



## WINTER RETREAT 2020 WATERMARKS CAMP FAQ'S

### **Where is *Winter Retreat 2020* being held?**

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

### **What are the dates for *Winter Retreat 2020*?**

February 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> 2020

### **How much does it cost to go to *Winter Retreat 2020* as a student?**

Student cost: \$160

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

You may elect to pay in full at the time of registration or to make two payment installments - \$60 upon registration and final balance of \$100 payment on January 16, 2020. The credit card you use for the first payment at registration will be automatically charged for the final payment, so please confirm that the expiration date on your card will be active at the final payment.

### **Are there refunds?**

No, after signing up, the payments are non-refundable, and your space at *Winter Retreat 2020* is non-transferable.

### **How do I apply for financial assistance?**

If you or someone you know cannot go to *Winter Retreat 2020* because of event costs, please [CLICK HERE](#) to fill out our Need-Based Assistance Application 2020 Student Ministries Events application.

### **What is a day at *Winter Retreat 2020* 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 making sure students have the best week of their lives.

### **What is the Cabin Leader approval and training process?**

All volunteers going to *Winter Retreat 2020 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 week to be a distraction-free week for students, and few things distract students as much as their phones. Over the years, we've found that taking students out of their regular 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. We will send this information out to you prior to camp departure.

**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 students will be in a room with the people they requested. 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 on the bus ride to camp. 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 2020* because they didn't get a certain cabin leader. We've seen so many great friendships start with: "We met when we were in the same room at summer camp ..."

**What are the sleeping arrangements?**

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

**What will students eat throughout the week?**

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. PVC first aid teams travel with us to the camp.

**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 along with a medication schedule form that will be provided by PVC. Our first aid team 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, along with a packing list, will be provided 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, camp DVD (\$10), extra paintball game (\$10) or paintballs (\$10 for 500).

**How do I find out more information?**

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