



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: outdoor breakfasts, nature classes, fishing, swimming, arts & crafts, archery, riflery, great speakers, canoeing, woodworking, volleyball, banquet, horsemanship, campfires, hikes, family games, sailing, kayaking, paddle boats, shooting range, coffeshop

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 / Beach Towels | <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"/> Medications / First Aid Kit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletries / Towels / Washcloths | <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight / Camera |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible / Notebook / Pen | <input type="checkbox"/> Lawn Chairs |

Optional items: Sports Equipment, including archery, Bicycles, Fishing license / gear, Table games, Reading material, Musical instruments, Extension cords...

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, 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 meal plan, Saturday 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 10 am.

How do we check - in upon arrival?

Plan to arrive between 2 & 5 pm; 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 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 from the Fort's 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 if my family has food allergies and/or a special diet?

We can accommodate gluten, dairy, and nut allergies as well as some special diets related to specific medical needs. It is valuable for us to work with you to make a plan at least 2 weeks ahead of camp for special situations.

If you are gluten free, please bring your own bread and desserts as Fort does NOT provide these items. **For any food allergy, you must email the Registrar, Jackie Dunham, no less than 2 weeks before the first day of camp. No exceptions.** Email Jackie at jackiedunham@fortwilderness.com

Can I bring my pet or service animal to camp?

For the safety and consideration of all of our guests and staff, **pets, therapy animals and emotional support animals are strictly prohibited from all Fort Wilderness properties.** You may make arrangements with a local dog and cat kennel to board your pet during your camp stay. There are animals at our stables such as dogs, cats, goats and horses to see and pet. An exception can be made for an officially certified and trained service dog (dogs only) such as a service dog assisting a visually impaired guest. If you have a medical need for a service dog and must bring them with you, you must inform our Registrar upon your registration to allow for proper accommodations.

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 6 or 9 other bunk-style single beds. The Homestead Cabin has 4 private dorm-style rooms with 12 bunk-style beds in each, and recently added A/C. These 4 rustic cabins do not have restroom amenities, 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 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 the Fort. The Fort does not offer or provide camper medical or accident insurance.

How many families are here 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 welcome to pay before coming to Fort; this can be done online, by phone with a credit card, or by mailing in a check. While here, we can add typical activity fees that you incur throughout the week and present you with a final bill via email on Friday afternoon. We would ask you to promptly pay your bill online or call the office with a credit card (Visa, MC, Discover). Fort Gift Cards may NOT be used to pay your bill.

How do we sign up for the following year?

You will receive a registration form for the following year when you check in, please complete that form before leaving camp and deposit it in the wooden lock box found in the lobby of the Gathering Place. You can safely attach a check or include your credit card information on the form for your deposit.