



FORT WILDERNESS

Prep Guide Family Camps

Preparing for Camp

To help you with your packing, daytime temps are normally in the 60's to 80's and nighttime temps are in the 50's to 60's. In your planning, consider the following activities we offer: • Adventure Breakfasts • Nature Classes • Teaching and Activities for kids • Fishing • Swimming • Arts & Crafts • Archery • Riflery • Great Speakers • Canoeing • Woodworking • Volleyball • Hay Rides • Banquet • Horsemanship • Campfires • Family Games • Hikes • Sailing, Kayaking, Paddle boats, Paddleboards and Canoes • Shooting Range • Coffee Shop

Suggested items to bring

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Clothing (shorts, jeans, shirts, socks, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Warm Jackets / Sweatshirts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Modest (full coverage) Swimsuits | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis Shoes / Sandals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rain Gear / Umbrella | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Bags & Pillows (if in cabin or campsite) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen & Insect Spray | <input type="checkbox"/> Towels, Washcloths, Beach Towels |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletries | <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible / Notebook / Pen | <input type="checkbox"/> Medications |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight / Camera | <input type="checkbox"/> Lawn Chairs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

Optional items:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sports Equipment, including archery | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf Clubs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing License / Gear | <input type="checkbox"/> Table Games |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reading Material | <input type="checkbox"/> Musical Instruments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extension Cords | <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycles |

Items not allowed in camp: Firearms or fireworks, Illegal drugs, Jet skis or power boats, Pets of any kind, Recreational vehicles, Alcohol. If you bring a firearm for one of Fort's shooting ranges it must be kept in your possession or in a case and locked in your vehicle. Firearms may only be discharged at the designated Fort Wilderness ranges with a Fort Wilderness Range Officer present.

Common Questions:

When does the camp begin & end?

Registration for all campers begins Saturday after 2:00 pm. In order for us to clean and prepare camp for your arrival, please plan on arriving between 2 & 5 pm. First time campers; we hope you will make every effort to arrive by 5:00 pm on opening day in order to attend a "New Camper Orientation" held in the coffee shop in the Gathering Place at 5:20 pm. For those on the Fort's meal plan, opening supper is served at 6 pm with our first Gathering at 7:15 pm. All Family Camps end on Friday. We would appreciate your helpfulness in vacating your Campsite/Cabin/Inn room by 10am.

How do we check - in upon arrival?

Plan to arrive between 2 & 5pm; our staff will check you in at the Inn. New campers, and anyone requesting one, will get a special First-timer's Camp Tour. Anyone arriving later than 5pm should call Fort's courtesy phone (715.493.0691); a Fort staff person will meet you and direct you to your accommodations.

What things will require additional money at the Fort?

Soda, snacks, ice and all items in our Canteen & Coffee Shop are for sale. Activities such as horseback rides, special out of camp breakfasts, canoe & tube trips, shooting ranges, etc. will also require additional funds. We will also be receiving an offering on Banquet Night on behalf of the Fort's ministry.

Where can we park our vehicle?

If staying at a campsite, we would prefer vehicles to be kept in the parking lot and not at your campsite. Vehicles may be kept at your RV site. Please pack accordingly.

Are there laundry facilities and groceries at the Fort?

The Fort does not have laundry facilities, but there are Laundromats in nearby towns. Milk, eggs, bread, ice and butter are available for purchase from the Kitchen. Other grocery items are available at stores in nearby towns.

Does the Fort have childcare?

We provide Children's Ministry Programs for infants through high school during the morning Sessions. For other times, some campers may be willing to exchange babysitting time with you.

What if someone on the "Week Plan" leaves early?

Because we offer a special week-long package price plan, anyone leaving early (or arriving a day or two late) will have their bill recalculated on a day rate plus a 15% surcharge. There will be NO adjustments made for early departures or late arrivals once your camp begins. All adjustments must be called in BEFORE your arrival at camp.

For those who sign - up for a "Meal Plan", what happens if they miss some meals?

We're sorry that we cannot give refunds or credits for meals campers may choose to miss.

What is the Fort's food like?

At Fort Wilderness, we have an experienced staff of cooks who prepare three excellent, wholesome and enjoyable meals each day. Many people tell us our food is really tasty for campers of all ages. **If you have health-related dietary needs**, please contact our Food Service Manager - Janet Merkel - at janetmer@fortwilderness.com no less than two weeks before your scheduled arrival. **If you are gluten free please bring your own bread and desserts, these are not provided.**

How may others contact us at camp?

The office number is 715-277-2587 during the daytime office hours (8am to 4:30pm). Our message center is checked often and messages will be delivered as promptly as possible.

What are the cabins & rustic cabins like and should we bring our own bedding?

Fort's cabins are newer or newly remodeled, and very well maintained. Our newest cabins have restroom and shower facilities within and include one double bed along with 9 other bunk-style single beds. The Homestead Cabin has 4 private dorm-style rooms with 12 bunk-style beds each, and recently added A/C. These 4 rustic cabins do not have restroom amenities, but our Moonbeam shower house and toilet facilities are centrally located in camp. All campers staying in a cabin should bring their own personal towels, blankets / sheets or sleeping bags, and pillows. No cooking is allowed in the cabins. See fortwilderness.com for facilities photos.

Do we need to bring bedding and linens if we are staying in the Inn?

Fresh towels and linens will be supplied for each couple or family at the beginning of each camping week. There is not any type of maid service provided during the week, but towels may be traded-in for clean ones at mid-week. We encourage guests in the Inn to bring their own beach towels for lakefront activities. Lawn chairs still may come in handy, even while staying in the Inn.

What if an accident or illness occurs?

Our infirmary, Payton's Place, is equipped with basic first aid needs. If a more serious condition occurs, you will find excellent medical facilities in both Rhinelander & Minocqua. Each family is responsible for their own health and accident insurance while at camp. The Fort does not offer or provide camper medical or accident insurance.

How many families are there each Family Camp?

There are generally 45 to 65 households (families/couples/individuals) from 4 to 8 states that attend each week.

When do we pay our bill?

You are very welcome to pay before coming to Fort, but most of our guests opt to pay their balance on the Thursday of your week at camp. We can add extra activity fees and present you with one bill on Thursday. This is also the time you may sign up to come back for the following summer.