

JH WINTER CAMP | FOREST HOME FAQ

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to:
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Forest Home Address

Forest Home Christian Camps, 40000 Valley of the Falls Dr, Forest Falls, CA 92339

Price Overview

The trip cost of \$580 covers the Forest Home student cost, all transportation and lodging, activities, the cost of trained adult leaders, OVERFLOW merch and all things necessary for a safe and fun trip.

Forest Home Per Person Price Breakdown:

Forest Home Camper Cost = \$355 per camper

OVERFLOW Trip Journal = \$5

Leader Training = \$19

Transportation (Bus) = \$90

OVERFLOW Sweatshirt = \$30

OVERFLOW Leadership Camp Cost = \$51 per counselor

Misc. Fees and Expenses = \$54

True Cost Per Camper = \$604

Per Camper Underwriting = \$24

OVERFLOW Cost = \$580

For transportation this year, we will use a charter bus and a van.

Please do not hesitate to apply for Financial Assistance, [HERE](#). We also offer a payment plan, due Friday, October 16th, [HERE](#). Please print out the plan, fill it out and email it to bgardner@gracefellowshipchurch.org.

What are the transportation arrangements?

For the safety of our students and leaders, we will be traveling to camp by bus. Church policy requires that any trip with more than 30 passengers use a bus, and while this does come at a significant cost, it is also the safest and most effective option. Riding together ensures everyone arrives at the same time, and it takes the burden of navigating busy freeways, traffic, and mountain roads in unpredictable weather off our leaders and places it in the hands of a professional driver. This also frees up our leaders to focus on connecting with students, both on the drive and throughout the weekend.

Why does registration open at 6:30a?

We recognize that there is no ideal time to open registration for a trip, but we want to give everyone who wants to attend a fair opportunity to register. Each year is different in terms of how quickly registration fills up, and unfortunately, we do not have control over the demand. To have the best chance of getting a spot, we recommend logging on to register as close to 6:30a as you are able. Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns!

What are the sleeping arrangements?

All students will be sleeping in cabins separated by gender as designated by Forest Home. Each cabin has bunk beds and requires bedding (refer to packing list).

What is the student to leader ratio, and who are the leaders?

Our typical ratio for this trip is 5:1 (students to leader). Adult leaders are current small group leaders, or invested adults in our community who are well trained for these trips.

Can my child invite a friend who is not already a part of Grace Fellowship?

Yes. However the reality is that we have limited spots available. Because of this, we prioritize our camps as being opportunities for those already within OVERFLOW to have space to grow in relationship with one another; we ask that you do not invite friends who are already a part of another Church community or have no intention or interest in being a part of OVERFLOW after camp. We will do our best to acquire more spots as our waitlist grows. Please reach out to Jon Kratzberg and Bre Gardner if you have any questions.

Will my child be in the same cabin as his / her friends?

We prayerfully make cabin arrangements with every student in mind. However, it is impossible to create a cabin configuration that 100% pleases everyone. Newer

students will always be placed with the friend who brought them and most every student will have someone they are familiar with in their cabin. During the day, students are all together and are free to spend time with whoever they would like. Students are separated in groups for cabin time at the end of the night and sleeping. Although we don't take formal requests or guarantee cabin arrangements, if you have any insight, concerns or information that would be helpful in our process please let us know (phone call is always preferred).

Is my child allowed to bring their cell phone? Am I allowed to contact my child throughout the weekend?

We do not allow students to bring any electronics for any non-medical reason. When you check your child in on the day of departure, we will give you a list of emergency numbers. If there is an emergency or you need to get ahold of your child, you have permission to call our OVERFLOW staff and we will connect you with your child. A weekend away from cell phones is a great way to rest from electronics.

Day in the Life @ Winter Camp:

07:30a | Wake Up & Morning Devotional

08:30a | Morning Worship

09:00a | Breakfast

10:00a | Morning Gathering

11:30am | Solo Time

12:00p | Cabin Time

12:45p | Lunch

01:30p | Free Time

- Big Swing
- Hang Out in the Snack Shop
- Sledding (if weather permits)
- Laser Tag
- Zip Line

06:00p | Dinner

07:00p | Chapel Time (Teaching & Worship)

09:00p | Cabin Time Discussion & Prayer

09:30p | Free Time

10:00p | Return to Cabin & Cabin Discussion

11:00p | Quiet in Camp

My child is nervous about being away from home, how can I encourage them prior to the trip?

It is completely normal for students to feel anxious about being away from home. We recommend the following when talking to your child...

1. Encourage them that they are not the only ones feeling this way.
2. Remind them that there are leaders available for anything that they need.
3. Encourage them that this is an awesome time for them to grow and meet new people.
5. Lastly, and most importantly, pray with and for your child that God would ease any anxiety they may have. (Philippians 4:6)

What is the Cancellation Policy?

Great Question! Check out our [Grace Fellowship Church Cancellation Policy Here](#).

Do you have another question that wasn't answered in the FAQ? Email Bre: bgardner@gracefellowshipchurch.org