

Cameron House Westminster Woods Residence Camp 2017

Information Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions

When and where do I drop off my child?

Drop off is at Cameron House in the Main Yard (entrance in Joice Alley) from 12:00 to 1:30PM on Sunday, August 6th. Youth sign-in and bring their gear into the yard. Buses arrive at 1:45pm and depart promptly at 2pm. The youth will need to be able to carry their gear for approximately 1-2 blocks to 940 Powell St. (YWCA) since that is the closest commercial loading zone to Cameron House.

When and where do I pick up my child?

The youth arrive back at Cameron House at approximately 2pm on Friday, August 11th. Youth with cell phones may call their parents/guardians while in transit from Westminster Woods to Cameron House. The staff has an evaluation meeting until 4pm at Cameron House, so youth can also wait in the yard or building for pick-up until that time.

How do I contact my child when he/she is at Camp?

Cell reception is poor on the campsite. If there is an emergency situation while we are at camp, you can contact us by calling the Westminster Woods Office at (707) 874-2426. In a non-emergency situation, the youth will have access to payphones, and upon request can be asked to check-in during the week. *A calling card will be needed.*

What kind of meals are served at Camp?

The Westminster Woods staff provides three well-balanced meals a day. Each meal is served buffet style and a fruit bar is left open throughout the day. Water (hot & cold) is available at all times in the cafeteria. There is a vegetarian option for those who request it on their registration forms. Youth with special dietary restrictions or allergies should be sure to contact a staff member when registering.

Where will they sleep and shower?

All participants will sleep in cabins with peers their age and gender and at least one adult. The cabin accommodations include bunk beds with mattresses. Bathroom and shower facilities are located a ten to twenty yards away from the cabins.

What is the weather typically like at Westminster Woods?

The weather in recent years has been sunny and warm during the day, but a little chilly at night. It's never a bad idea to check the forecast a day or two before the trip. Participants should pack clothes they can layer.

There's going to be Bible Study? What if my child/family does not practice the Christian faith?

Each day, participants will participate in a study designed to encourage conversations about life, faith, and God. In the evening, we have Vespers (evening worship). We welcome all campers and encourage them to participate. We respect all views regardless of faith or experience with Christianity.

Let your child know that you're thinking about them by sending a letter postcard, and/or small care packages. To ensure that it reaches us before we leave Camp, standard mail should be sent by the Tuesday, August 1st at the latest. Please address to:

Full Name of Youth
Cameron House
Westminster Woods
6510 Bohemian Highway
Occidental, CA 95465

What should I pack for the trip?

Please refer to the packing list on the reverse side.

Further questions? Please contact Josh Chuck at westdirector@cameronhouse.org or (415) 781-0401 ext 228

Things to pack:

- Change of clothing for 5 days/5 nights (clean socks, underwear, t-shirts, sweatshirt, pants, shorts...)
- Comfortable closed-toe shoes (good for running and hiking)
- Sandals/Flip Flops (for pool, showering)
- Sleeping bag/pillow
- Sun block
- Towel (for showering)
- Swimwear
- Beach/Pool Towel
- Flashlight (extra batteries if needed)
- Warm jacket (wind and water resistant recommended)
- Medications (as needed with accompanying letter of instruction shown to Club leader)
- Insect repellent
- Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, soap, shampoo, contact lens solution, etc.)
- Notebook and pen
- Bag for dirty laundry

Optional things to pack:

- Watch or Alarm Clock
- Bible
- Camera
- Reusable Water Bottle
- Snacks to share
- Stationery/other items for writing friends and/or Secret Pals
- Some spending money for Westminster Woods Gift Shop (snacks, caps, t-shirts)
- Stamped postcard/envelope to send note home/to others

* Luggage space is limited on the buses/vehicles, so please limit your gear to one suitcase/duffle bag, one sleeping bag and pillow, and one backpack. Each participant is responsible for carrying his/her own gear.

Please label all bags and other personal possessions.

The possession or use of weapons, illicit drugs, alcohol, or cigarettes will NOT be tolerated. Cameron House staff reserves the right to send home any individuals who do not follow this guideline at the expense of the participant's family. In such event, no refunds will be given.