get along with the others?

We have staff available to help you through any problems that may arise throughout the weekend. Also, if it's your first time leading a cabin, don't be afraid to ask veteran cabin leaders for tips on resolving conflict between students.

How do I balance the line of being the leader but make sure everyone has fun?

We want all students to connect to Jesus and have fun at camp. To make this happen, set clear expectations with your students. That way, they'll be prepared to engage during small group time, sessions, and activities. And as a result, they'll have as much fun as possible at retreat!