



## PARENT FAQs

### WINTER RETREAT 2024 WATERMARKS CAMP

#### **Where is *Winter Retreat 2024* being held?**

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

#### **What are the dates for *Winter Retreat 2024*?**

February 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2024

#### **What time will we depart and return?**

You should plan to be at PVC by 3pm on Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, we will depart at 4pm. Since Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> is a school holiday, we will be returning around noon that day.

#### **How much does it cost to go to *Winter Retreat 2024* as a student?**

Student cost: \$199

#### **Are there payment plans?**

You may elect to pay in full at the time of registration or to choose a payment plan. However, there is a non-refundable deposit of \$99 due upon registration. All remaining balances will be charged on February 1, 2024. The credit card you use for the first payment at registration will be automatically charged for the following payment, so please confirm that the expiration date on your card will be active through the final payment.

#### **Are there refunds?**

Yes, however, there is a non-refundable deposit of \$99. No refunds will be issued after February 1, 2024. Your space at Winter Retreat 2024 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 2024* because of event costs, please email CAMPS at [camps@parkvalleychurch.com](mailto:camps@parkvalleychurch.com) for more information.

#### **What is a day at *Winter Retreat 2024* 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 2024 at Watermarks* must pass a federal background check, an interview process, and have to complete our GROW classes and become a member. 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 week 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 February 16<sup>th</sup>. 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 2024** 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 winter retreat..."

**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 Hannah Hunt at [HannahH@parkvalleychurch.com](mailto:HannahH@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](mailto:CAMPS@parkvalleychurch.com).