

JH WINTER CAMP | FOREST HOME FAQ

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to:
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Forest Home Address

Forest Home Christian Camps, 40000 Valley of the Falls Dr, Forest Falls, CA 92339

Price Overview

The trip cost of \$515 covers the Forest Home student cost, all transportation and lodging, activities, the cost of trained, adult leaders, OVERFLOW merch, a trip journal, and all things necessary for a safe and fun trip.

Forest Home Per Person Price Breakdown:

Forest Home Camper Cost = \$339 per camper

OVERFLOW Trip Journal = \$5

Transportation (Bus) = \$135

OVERFLOW Sweatshirt = \$37

OVERFLOW Leadership Camp Cost = \$53 per counselor

Misc. Fees and Expenses = \$46

True Cost Per Camper = \$615

Grace Fellowship Church Underwriting Overall = \$3300

Per Camper Underwriting = \$100

OVERFLOW Cost = \$515

Last year we intended to use vans, but based on weather and the amount of students who attended, we chose to bring a bus for safety reasons. This year, we have decided to factor the cost of the bus into the budget again.

Please do not hesitate to apply for Financial Assistance, [HERE](#). We also offer a payment plan due September 30th, [HERE](#).

What are the transportation arrangements?

For the safety of our students and leaders, we will be traveling to camp by bus. Church policy requires that any trip with more than 30 passengers use a bus, and while this does come at a significant cost, it is also the safest and most effective option. Riding together ensures everyone arrives at the same time, and it takes the burden of navigating busy freeways, traffic, and mountain roads in unpredictable weather off our leaders and places it in the hands of a professional driver. This also frees up our leaders to focus on connecting with students—both on the drive and throughout the weekend.

What are the sleeping arrangements?

All students will be sleeping in separate cabins by gender as designated by Forest Home. Each cabin has bunk beds and requires bedding (refer to packing list).

What is the student to leader ratio, and who are the leaders?

Our typical ratio for this trip is 4:1 (students to leader). All adult leaders are current small group leaders and OVERFLOW alumni who are well trained for these trips.

Can my child invite a friend who is not already a part of Grace Fellowship?

Yes. However the reality is that we have limited spots available. Because of this, we prioritize our camps as being opportunities for those already within OVERFLOW to have space to grow in relationship with one another; we ask that you do not invite friends who are already a part of another Church community or have no intention or interest in being a part of OVERFLOW after camp. We will do our best to acquire more spots as our waitlist grows. Please reach out to Jon Kratzberg and Bre Gardner if you have any questions.

Will my child be in the same cabin as his / her friends?

Maybe, but we do not take requests; however, newer students will always be placed with the friend who brought them and most every student will have someone they are familiar with in their cabin. During the day, students are all together and are free to spend time with whoever they would like. The only time that students are separated in groups is for cabin time at the end of the night and sleeping. We love that we get to mix up our cabins so students get to meet and spend time with others who they may not be as close to yet.

Is my child allowed to bring their cell phone? Am I allowed to contact my child throughout the weekend?

We do not allow students to bring any electronics for any reason. When you check

your child in on the day of departure, we will give you a list of emergency numbers. If there is an emergency or you need to get ahold of your child, you have permission to call our OVERFLOW staff and we will connect you with your child. A weekend away from cell phones is a great way to rest from electronics.

Day in the Life @ Winter Camp:

07:30a | Wake Up & Morning Devotional

08:30a | Morning Worship

09:00a | Breakfast

10:00a | Morning Gathering

11:30am | Solo Time

12:00p | Cabin Time

12:45p | Lunch

01:30p | Free Time

- Big Swing
- Hang Out in the Snack Shop
- Sledding (if weather permits)
- Laser Tag
- Zip Line

06:00p | Dinner

07:00p | Chapel Time (Teaching & Worship)

09:00p | Cabin Time Discussion & Prayer

09:30p | Free Time

10:00p | Return to Cabin & Cabin Discussion

11:00p | Quiet in Camp

My child is nervous about being away from home, how can I encourage them prior to the trip?

It is completely normal for students to feel anxious about being away from home. We recommend the following when talking to your child...

1. Encourage them that they are not the only ones feeling this way.
2. Remind them that there are leaders available for anything that they need.
3. Encourage them that this is an awesome time for them to grow and meet new people.
5. Lastly, and most importantly, pray with and for your child that God would ease any anxiety they may have. (Philippians 4:6)

What is the Cancellation Policy?

Great Question! Check out our [Grace Fellowship Church Cancellation Policy Here](#).

Do you have another question that wasn't answered in the FAQ? Email Bre: bgardner@gracefellowshipchurch.org