

FATHER & SON WINTER CAMP 2024

DATE: February 23 - February 25, 2024

LOCATION: Upper Pines Campground Yosemite National Park

DEPARTURE: Friday - February 23, 2024 at 6:00 AM – **Sharp!**
The Bay Church Lower Parking Lot

RETURN: Sunday - February 25, 2024 approximately 6:00 pm
The Bay Church Lower Parking Lot

WHO CAN ATTEND: Boys 3rd grade & older
Boys in Kindergarten thru 2nd or boys that have medical conditions that require medication must be accompanied by a male adult.

Well, its wintertime, and that means - *it's time to go camping!* This will be our usual camping trip in Yosemite. I would like to express my excitement and joy over our planning for this year's Winter Camp. Winter camping can be fun and exciting, but it requires a little more attention to detail than in the summer. It is obvious that the elements are more of a factor; therefore, **it is important to read all the instructions in this packet, and to attend the Parent Info Meeting on February 11th at 2pm on our Concord campus in rooms 220-221, or via Zoom.** If you have questions, please contact Amber Owens at (925) 458-9100 ext. 134, or email her at amberowens@thebay.church.

CAMPSITE

We will be camping at the Upper Pines Campground in Yosemite National Park. This site offers hot showers, sinks for washing, fire pits, BBQ pits, and lockable food storage. In addition, we will be very close to Yosemite's information center and a General Store due to the fact that most of our men and boys lack experience in winter camping. This is one of the reasons we chose this site.



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EVENTS

Our men and boys will experience the awesome beauty of Yosemite. It truly is one of God's most beautiful creations. Events will include our Annual Yosemite Adventure Race, ice skating, Ranger games, evening services, and council fires. Plus, possibly a history and nature talk with one of the parks knowledgeable Rangers.

SCHEDULE

Sunday afternoon, 2/11/24: Parent meeting with leadership on Concord campus at 2pm in person rooms 222 & 223, or via Zoom. Zoom will be recorded and sent to all registrants.

Friday, 2/23/24: Travel to Yosemite, stow gear and enjoy camp, activities, games and evening service.

Saturday, 2/24/24: Adventure Race, camp events, games and fireside evening service.

Sunday, 2/25/24: Morning devotion, pack up, and return home.

COST:

\$100.00 per person includes all meals at camp, transportation, camp fees, etc. **Camp payment is due Thursday, 2/22/24.** Registration is required.

CLOTHING

What you wear in cold weather is very important. What you want to keep in mind is what an outdoorsman refers to as "layering." This simply is wearing layer upon layer of clothing to keep you warm. I hope you don't feel that you have to spend a lot of money on clothes, you don't. **You might be able to rent snow clothes and boots.** Wool is an excellent material, plus there are a variety of synthetic materials to choose from. Cotton will also work using the layering system. If there is only one thing that you can spend money on, spend it on a pair of boots (leather boots, snow boots, PAC boots).

ADULT REQUIREMENTS

All adults attending camp must be fingerprinted for DOJ and FBI, be background checked by our 3rd-party vendor, Protect My Ministry, and take our Mandated Reporter training prior to departure. You will be notified with what you need to complete prior to departure.

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WHAT TO BRING

- Sack breakfast, or \$10-\$12 to buy breakfast for Friday morning departure.
- \$10-\$12 for lunch on the way home (boys do get hungry).
- Sleeping bag (rated to 10 degrees)
- Two blankets (three blankets if your sleeping bag is not rated to 10 degrees)
- Air mattress/cot/something to separate you from the ground
- Pillow
- Snow suit if you have one, and parka (**You might be able to rent these items**)
- Warm hat (70% of your body heat escapes through your head)
- Warm gloves
- Jacket or coat
- Sweatshirts
- Blue jeans
- T-shirts, underwear, and long underwear (very important - remember layering)
- Socks (wool over synthetic is great, also synthetic blends, and *lots* of them)
- Shoes (leather boots, snow boots or PAC boots) (**You might be able to rent these items**)
- Snow Seal (yes that's what it's called - it's for sealing leather boots only)
- Rain Poncho (you can make them out of plastic garbage bags)
- PJ's
- Plastic bag (for dirty clothes)
- Toilet Kit (soap, washcloth, towel, toothbrush, and toothpaste)
- Small day pack (backpack) (optional)
- Flashlight (extra batteries)
- Sun protection (snow, wind, and sun can burn)
- Sunglasses (optional, but remember the sun is bright off the snow)
- Knife (must be checked in with adult)
- One roll of toilet paper
- Duffel bag or suitcase
- Bible
- Camp chair for around campfire (optional)
- Spending money. This is your call as a parent, but let me know how much and if you're giving your son spending money, as there is a nice gift shop in Yosemite Valley for souvenirs.

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WHAT NOT TO BRING

All tents, food, camping and cooking gear will be provided by The Bay Church. *Do not bring game systems, electronic devices, etc.*

CONCLUSION

I hope this will be a great experience for your son and one that he will not soon forget. It is my hope that he will enjoy God's great outdoors, fellowship with other boys, and experience a closer walk with God. If I can be of any help or answer any questions, feel free to give me a call.

God Bless,
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