



PARENT FAQs

WINTER RETREAT WATERMARKS CAMP

Where is *Winter Retreat* being held?

Watermarks Camp, 1145 James River Road, Scottsville, VA 24590

What are the dates for *Winter Retreat*?

February 14th-17th, 2025

What time will we depart and return?

You should plan to be at PVC by 3pm on Friday, February 14th, we will depart at 4pm. Since Monday, February 17th is a school holiday, we will be returning around noon that day.

How much does it cost to go to *Winter Retreat* as a student?

Early Bird-\$225(Oct - Dec)

Regular price-\$250 (Jan)

Are there refunds?

Yes, however, there is a non-refundable deposit of \$50. No refunds will be issued after January. Your space at Winter Retreat is non-transferable. We appreciate your understanding.

How do I apply for financial assistance?

If you or someone you know cannot go to *Winter Retreat* because of event costs, please email CAMPS at camps@parkvalleychurch.com for more information.

What is a day at *Winter Retreat* like?

We depart Friday afternoon, after school is out, and arrive at Watermarks Camp in time for dinner, followed by Camp Orientation and settling into assigned cabins. For the remainder of the long weekend, there will be morning and evening worship sessions with fun rec time games, activities, and fellowship time learning how to grow in relationship to Jesus. Students return around noon on Monday, which is a school holiday for most students.

What is the role of a Cabin Leader?

Cabin leaders care for students by leading small group times, ensuring students' safety, being on time, and ensuring students have the best week of their lives.

What is the Cabin Leader approval and training process?

All volunteers attending *Winter Retreat at Watermarks* must pass a federal background check and an interview process. Once volunteers are approved, they go through training before going to camp.

How do I volunteer as a leader?

Volunteers are critical to providing camps for our students, and we are very grateful for your heart to share the love of Jesus with them! [CLICK HERE](#) for the volunteer registration.

Why can't my student take a phone?

We want this weekend to be a distraction-free weekend for students, and few things distract students as much as their phones. Over the years, we've found that taking students out of their routine opens them up to hear from Jesus in ways they haven't before.

What do I do if there is an emergency while my child is at camp?

There will be an emergency number for you to call and get in contact with your student. The number can be found in the Winter Retreat Info & Packing List.

Can my student select their roommates?

Your student can request up to 2 roommates. We do our best to accommodate roommate requests, but we cannot guarantee that students will be in a room with the people they request. Please remember that whatever roommates your student chooses, those roommates must also pick them during registration.

Will I know who my student's cabin leader will be?

Students will learn who their cabin leader is when they check in on Friday. We do this for two reasons:

1. We are often finalizing rooming assignments right up until we leave. (For example, if a student wakes up sick on departure day and can't make the trip, it could result in a change to rooming assignments.)
2. We don't want students to say no to *Winter Retreat* because they didn't get a particular cabin leader. We've seen so many great friendships start with: "We met when we were in the same room at camp..."

What are the sleeping arrangements?

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

What will students eat throughout the weekend?

As we get closer to our departure date, Watermarks camp sends us a menu that we can share with you.

Is there a medical team around in case of an emergency?

Yes. We bring a volunteer nurse with us to camp. If you are interested in volunteering, reach out to us at Camps@parkvalleychurch.com.

Can I send my student with medicine?

On the morning of our departure, you will be required to check-in all medications. Medications must be placed in a plastic zip-lock bag and a medication schedule form provided by PVC. Our camp nurse will be responsible for administering medications to the students. If your student is taking a controlled substance (such as an ADHD drug or prescription pain medication), they'll need to bring their medicine in the original bottle from the pharmacy. This lets our nurses verify the prescription and the dose that your child is supposed to take. Please only send enough medication for the week. Students may keep prescribed inhalers and epi-pens in their backpacks for ready access if needed.

What are the dress requirements for my student?

The dress code is stated in the Winter Retreat Info & Packing List.

How much money should I send with my student?

Meals and activities are included in the camp fee. The primary reason your student would need money is for snacks, souvenirs, or additional paint balls (\$10 for 500).

How do I find out more information?

Email us at CAMPS@parkvalleychurch.com.