

WINTER RETREAT 2027 WATERMARKS CAMP FAQ'S

Where is *Winter Retreat* being held?

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

What are the dates for *Winter Retreat 2027*?

February 12th-15th, 2027

How much does it cost to go to *Winter Retreat 2027* as a student?

Early Bird Price: \$250 (Sept. 14th-Dec 31st)

Regular Price: \$275 (Jan 1st onward)

Are there payment plans?

Unfortunately, there will be no more payment plan options. The full price (\$250.00 Early Bird pricing from Sept-Dec, \$275.00 Jan-Feb) will be required upon registering your child(ren). We now accept a wide variety of payment options: Venmo, Apple Pay, Google Pay, Paypal, Credit/Debit Card. If you have any questions, email camps@parkvalleychurch.com.

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.

Refund Policy :

Refunds are available upon request through December 31. Refund requests made between January 1 and January 31 will be subject to review and are contingent on our ability to cover the expenses already committed to the camp on the camper's behalf. We will notify you as soon as possible regarding the approval of your request. No refunds will be issued in February. For any questions, please email

camps@parkvalleychurch.com

How do I apply for financial assistance?

If you or someone you know cannot go to *Winter Retreat 2027* because of event costs, please email

Camps@parkvalleychurch.com for more information.

Is transportation provided to and from Watermarks 2027 Winter Retreat?

Yes, we provide commercial bus transportation to camp.

What is day at *Winter Retreat 2027* 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 2027 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! Please visit our www.parkvalleychurch.com/winterretreat for our volunteer application.

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.

Watermarks Camp Phone Line: 434-286-4403

PVC Staff Contact Numbers:

Kevven Kijak, PVC Student Ministries: 703-994-7420

Pastor Will Lanman, PVC Middle School Pastor: 605-695-0460

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 to improve the chances of their placement together.

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

Students will learn who their cabin leader is when they check in on departure day. 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 2027** 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?

Watermarks will provide breakfast, lunch and dinner. Snacks can be purchased at the snack shack. If you have any questions or concerns about allergies, please reach out to Camps@parkvalleychurch.com.

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

Yes. We bring a volunteer nurse with us to camp, along with nursing assistants. If you are interested in volunteering, please go to www.parkvalleychurch.com/winterretreat

Can I send my student with medicine?

On the morning of our departure, all medications must be checked in with our First Aid Team. Medications should be placed in a plastic zip-lock bag along with a completed PVC Medication Schedule Form. Please bring two copies of the medication form—one copy should be placed inside the bag with the medication, and the second should be handed directly to our medication check-in volunteers.

Our First Aid Team will be responsible for administering medications to students throughout the week.

If your student takes a controlled substance (such as ADHD medication or prescription pain medication), it is preferred to be brought in the original pharmacy bottle so our nurses can verify the prescription and dosage. Please only send enough medication for the week. If you are unable to send only the amount needed in the original packaging, a pill organizer may be used.

Students should keep prescribed inhalers and EpiPens in their backpacks so they have ready access to them if needed.

What are the dress requirements for my student?

The dress code, along with a packing list, can be found in the camp packet on the website. It will also be provided at the parent meeting prior to camp.

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 (t-shirts, water bottles, hats), extra paintball games (\$10), or paintballs (\$10 for 500). Cash or card payment are accepted at the camp.

Still have questions?

Email us at CAMPS@parkvalleychurch.com.