



FORT WILDERNESS

# Prep Guide

## Winter Family Getaways

### Preparing for Camp.

To help you with your packing, daytime temps are in the teens to 20's and nighttime temps can be subzero to single digits. In your planning, consider the following activities offered: nature classes, Vepakelkka, horse rides, snowshoe hikes, ice skating, broomball, tube hill, cross-country skiing, coffee shop, and campfires.

#### Suggested items to bring

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Clothing (pants, sweatshirts, socks, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Winter Jackets                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Winter Hat and Gloves/Mittens              | <input type="checkbox"/> Winter Boots / Tennis Shoes                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Cleats for Boots                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Bags & Pillows (if in cabin)        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Towels / Washcloths (if in cabin)          | <input type="checkbox"/> Medications / First Aid Kit                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletries                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight / Camera                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible / Notebook / Pen                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Small sled (to pull little ones around camp) |

*Optional items: Table games and cards, Reading material, Extension cords...*

**Items not allowed in camp:** Firearms or fireworks, Illegal drugs, pets of any kind, recreational vehicles, and Alcohol.

### Common Questions:

#### When does the camp begin & end?

Family Getaways begin AFTER 1:30 pm on Opening Day and end at 12:00 pm on Closing Day. For us to clean and prepare camp for your arrival, please plan on arriving between 1:30 & 5 pm. Opening dinner is served at 5:30 pm. There will be a new camper orientation at 4:45 in the Gathering Place. We would appreciate your helpfulness in vacating your Campsite/Cabin/Inn room by 10 am on the last day.

- Winter Family Getaway 1: December 27 – 30
- Winter Family Getaway 2: December 31 - January 3, 2021

#### How do we check - in upon arrival?

Plan to arrive between 1:30 & 5 pm in front of the Inn Lobby. You can stay in your vehicle while we take your temperature and then give you info for the Getaway. Please turn in your Acknowledgement of Risk form at this time if you haven't emailed it already. Anyone arriving later should call Fort's courtesy phone (715.493.0691). A Fort staff person will meet you, take your temperature and direct you to your accommodations.

#### What things will require additional money at the Fort?

Food, beverages, and apparel are for sale in our Canteen and Coffee Shop where you may pay with cash, credit, debit, or Fort gift card (pay at a register, no tabs).

#### Where can we park our vehicle?

If staying at a cabin, we would prefer vehicles to be kept in the parking lot and not at your cabin.

#### Are there laundry facilities and groceries at the Fort?

The Fort does not have laundry facilities, but there are laundromats in nearby towns.

#### What if someone on plan arrives late or leaves early?

Due to our special package price plan, anyone arriving late or leaving early will not receive an adjustment.

### **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.** Email Jackie at [jackiedunham@fortwilderness.com](mailto:jackiedunham@fortwilderness.com).

### **Can I bring my pet or service animal to camp?**

For the safety and consideration of all guests and staff, **pets are prohibited from all Fort Wilderness properties.** If you have a documented medical condition or are visually impaired, please call our Registrar. Fort does have animals at the stables for the campers to enjoy.

### **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?**

Fort's modern cabins are newer or newly remodeled, and very well maintained. Our modern cabins have restroom and shower facilities and include one double bed and nine bunk-style single beds. The Homestead cabin is rustic, with a meeting space between four dorm-style rooms, each with six bunkbeds (sleeps twelve). It does not have restroom amenities; however, our Moonbeam shower and toilet facility is centrally located in camp and a short walk from the Homestead. No cooking is allowed in the cabins. See [fortwilderness.com](http://fortwilderness.com) for facilities photos.

### **Do we need to bring bedding and linens?**

For our Inn guests, fresh towels and linens will be supplied for each couple or family at the beginning of your Getaway. There is not any type of maid service provided during your stay. All campers staying in a cabin should bring their own personal towels, blankets / sheets or sleeping bags, and pillows.

### **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.

### **When do we pay our bill?**

Please pay your bill before December 18, 2020. This can be done online, by phone with a credit card, or by mailing in a check. The Fort Gift Card may not be used to pay your bill.