

# Family Camp 2023 - Reservations & Registration

Family Camp will take place at Koinonia Conference Grounds, June 11(Sun) to 17(Sat), 2023.

Located in Corralitos, just north of Watsonville, Koinonia is set inside a beautiful redwood grove and offers amazing facilities and activities for our group to enjoy. Here's a link to a short video, photos, a map and more info on Koinonia's website: <https://www.koinoniaconferencegrounds.org/koinonia-guest-groups>

Even though COVID infection rates have reduced from previous years, it continues to be a factor in our lives, especially around group gatherings. We conducted a survey to understand the collective camp sentiment around health measures, and you can see below that our guidelines strive to give us our best chance to have a fun yet safe week together.

We also know that some of the steep roads to get around camp can be a challenge for some, so we will continue offering rides up and down hills for those who would like them.

Regarding price increases from last year, this is due to several factors from Koinonia including a considerable price increase due to inflation, our camp likely not meeting their minimum of 140 campers and the fact that Koinonia charges the same price for adults and kids. Given all of those factors, we are setting our pricing this year in the hopes of just covering our costs.

On a positive note, we have John Brawn to thank for consulting with Koinonia to help improve the internet access through a new satellite service. More details to come, but as a group we can anticipate a much more robust WiFi connection.

Following are the registration details for Family Camp 2023.

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- **Requirements for Camp**

- COVID Vaccination required
  - Exceptions for those too young
  - Exceptions for those with medical exemptions
- COVID Testing required
  - Families need **3 at-home test kits per camper**
    - Use 1 at-home test per camper on the first day of camp, prior to leaving home
    - Bring 1 at-home test per camper and each take the test 48 hours after arriving
    - Bring 1 at-home test in case you experience any COVID symptoms while at camp
  - If you test positive for COVID while at camp, please remain in your cabin and send for a camp nurse to consult you on next steps
- We will be compliant with CDC, County, Conference & Koinonia Guidelines as of June 2023

# Reservation and Registration for Camp

We will have a 2-step process for camp. The Reservation step will allow the Registrar to allocate rooms so that the most campers can attend camp. A completed Reservation form and deposit are required to be confirmed.

Upon the completion of the Reservation period, the Registrar will send out confirmations to campers to complete the Registration forms and provide the remaining total that is due. We will have a waitlist for those that are not confirmed and there is always the option for day visits as well.

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- **Step 1: Reservation**
  - Until **April 15**
  - Form will be available
    - Sent by email to the Family Camp Google Group email list and local churches and the conference
    - Online at <http://familycamp.org>
  - Form must be fully completed
  - **Note: Submitting a Reservation form does not guarantee a spot at camp**
    - Priority will be given to groups willing to share. The goal is to fill rooms to allow the most campers to attend camp.
    - Notification of reservation status will be sent out on or before April 3
      - 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.
      - 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 convert to day visit can request to be taken off the list and will have their deposit returned
    - Registrar will give final determination of which reservations will be confirmed
    - Registrar will send forms and remaining total due to those with confirmed reservations
  - Different process from previous years is required given the circumstances
    - 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)

- 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
    - Highly encourage to **self-organize into groups**
      - Groups of 6 or 10 are ideal, but not a requirement
      - 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 and prepare 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.
    - Pricing
      - Deposit for **Reservation**
        - \$115 per camper
        - \$0 per camper under 3 years old
        - Non-refundable
          - Unless Family Camp cannot provide 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
    - Pricing
      - Deposit for **Reservation**
        - \$115 per camper
        - \$0 per camper under 3 years old
        - Non-refundable
          - Unless Family Camp cannot provide a room
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- 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
  - Pricing
    - Deposit for **Reservation**
      - \$60 per camper
      - \$0 per camper under 3 years old
      - Non-refundable
        - Unless Family Camp cannot provide 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 in advance
      - 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
    - Pricing
      - Deposit for **Reservation**
        - \$60 per camper
        - \$0 per camper under 3 years old
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- **Step 2: Registration**

- April 3 - 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** with other families
    - Total price for **Sunday to Saturday** with a confirmed **Reservation**
      - \$575 per camper
      - \$275 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
  - Full-time **Non-Sharing** with other families
    - Total price for **Sunday to Saturday** with a confirmed **Reservation**
      - Room for **2**: \$1,850
      - Room for **3**: \$2,150
      - Room for **4**: \$2,575
      - Room for **5**: \$3,000
      - Room for **6**: \$3,450
      - Room for **7**: \$4,025
      - Room for **8**: \$4,600
      - Room for **9**: \$5,175
      - 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**
      - \$175 per camper
      - \$90 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**
    - \$125 per camper
    - \$65 per camper ages 3-8
    - \$0 per camper under 3
    - Includes meals, facilities and Family Camp led activities
    - If communicated to the Registrar ahead of time, any missed meal 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
    - Deposit will go toward your total
  - If you need to discuss financing, please contact our registrar [lori.umc.registrar@gmail.com](mailto:lori.umc.registrar@gmail.com)
  - Forms and payment must be postmarked by April 30

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

Blessings,  
Family Camp Board

# Frequently Asked Questions

- **What are the big differences between Camp Koinonia and other camps?**
  - 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 some other camps
    - 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
      - Rides will be available 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 areas 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 tables
        - 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
  - Water Rockets!
  - Arts & Crafts
    - Many fun and beautiful projects to choose from
  - Pool
    - Diving Board
    - Showers/Dressing Rooms
  - Playground
    - Giant slide
    - Gaga ball
    - 9-square in the Air
    - Rocking horse (2x)
    - Sandbox\*
  - Court games
    - PICKLEBALL! (2 courts)\*
    - Volleyball (1 grass court on the main field\*, 1 sand court)
    - Basketball
  - 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
  - Paved mountain roads, windy and narrow in some places, especially coming from the North off of highway 17
  - HIGHLY RECOMMEND NOT RELYING ON GPS. Ideally you should come 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?**
  - At-home COVID Tests (3 per camper - see Camp requirements for details)
  - 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 the soda machine, snack bar and barista.
  - 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
  - Non-prescribed drugs or illegal substances
  - Weapons
  - Toy weapons/water guns
  - Bicycles, tricycles, big wheels, etc.
  - Skateboards, scooters, etc.