

Family Camp 2025 - Reservations & Registration

Family Camp will take place at Koinonia Conference Grounds, Sunday **June 8** to Saturday **June 14**, 2025.

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.

The Family Camp brochure can be viewed and downloaded here:

http://familycamp.org/Family_Camp_2025-Brochure.pdf

Here's a link for more info on Koinonia's website:

<https://www.koinoniaconferencegrounds.com/guest-groups>

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 families and 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.

Payment Methods

This year we have 3 ways to submit payments

1. Mail a check (no fee)
 - Make out checks to "UMC Family Camp"
 - Mail to Craig Norris, 705 Waltham St, Mountain View, CA 94040
2. Send a payment via Zelle (no fee)
 - Send to "umcfamilycamp@gmail.com". Access your Zelle account through your online banking app in order to send payments.
 - *If you have never used Zelle before, you may have to jump through some hoops due to your bank's security measures. If you do submit a payment through Zelle, please email Craig at familycamp@thenorrises.com so he can look out for the payment.*
 - *You may see a notice identifying the account owner as "Craig Norris," because Craig is the person who opened the account on behalf of Family Camp.*
3. Pay via credit card (3% fee)
 - Go to <https://calnev-reg.brapp.com/FamilyCampKoinonia202471>
 - *Additional 3% to cover credit card processing fees.*

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- **Step 1: Reservation**
 - Until **April 1**
 - Form is online

- Online at <https://form.jotform.com/243507635065154>
 - Sent by email to the Family Camp Google Group email list and local churches and the conference
 - Form must be fully completed and submitted with a non-refundable deposit
 - **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 around 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
 - Information required:
 - Indicate all the members of your group, including date of birth
 - 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** or **serve as a volunteer group leader** for priority
 - Sharing is generally defined as cohabitating with people outside of your immediate family. The Registrar will have ultimate authority to determine whether a group is considered to be sharing.
 - Highly encouraged 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**
 - \$100 per camper ages 8 and older
 - \$50 per camper ages 3-7
 - \$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**
 - \$100 per camper ages 8 and older
 - \$50 per camper ages 3-7
 - \$0 per camper under 3 years old
 - Non-refundable
 - Unless Family Camp cannot provide 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
 - Pricing
 - Deposit for **Reservation**
 - \$50 per camper ages 8 and older
 - \$25 per camper ages 3-7
 - \$0 per camper under 3 years old
 - Non-refundable
 - Unless Family Camp cannot provide a room
- Day Visitor Reservations
 - No reservations needed for day visitors.
 - Registrations for day use can be made between **May 1** and **June 1**.
 - Anyone coming just for the day and not staying overnight is considered a day visitor
 - Multiple day visits are allowed
 - Day visit dates must be registered in advance
 - Ad hoc day visits during the week are not allowed
 - If someone does not have a confirmed Day Visitor registration and they show up on site, they will be asked to leave
 - See Day Visitor registration information below.

- **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 per camper price for **Sunday to Saturday** with a confirmed **Reservation**
 - \$550 per camper ages 14 and older

- \$350 per camper ages 8-13
 - \$275 per camper ages 3-7
 - \$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**: \$1,800
 - Room for **3**: \$2,100
 - Room for **4**: \$2,500
 - Room for **5**: \$2,900
 - Room for **6**: \$3,350
 - Room for **7**: \$3,900
 - Room for **8**: \$4,450
 - Room for **9**: \$5,000
 - In addition, each non-sharing family gets a discount of \$200 for each child ages 8-13 and \$275 for each child ages 3-7
 - Campers under 3 are not included in the room count for pricing purposes
 - Includes room, meals, facilities and Family Camp led activities
 - Deposit will go toward your total
 - Part-time
 - Total per camper price **per day** with a confirmed **Reservation**
 - \$175 per camper ages 9 and older
 - \$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
 - Communicate with our registrar to make arrangements
 - lori.umc.registrar@gmail.com
 - Registrations for day use can be made between **May 1** and **June 1**.
 - \$30 per meal per camper
 - 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
- 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).

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

- **What do I need to bring to camp?**
 - At-home COVID Tests (recommended)
 - Hand soap for your room
 - Towels (Pool, Bath, Bathmat, 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
 - Mattress
 - Provided for every twin bunk
 - Memory foam toppers and bedding for twin sized bed are nice to have
- **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.