



Northeast Florida

Welcome! We are excited you are considering Young Life's Family Camp at Southwind and hope this FAQ answers any questions you may have.

Is there someone I can speak with before I register?

Of course! Take a look through this FAQ and if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Marlena Nigro Skinner by email at marlena.yljax@gmail.com or by phone at (904) 881-1371.

What precautions will be taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19?

Southwind has taken extensive measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, and they have successfully hosted weekend camp for middle and high school students throughout the 2020-2021 school year. Precautions in place include: mandatory face coverings indoors at all times, with the exception of *actively* eating at a table in the Dining Hall or Snack Bar; health screenings and temperature checks upon arrival and every morning before breakfast; limited capacity; a Work Crew team dedicated to disinfecting/sanitation procedures; hand sanitizer stations throughout Camp; mattresses disinfected between groups; quarantine housing will be set aside for anyone with symptoms until they can leave Camp.

Please only come to Camp if *all* of the following are true:

You have not personally tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 10 days.

You have not been directly exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last two weeks.

You are free of any symptoms prior to coming to camp.

You can pass the daily health screening before and after your trip.

What happens in the event of a suspected COVID-19 case?

If someone were to present symptoms of COVID-19, they will be taken to the infirmary to be seen by the residing medical professional. Upon being seen by a medical professional, the guest will be taken to a comfortable quarantine cabin separate from the rest of the group until the family can depart. If applicable, the cabin will be screened for symptoms. Confidentiality will be maintained at all times. Contact tracing will be coordinated if necessary.

Can you clarify the “camp” part for me? I’m not the outdoorsy type.

No need to worry. There will be no sleeping in a tent or bathing in a cold stream. Southwind's facilities are top-notch and have all the comforts of home. The cabins are air conditioned and each person will have their own bed. Each cabin has an attached restroom and bathing facility with indoor plumbing.

What are the sleeping arrangements like? Will my family all be in the same room?

Southwind has four dorm-style facilities that will be used to house most families. If you are attending with other families in your “bubble” we are happy to house you together, or in adjoining rooms with a shared bathroom. If you would prefer to have a room with a single bathroom for your family, we will make every effort to accommodate that.

For families attending with one parent, bringing infants, or with other needs, a limited number of suite-style rooms are available. Please let us know and we will make sure you have a space that suits your family's needs.



What about food?

Your family will be served dinner upon arrival, three meals on Saturday, and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. There may be a few special treats as well! The professional kitchen staff always does an exceptional job of making sure everyone gets their fill by striking the perfect balance between kid-friendly, healthy, and delicious. All the food is delivered hot to your table in our main dining hall and cleared away when you are finished. This is the type of roughing it we can all enjoy! In addition, Southwind has over 15 years of experience serving campers with special dietary needs. The kitchen staff are well-accustomed to preparing food for many types of diets, intolerances, and food allergies. They understand the importance of guarding against cross-contamination and hidden ingredients. If someone in your family has dietary restrictions, please contact Marlena Nigro Skinner by email at marlena.yljax@gmail.com in order to receive a dietary request form.

Is my child too young or too old?

While most of the camp activities are designed for families with children between the ages of two and fifteen, we've had campers as young as three months and there is no age limit. There is also an opportunity for older teens involved in Young Life to serve on Work Crew for the weekend.

Do I have to live in Jacksonville to attend?

Nope! This weekend is hosted by Young Life in Northeast Florida, but you don't have to live in the region to attend. All we ask is that you have some connection to the area, typically through a family member or friend that is attending.

Will there be trained medical professionals on-site?

Absolutely! Young Life requires a medical professional to be on-site for the entire duration of camp.

Is this a church camp? Do I have to be a Christian?

Young Life is nondenominational and is not associated with any one church, however, the focus of the weekend will be to provide an environment for families to grow closer in – and through – Christ. That said, there is no requirement that you have a relationship with Christ to attend Family Camp. No matter where you are spiritually, you are welcome and we extend to you a warm spirit of hospitality. That's how we do things in Young Life!