

Summer Camp F.A.Q.'s

Why do Adult Cabin Leaders and Interns have to pay registration fees?

The Pueblo Presbytery is unable to fully subsidize the cost of Cabin Leaders and Interns. As a result, Cabin Leaders will pay \$160 to attend camp and Interns will pay \$250.

What if our church has an adult leader or high school intern that wants to come to camp but can't afford the registration fee?

Ideally, the local church would help the adult leader or high school intern pay the registration fee but we know that church budgets don't always allow for extra expenses like that. If your church has an adult or high school student that wants to come but the registration fee is proving to be an obstacle, please have the church pastor contact Carolyn Brown with a request for funding.

How is the camp staffed?

The Pueblo Presbytery Camp is staffed entirely by volunteers. Many of these volunteers are parents, older brothers and sisters of campers, or former campers who have graduated from the Intern program. Anyone interested in serving on the staff at the camp should submit the appropriate Application Form by April 15. Returning staff members are given first priority and then open volunteer positions are filled.

Do churches have to send adult leaders to camp?

The short answer is yes. It is the expectation of the Presbytery that every church sending kids to camp support the program and their church's campers by sending adult leaders. That being said, however, it is often the case that we have more adult leaders than we can actually use. Often, it is not actually necessary for every church to send adult staff.

Why must we select our adult leaders by April 15?

We are required to complete background checks every camp staff member who comes into contact with the students at camp. These background checks take time to complete and must be on file before the first day of camp. We also must do reference checks on all our staff, and these take time as well.

Are adult volunteers allowed to bring one camper for free?

Unfortunately, that is no longer an option. All campers must pay to attend camp.

What about adult leaders who have children younger than camping age?

Sorry, state licensing regulations do not permit adult volunteers to bring children who are younger than camping age with them to camp.

What happens if our church is sending the same volunteers as last year?

We can't describe how much returning volunteers are appreciated! They will still need to fill out the appropriate Application Form, however, and submit it to Carolyn by April 15.

Can kids invite friends to attend camp with them?

Absolutely! We love it when kids invite their friends to come to camp with them, and camp is more fun when you have a special friend to make memories with! Kids do not need to be Presbyterian to come to camp. All are welcome.

How soon should we register?

The camp can fill up quickly, so get the registration process started in your church right away. It is not unusual for the camp to be filled by mid-May. Registration deposits are fully refundable until May 31.

What happens to campers who send in registration forms after the camp is full?

The registrations are held on a waiting list. If a cancellation occurs, campers are moved from the waiting list into the available space based on the order in which their registration was received, and their age and gender. If no spaces open up, the deposit is returned.

When should our church pay for the scholarships we are providing?

As soon as you know how many campers you are sending to camp, and how much scholarship money you will be providing, please send your scholarship check to Janet at the Presbytery office, or to Carolyn, with a note stating which campers are receiving scholarship funds in what amounts. At the absolute latest, we need your scholarships paid by the first day of camp.

What are High School Interns and what do they do?

Every year, the camp accepts a limited number of students between the ages of 14 and 17 who are interested in developing their leadership skills. These Interns must apply for the position and go through background checks and interviews just like an adult leader. They are partnered with an adult mentor and assigned to a group of campers. Not only do they get to practice some real, hands-on experience leading Bible study, games, and worship, but they also spend time working with mentors who help them to think about and understand what it means to be a Christian leader. They spend time studying what the Bible says about leadership, talking with other Christian leaders, and debriefing “teachable moments” that have occurred at the camp. Competition is fierce for the limited number of Intern slots, and the deadline to apply is April 15 so please get these forms to your interested high school students quickly. Cost for Interns is \$250.

What do we do if we lose any of our forms?

The most commonly requested forms are available online at the Presbytery website. Go to www.pueblpresbytery.org and click on “Camps.” If something you need is not there or you have trouble downloading it, you can contact Carolyn for assistance.

What is the best way to spread the word about camp?

The more places people see something, the more likely they are to remember it. Put announcements in your service bulletin and on your church website. Place an attractive ad in your church newsletter. Put up posters in visible locations. Mail the registration form directly to all of the children in your church who are of camping age. Have a “Camp Sunday” and have students who have been to camp share about their experiences, or do a children’s sermon about camp, and put a special insert in your bulletin. Best of all, make sure your kids know to invite their friends to camp!

Where should we mail registration forms and applications?

The mailing address is listed on all forms, however all camp correspondence should be sent to:

*Carolyn Brown
745 Center Street
Woodland Park, CO. 80863*

Carolyn Brown is the Pueblo Presbytery’s Camp & Retreat Director.

Please do not hesitate to contact her with any questions or concerns.

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