

Family Camp 2022 - Reservations & Registration

Hello Family Campers!

We're happy to be coming back to camp after a 2 year break, this year at Camp Koinonia.

Located in Corralitos, just north of Watsonville, Camp Koinonia is set inside a beautiful redwood grove and offers amazing facilities and activities for our group to enjoy. Many of our leaders have visited in person, and some have even attended retreats at Koinonia - all can attest to how wonderful this place will be for our camp. Here's a link to a short video: <https://vimeo.com/237135792>

As we all know, COVID continues to be a factor in our lives, especially around group gatherings. While our new camp is awesome and beautiful, it also has less cabins (33 versus 54), fewer accessible rooms, and steeper inclines to most of the cabins when compared to Silver Spur.

Given these new considerations, we will have new requirements and processes for camp 2022.

- **New Requirements for Camp**

- Proof of Vaccination and Booster
 - Required for all eligible campers
 - Exceptions for those too young
 - Medical exceptions from a doctor (will be reviewed by nurses)
 - Must provide proof
 - High quality photo or image scans attached to an email sent to lori.umc.registrar@gmail.com
 - Front and back images of the CDC vaccination card for each member of your immediate party
 - Explanation of exception for age (if applicable)
 - Image of a letter from a doctor for medical exemption (if applicable)
- Will follow CDC, County, Conference & Koinonia Guidelines as of June
- Sharing of rooms needed
 - Each room has its own bathroom
 - Most rooms are either 3 bunk beds (6 beds total) or 5 bunk beds (10 beds total)
- A 2-step process is required
 - Step 1: Reservation
 - Through March 31
 - Allows the Registrar to fill rooms and allow the most campers to attend camp
 - Step 2: Registration
 - April 1 - April 30
 - Only those with confirmed reservations will be asked to complete all Registration forms and provide the remaining total due
 - Wait list and day visit options for those reservations that are not confirmed

- **Step 1: Reservation**

- Through March 31
- Form will be available
 - Sent by email to the Family Camp Google Group email list
 - Online at <http://www.familycamp.org>
- Form must be fully completed
- **Note: Submitting a Reservation form does not guarantee a spot at camp**
 - Priority will be given to leaders, large families and groups who share and fill rooms to allow the most campers to attend camp
 - Notification of reservation status will be sent out on April 1
 - Anyone without a confirmed reservation will be put on a waiting list until June 1.
 - Full-time reservations can be converted to day visit reservations, but must be reserved in advance and follow all the day visit guidelines (see below)
 - If and when spots open up, reservation confirmations will be sent out on a lottery basis for reservations received by March 31 and by date received.
 - Deposits for those on the waiting list will be returned if a room can not be secured and a day-visit reservation is not completed
 - Anyone not wishing to remain on the waiting list or to convert to day visits can request to be taken off the list and will have their deposit returned
 - Registrar will send forms and remaining total due to those with confirmed reservations
- Different process from previous years is required given the circumstances
 - Proof of vaccination & booster per above
 - Indicate all the members of your group, including ages
 - Indicate any mobility issues as it relates to going up and down steep inclines (all primary areas are wheelchair accessible)

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- Full-Time **Sharing** Reservations (**Priority**)
 - Anyone staying for **3 days or more** is considered full-time by Camp Koinonia
 - Must be **willing to share** for priority
 - Large families will be given consideration
 - Highly encourage to **self-organize into groups**
 - Groups of 6 or 10 are ideal, but not a requirement
 - The size of a group will be a factor in determining priority
 - Consideration that half of the beds in each room will be top bunks
 - 3 bunk beds (6 beds total) or 5 bunk beds (10 beds total)
 - Take the time to organize your group and coordinate prior to reservation
 - Make sure to **indicate all the members** of both your family and those you are sharing with
 - Matching of smaller groups can be requested. Grouping will be attempted but there is **no guarantee** a match will be found.
 - Deposit for **Reservation**
 - \$100 per camper
 - \$0 per camper under 3
 - Non-refundable unless Family Camp cannot offer a room
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- Full-Time **Non-Sharing** Reservations (**Lottery**)
 - Anyone staying for **3 days or more** is considered full-time by Camp Koinonia
 - Open spots will be offered (determined by lottery) **if any are available** after Priority reservations have closed
 - Deposit for **Reservation**
 - \$100 per camper
 - \$0 per camper under 3
 - Non-refundable unless Family Camp cannot offer a room

- Part-Time Reservations (**Lottery**)
 - Anyone staying for **2 days or less** is considered part-time by Camp Koinonia
 - Open spots will be offered (determined by lottery) **if any are available** after Full-time reservations have closed
 - Deposit for **Reservation**
 - \$50 per camper
 - \$0 per camper under 3
 - Non-refundable unless Family Camp cannot offer a room

- Day Visitor Reservations
 - Anyone coming just for the day and not staying overnight is considered a day visitor
 - Multiple days are allowed
 - Day visit dates must be reserved no later than May 25
 - Ad hoc day visits during the week are not allowed
 - If someone does not have a confirmed Day Visitor reservation and they show up on site, they will be asked to leave
 - Deposit for **Reservation**
 - \$50 per camper
 - \$0 per camper under 3

- **Step 2: Registration**

- April 1 - April 30
- Forms will be sent by the Registrar to those with a confirmed Reservation
 - Will include the remaining amount due
- Forms must be fully completed and returned
- Remaining amount due (as indicated by the Registrar) along with Registration forms
 - Full-time Sharing
 - Total price for **Sunday to Saturday** with a confirmed **Reservation**
 - \$500 per camper ages 9 and older
 - \$250 per camper ages 3-8
 - \$0 per camper ages 0-2
 - Includes room, meals, facilities and Family Camp led activities
 - Deposit will go toward your total
 - Full-time Non-Sharing
 - Total price for **Sunday to Saturday** with a confirmed **Reservation**
 - \$500 per camper ages 9 and older
 - \$250 per camper ages 3-8
 - \$0 per camper ages 0-2
 - **\$240 per empty lower bunk** (only applies to non-sharing rooms)
 - **\$120 per empty upper bunk** (only applies to non-sharing rooms)
 - Includes room, meals, facilities and Family Camp led activities
 - Deposit will go toward your total
 - Part-time
 - Total price per **day** with a confirmed **Reservation**
 - \$150 per camper ages 9 and older
 - \$75 per camper ages 3-8
 - \$0 per camper under 3
 - Includes room, meals, facilities and Family Camp led activities
 - Deposit will go toward your total
 - Day visitor
 - Total price per **day** with a confirmed **Reservation**
 - \$100 per camper ages 9 and older
 - \$50 per camper ages 3-8
 - \$0 per camper under 3
 - Includes meals, facilities and Family Camp led activities
 - If communicated to the Registrar by May 25, planned missed meals will be subtracted from the total
 - Deposit will go toward your total
 - Final amount due is determined by the registrar with oversight from the Board
 - If you need to discuss financing, please contact our registrar Lori
 - Forms and payment must be postmarked by April 30

Thanks in advance for your patience as we work through this new process. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Lori (lori.umc.registrar@gmail.com).

Blessings,
Family Camp Board

Frequently Asked Questions

- What are the big differences between Camp Koinonia and Silver Spur?
 - Bathrooms
 - Every room has its own bathroom (toilet, sink, shower)
 - Some have 2 of each
 - Many recently renovated
 - Number of rooms
 - Less rooms at Camp Koinonia than Silver Spur (33 versus 54)
 - Sharing of rooms will be crucial to allow the most campers to attend
 - Groups of rooms are spread out across camp, not all within one lodge
 - Inclines
 - Steeper climbs to most cabins, but...
 - All roads/paths are smooth and well maintained
 - Potential for motorized scooters/carts to transport folks that need it
 - Climate
 - Overall cooler temperatures
 - Morning and night are quite cool, typically warm clothes are needed
 - Each room has its own heater and cooler
 - Firepits and propane heaters around outdoor seating areas
 - Surroundings
 - Beautiful redwood forest surrounds the camp
 - Nature trails up into the hills connect up and around camp
 - Santa Cruz area and the coast are accessible
 - Amenities
 - Coffee bar
 - Barista available to take specialty drink orders during certain times
 - Self serve coffee as well
 - Tables and benches with heaters to sit and enjoy coffee
 - Snack bar
 - Servers available to take orders for treats and snacks during certain times
 - Firepits
 - 2 gas fire pits that turn on/off with a timer switch
 - Chairs and benches around each fire
 - Seating areas
 - Many great area to sit and relax with views of the main field area to watch all the activities and appreciate the beauty of the surrounding redwood grove
 - Table/chair groupings, Adirondack chairs, long benches along the railing
 - Options in the shade or sun
 - Heated pool
 - Further away from the center of camp
 - At the top of a steep road
 - Smaller capacity than Silver Spur but...
 - Deck seating
 - Diving board
 - Dressing rooms with showers
 - Ping pong table
 - Koinonia lifeguard

- No setting up or cleaning up of meals
 - Koinonia staff takes care of everything to allow guests to focus on their camp activities
- Food
 - High quality meals served by a friendly staff
 - Depending on guidelines in June, serving will be optimized for limited touch/overlap
 - As of now, campers will walk up and take a tray with a pre-plated meal
 - If protocols are opened up, family style serving may be instituted
 - Dietary accommodations require advance notice
- Activities
 - Playground
 - Giant slide
 - Gaga ball
 - 9 square in the air
 - Rocking horse (2x)
 - Sandbox*
 - Court games
 - Volleyball (2 courts)
 - Basketball
 - Pickleball*
 - Field games
 - Softball (gloves, bats, balls available)
 - Kickball
 - Soccer
 - Frisbee
 - Wiffle ball*
 - Spikeball*
 - Croquet*
 - Viking chess*
 - Washer toss*
 - Any other fun activities that can happen on a field...
 - Table games
 - Ping pong (3 tables)
 - Cornhole
 - Foosball
 - Carpet ball*

* Family camp would need to provide these
- Roads
 - Very rugged, windy and narrow in some places, especially coming from the North off of highway 17
 - Highly recommend coming in from the south (Watsonville) per the detailed directions provided by camp, rather than going by what GPS apps might tell you is the shorter route
- What do I need to bring to camp?
 - Proof of Vaccination & Booster or exception for medical/age reasons
 - Front and back of the CDC vaccination card for each member of your immediate party
 - Actual card
 - Hard copy
 - Digital photo
 - Explanation of exception for age (if applicable)

- Image/hard copy of a letter from a doctor for medical exemption (if applicable)
 - Hand soap for your room
 - Towels (Pool, Bath, Hand)
 - Sleeping bags or bedding
 - Pillows
 - Swimsuits (styles appropriate for a family setting)
 - Personal items
 - Bible
 - Sunscreen
 - Bug spray
 - Spending money for soda machine and snack bar
 - Softball glove (optional - many gloves are available from the camp)
 - Musical instruments
- What do I NOT need to bring to camp?
 - Fan
 - Provided already for each room
 - Temperatures don't get too high at Koinonia
 - Heaters
 - Provided already for each room
 - Controlled by a thermostat in the room
- What is strictly prohibited at camp?
 - Alcohol
 - Weapons
 - Toy weapons/water guns
 - Bicycles, tricycles, big wheels, etc.
 - Skateboards, scooters, etc.