Welcome to Family Camp 2025!

Print, complete, and bring the following documents as pertains to you/your group

Smoking and Vaping policy Sweat liability release Workshop Descriptions

Substitute guardian agreement/medical release (2 signatures needed)

What to bring to camp COVID Policy Letter

Hello Campers! Family Camp is starting soon, and we deans are looking forward to seeing y'all in person. Please read the camper letter below to help prepare for your camp experience.

Where: Family Camp is held at Camp Two of the Mendocino Woodlands. Roads are all dirt with an enforced speed limit of 15 mph, with max speed of 5 mph through camps. You will pass Camp One and Camp Three on your way to Camp Two. Mendocino Woodlands driving directions

Arrival kitchen staff: Saturday between 11am-2pm. You must check in with Angie & Jade for your schedule *before* going to your cabin/tent.

Arrival of all other staff: Saturday between 12pm-4pm. The first food served on Saturday will be a snack. All-staff must attend the staff meeting on Sunday morning at 9am.

Arrival of non-staff campers: Week 1: Sunday, July 13th, Week 2: Sunday, July 20th between 1pm-4pm.

Check-in for all staff and campers will occur at the teen hut parking lot. Each person will be COVID tested and complete a signed liability form before receiving cabin assignment & parking card.

Parking: Will be rows of front facing cars with keys left in the car. Please place an index card with your cabin assignment on the dashboard.

Mandatory for all: Camp Orientation will begin on Sunday at 4:30.

Good to know:

- Rustic redwood cabins have cots with camp mattresses, closets, and screened windows with no glass. Cabins have neither electricity nor water. Bring your own lighting and bedding. Cabins can get cold at night, extra blankets/comforts are recommended.
- There are four cabin sections, each with its own bathroom (up the hill!) with flush toilets and cold-water sinks, but no electricity.
- There is one central shower house for the whole camp with: 3 toilet stalls, 3 private showers, and 1 large group shower. By tradition, the large group shower is co-ed. The shower building does have electricity, hot and cold water, and a few electrical outlets.
 There are no laundry facilities, the nearest facility is Fort Bragg, 45 minutes away. Bring lots of extra clothing.

The Family Camp Week

Activities: Morning worship and a variety of workshops are available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, and will be listed on our Camp Schedule in the Dining Hall. Workshops are offered on a drop in basis, no sign ups needed. Evening activities include a game night, karaoke, sweat rituals, movie night, dancing, silent action, and talent show. There are a variety of independent and organized activities such as hiking, biking, swimming, and town excursions.

Childcare: We provide children's activities from 10-12 and 2-4 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. During this and all other times outside of childcare, be sure you know where your child is and be responsible for their behavior. Children participating in childcare must be signed in and out of each session. Please pick up your children promptly from their activities.

Meals: Three meals, an afternoon snack, and dessert are provided daily and posted on the Camp Schedule. The first full meal will be dinner at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, and our last meal will be a light breakfast on Saturday morning. The week's menu will be posted in the kitchen. The kitchen will do everything it can to meet the dietary requests made during pre-camp registration; modified menu items will be available in the kitchen. A camper refrigerator with limited space is available in the dining hall. This refrigerator also stores camp meal leftovers, please limit outside food and be respectful of space.

The Fine Print

Camper Liability Release Form: While Family Camp offers a relaxed and supportive environment to its campers, the activities undertaken come with some risk to life and property. Each camper is required to sign the Camper Liability Release Form, a legally binding document. NO REFUNDS will be provided for failure to sign it. NCUUCC regrets the need for this requirement.

Electronic Devices at Camp: We strongly encourage a culture of presence while in this camp space. Please help us make camp as screen-free as possible. This may be a big adjustment for some campers, young and old, and we urge families to make plans for this camp rule ahead of time. A charging station for only CPAP batteries will be set up behind the dining hall, no other devices.

Emergency: The FIRST AID KIT is located in the dining hall. A continuous sounding of the camp bell indicates an emergency. If this happens, collect all children in your vicinity and come directly to the area in front of the dining hall.

Messages In & Out: A landline phone is available for use in the Camp 2 kitchen. The number is (707) 937-2928. Please limit use of this number for urgent matters only, as the kitchen staff will be interrupted from their duties to answer the phone. Most cell phones do not work at camp.

Staff: Family Camp staff members are all volunteers, receiving only a partial discount of their registration fees. This arrangement allows Family Camp costs to remain as low as possible. Please remember staff members are here to help, but they are campers also! All campers will sign up for weekly chores and participate in Saturday morning clean up.

Substitute Guardians: Minors who are not coming with their legal guardian must have an adult aged 25 or over responsible for them. Substitute guardian forms must be completed, pre-approved, and emailed to the deans by July 1, 2025. Failure to gain pre approval and submit completed forms may result in the youth camper not attending Family Camp. Substitute guardians may only sponsor 2 minors in addition to their own children.

Teens: Two teen advisors are available to help the teens create their covenant, community, and weekly activities. Families are ultimately responsible for maintaining safe behaviors of their progeny. Teens must follow all camp rules and participate in chores. As usual, no illegal substance use, no violence, and no glitter.

IMPORTANT CAMP RULES

Please bring positive intentions!

Do not do anything that will jeopardize our community

NO firearms, illegal substances, threats or acts of violence

NO alcohol consumption by persons under 21 years.

Smoking or vaping is ONLY permitted at designated smoking areas by people of legal age to do so.

NO smoking or vaping next to the kitchen.

NO sexual harassment or inappropriate sexual behavior*

NO glitter

NO animals or pets, except service animals with advance notification of camp deans

NO candles, lanterns, heaters, etc. with a flame. Batteries are OK

NO driving over 5 mph

NO parking in the cabin areas. Park in designated areas only. Keep fire roads clear at all times

All campers must be registered

All campers must clean the camp on Saturday

*A Safe Camp Policy governs all camp activities.

CONSEQUENCES OF BREAKING CAMP RULES Northern California UU Camps & Conferences leadership reserves the right to dismiss or remove any camper for misbehavior at any time. Some Violations of the camp rules that CAN RESULT IN IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL include: use of firearms, illegal substances, under-age alcohol consumption, sexual harassment, inappropriate sexual behavior, and acts of violence. In the event of dismissal, no refund will be made.

Questions? Contact the Deans: Jenni, Nick, Maya, and Trisha

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