Winter Youth Camp 2023



Friday

7:00	Settle In / Free Time
8:00	Gather in Cottonwood
-	Welcome/Announcements
-	Short Worship
-	Youth Group Chats
9:30	Snack/Free Time / Self-led activities
11:00	In Cabin

Saturday

8:30	Breakfast	
9:20	Free Time / Activities A	
10:30	Worship (Cottonwood)	
-	Youth Group Chat	
12:30	Lunch	
1:20	Free Time / Activities B	
2:30	All Camp Activity outside of Cottonwood: Lament and photo	
3:15	Snack	
4:00	All Camp Activities:	
	-Collaborative Art Project on DH Lawn (45 minutes)	
	-Obstacle course on Lower Flat (45 minutes)	
5:30	Supper	
6:15	Camp Store Open (30 minutes)	
7:00	Worship (Gather in Cottonwood then process to Mosquito Hollow)	
-	Youth Group Chat	
8:30	Snack/Free Time	
9:30	All Camp Night Hike	
11:00	In Cabins	

Sunday

8:30	Breakfast	
10:00	Worship (Cottonwood)	
-	Youth Group Chat	
11:30	Brunch	
1:00	Out of Lodging	



Please sign up for activities at the Dining Hall

Session A 9:20 - 10:20	Session B 1:20 - 2:20
Guided Exploration	Oil Lantern Making
Archery	Archery
Borrow the Balls	Giant Dutch Blitz
	Open Gym

^{*}Italics - Snow Permitting

Self-led activities for the weekend include:

- Card Games (located inside cupboard across from game room)
- Euchre Tournament (see Activity table in DH)
- Frisbee Golf (see Activity table in DH)
- Misc. outdoor sports such as volleyball, frisbee, spikeball, etc (located outside DH)
- Sledding/outdoor fun
- Board Games (located inside cupboard across from game room)
- Collaborative puzzles
- Scavenger hunts (see Activity table in DH)
- Destination point hikes (see Activity table in DH)
- Friendship bracelets (Arts and Crafts Room)

Feel free to ask Jane if you have any questions about other activities or supplies



Sponsor Information

Thank you for bringing your Youth Group to Camp Friedenswald's 2023 Winter Camp! We are very excited to have you here. Thanks for all the work you do with your Youth – it may not be a glamorous job, but your presence and guidance is important in their lives. Here is some important information we want to share with you all:

Sponsor Role

- You are the counselor for your youth group: responsible for knowing where they are, getting them to the right places, and managing how they are behaving.
- Discipline: As a rule, sponsors are responsible for their youth and discipline, but Camp Staff and other sponsors should step in and communicate with each other as needed if a particular youth needs correction. Ask names and notify that youth's sponsor and Camp Staff as necessary.
- Tube Run/Sledding: An adult must be present when youth are sledding or tubing. This
 goes smoothly when sponsors work as a team, making sure nobody is stranded out
 there alone for long periods of time.

Community Guidelines:

- **Respect:** Be respectful of self, others, nature, and the facilities around you.
- Pranks are not allowed at Winter Youth Camps. If you or your youth have any questions, please ask.
- Staying on Time: Please help make sure your group shows up to activities on time (esp. Worships)
- **Snow rules:** Snow cannot be thrown anywhere near a building, and cannot be thrown at someone who isn't expecting it.
- **Tube Run:** 2 people per tube, no trains, ONLY tubes on tube run, sleds on sled hill; if the tube run is closed, it is closed.

Youth Group Chat

• *Goal:* This dedicated time will give youth the opportunity to learn from and about each other while also helping them reflect on and foster their own understandings and learnings from the Worship Activities.



- This is also a good time to check-in with your group about the next period of time and set expectations.
- On Friday night, it is helpful to review Important Rules/Guidelines (see section above) with your youth.

Covid Protocol

 We expect that all participants come to Camp healthy and do a self-screening prior to coming.

Emergencies

- If anyone in your group is injured or becomes sick while at camp, please let Camp
 Staff know ASAP! We have access to limited medical supplies and have maps to area
 medical facilities.
- If you need to communicate with someone on staff, please go to a phone and press the Purple Button. This calls the staff on our radios. You may use this in case of an emergency in the middle of the night. There are phones in the lodges, and in the Dining Hall entryways. There is also a phone on the side of Dogwood cabin.
- Our general emergency signal is a continuous ringing of the bell (more than 30 seconds). If you hear the bell ringing and it doesn't stop, please bring your Youth up to the Dining Hall and begin accounting for every member of your Youth Group.

Questions or Clarifications

- Please feel free to ask us any questions you may have about the weekend. Thanks for all you do! We look forward to a great weekend of high energy and good times together.
- Feel free to contact Jane Litwiller (Program Director) @ 269-476-9744...



Packing List

What to bring to Camp Friedenswald:

- Sleeping bag and pillow
- Toiletries (shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush,etc.)
- Reusable water bottle and thermos for hot drinks
- Towel and washcloth
- Clothes:
 - A couple of pairs of warm footwear. One would ideally be winter boots that are waterproof.
 - Lots of layers: Baselayers; wool socks; pants, sweatshirts winter hats, gloves, and scarves; heavy winter jacket; snow pants
- Journal or Notebook
- Pen and/or pencil
- Bible
- Games you want to play together
- Masks (if preferred)