

Camp Wesley Woods 2025 Winter Camp Parent's Guide

Location

The camp is located at 329 Wesley Woods Road Townsend, TN 37882. Camp has a long driveway, about ¾ mile, before you arrive at the main parking lot. Camp Staff will be directing you where to go during the Check-In process. If you are using GPS, make sure to start your GPS in town as service near camp is limited.

Check-In: Please make sure you are careful to note the specific camps check in time! *Early / Late arrivals cannot be accommodated.*

Winter Camp: (Grades 3-8) Check in is on **Saturday, December 27th.**
Check in is at 5:00 pm. Dinner will be served at camp at 6pm for campers!

High School Volunteers: (Grades 9-12) Check in is on **Saturday, December 27th.**
Check-in is at 3:00 pm.

Check-Out: *Please contact the camp if you need to arrange an earlier pick up time. We cannot accommodate late pickups. If someone other than the parent is picking the child up, we must have written permission from the parent. **Please don't forget your photo I.D.** For your camper's safety, campers will only be released to those persons listed on their authorization form.*

Winter Camp - Camper pick up is Tuesday, Dec 30th. **Pick up is at 10:00 am.**

High School Volunteers - Pick up is Tuesday, Dec 30th. **Pick up is at 10:00 am.**

Health Care

The camp has certified health care personnel on site at all times to provide care in the case of illness or injury. Normally we will not contact parents if children receive minor injuries such as a skinned knee that can be effectively treated by our staff. If a camper has an injury or illness that requires off site care or will require treatment, our health care staff will contact the parents or guardian for pick-up. In emergency situations we will attempt to contact parents first, but we will not withhold treatment if a parent can't be contacted.

Forms

Your **Camper Health Form**, and the **Authorization/Consent Information Form** are digital. This information can be recorded at the time of registration, or any time prior to the beginning of your camper's session.

Health Screening

At check-in our staff will conduct a health screening of all campers & Staff. Campers who have a fever, show obvious signs of illness or who have recently been exposed to communicable illness will not be allowed to stay at camp.

Medication

All medications, both prescription and over the counter - this includes allergy medications, Melatonin and vitamins - must be turned into our health care staff at check-in. All medications must be in their original containers. Our health care staff will keep the medications in a secure location and will provide campers with their medications as needed.

Illness at Camp

The camp does not have the facilities to provide overnight healthcare for campers. Campers who become ill at camp (fever, vomiting, etc.) will be sent home and parents will be responsible for providing transportation.

Food

The camp offers campers nutritious, well balanced meals. Our menu is based on food that most campers enjoy. If a camper has a special dietary need please let us know in advance. We will do our best to accommodate reasonable food allergies but cannot accommodate preferences. We do not have a celiac free or kosher kitchen. Please do not send your camper with food unless arranged with the camp staff for those with special food conditions.

Homesickness

Almost everyone leaving home for a new environment experiences some uneasiness. Such feelings are normal and usually pass quickly for most children. Our staff have been trained to help campers deal with any separation anxiety they may experience at camp. Parents play a key role in helping prevent homesickness. Have children practice time away from home by staying overnight at a friend or family member's home. Parents should also display confidence and enthusiasm regarding the child's upcoming experience. Parents are discouraged from telling children they can call home from camp (this is not possible at camp). Our experience is that such phone calls usually increase homesickness. If your child shows unusual behavior regarding separation anxiety, you will be contacted.

Cabin/Group Assignments

Meeting new people and making new friends is an important goal of camp. In keeping with this goal, campers may request to be assigned to a cabin/group with no more than one other camper. Please indicate the buddy request while registering. Changes in lodging made at the time of check-in can be difficult for children.

Behavior

Campers are expected to behave in a manner consistent with the camp's goals of providing a safe, positive, and respectful Christian community. While staff will work with campers to handle minor disciplinary problems, the camp does reserve the right to send any camper home whose behavior is consistently inappropriate. Any direct threat or actual physical harm to one's self or others will result in a camper being sent home immediately. No refunds will be distributed to campers sent home for inappropriate behavior.

Telephone

The camp does not provide campers access to phones to make or receive phone calls. Phone calls disrupt the program, can promote homesickness, and distract campers from fully engaging in the camp's activities. To avoid disappointing campers, parents should not tell them they can call home from camp. Camper and / or Volunteer cell phones are not permitted at camp. If parents have questions or need to contact camp please call (865) 448-2246. Our normal office hours are 9:00am to 4:00pm. You can also reach us by email at camp@campwesleywoods.com.

What to Bring

Please bring clothes that you don't mind your camper getting a little dirty while having a great time. It is recommended that you label all items to insure they return home with your camper. Camp is pretty casual. Please pack clothes appropriate to being outside and look at the weather forecast before packing.

Packing List:

- o Pants (1 per day)
- o T-Shirts (1 per day)
- o Long Sleeved Shirt
- o Shorts (maybe 1)
- o Underwear / Socks
- o Sleepwear (PJ's)
- o Sweatshirt/Fleece/Jacket
- o Rain Jacket
- o Warm Hat / Gloves if cold
- o Towel
- o Sturdy closed-toed Shoes (Athletic, NOT NEW)
- o Extra pair of Shoes
- o Day Pack/Book Bag
- o Sleeping Bag
- o Pillow
- o Fitted sheet
- o Wash Cloth
- o Soap and Shampoo
- o Toothbrush/Paste
- o Other Toiletries
- o Bag for dirty clothes
- o Bible
- o Journal/Pen
- o Sense of Adventure
- o Flashlight
- o Water Bottle
- o Flip Flops for Showering
- o Christmas Sweater
- o Hand Warmer (if cold)
- o Deodorant

What NOT to bring

Here it comes... **No Cell Phones.** I know, I know; it's hard, but it's worth it. It will be like living in olden times – like way back in 1998. Here are a few other things to leave at home to keep your cell phone company:

- o Money – please preload or load your camper's store money digitally. No cash is accepted at the store outside check in and check out..
- o Pets – We have plenty of wildlife. Leave your pets at home. No taking home new pets either.
- o MP3 players or any other type of ipod things.
- o Electronics of any kind.
- o Vehicles - leave these at home please
- o Food – We have a special security system to ensure you don't bring food into the cabins – it's called ants. Really, don't bring food.
- o Cell Phones. Just in case you were confused the first time.
- o Personal Equipment - we have all you need

Tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs, fireworks, firearms, and weapons of any kind are prohibited at camp.

Camp has a modest approach to our expectation of camp attire. We ask campers to please comply with this while at camp. A good rule of thumb might be to consider what a grandparent would say about the clothing.

Cancellation Policy

Part of your camp fee is non-refundable as noted in the registration process. For 2025 the non-refundable fee is \$150. Cancellations must be completed before December 22nd in order to receive a refund of your camp fees (less the non-refundable fee). Cancellations can be made through your online account or by calling 423-929-9037.

Should the Winter Camp not receive an adequate number of registrations or there is extreme weather, the possibility does exist that the session may have to be canceled. If this should occur, every effort will be made to notify the camper as soon as possible. A full refund will be made if Camp Wesley Woods cancels the session.

The Last Bit

Thank you for trusting us with your children. We at Camp Wesley Woods are committed to care for and show the love of God to your children to the best of our ability. Please contact us with any questions or concerns.

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