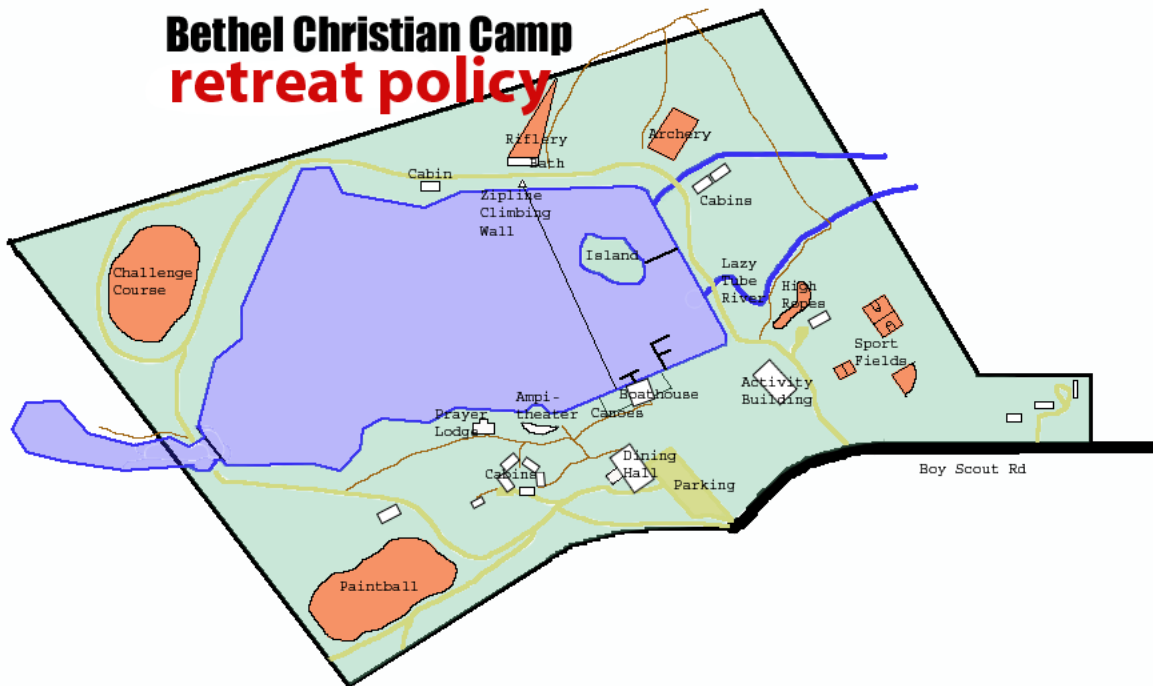


# Bethel Christian Camp retreat policy



Dear Retreat leader,

Bethel Christian Camp desires to help you minister to your group. We know that finding the right location is an important part of organizing an effective retreat. So it is important to know who we are, and what we offer to make sure that those fit with your group's agenda.

## Camp Expectations

- ◆ A complete contract and credit card information is required to hold retreat dates.
  - ◆ Changes to contract may be made up to within one (1) week of retreat.
  - ◆ Full payment of contract is expected at arrival time. Please make sure that you understand our cancelation policy:
    - 20% of total non- refundable
    - 50% of total 2 weeks before event
    - 100% of total 1 week before event
  - ◆ Retreat Schedule is required one (1) week in advance.
  - ◆ Younger groups (up through high school) must have at least one adult leader per cabin.
  - ◆ Check-in – 3pm. Check-out – 11am (cabins cleared and cleaned).
  - ◆ No food in the cabins. You may set up a hospitality table in the Dining Hall or Boathouse.
  - ◆ Clean cabins and meeting areas – cabins must be vacuumed, beds wiped down and garbage disposed of before departure\*. Leave meeting areas as found. **\*\$25 clean-up fee per cabin that is not cleaned.**
  - ◆ Inform us of all Campfires. Campfires will be built by your group in appropriate locations: Amphitheater or Island (Weather dependent). We have wood stocked and available at these places.
  - ◆ Swimming hours are to be scheduled and will always be under the observation of a certified Lifeguard.
  - ◆ Quiet hours: 11pm-6am
  - ◆ There is no driving on camp property except for drop-off and pick-up.
- Observe all posted rules on camp premises

## **Camp Accommodations**

### **Sleeping:**

- A/C cabins with bunk beds (10-12 people/cabin – currently 10 available cabins for retreats). Central bathhouse to cabins with showers (no bathrooms in cabins – this means your group will have to walk to the bath rooms).
- Boathouse has two separate rooms with bunks and a bathroom sleeping a total of 9 people.

### **Meeting:**

- Dining Hall with eating and dining for 150, podium, sound system (5 jacks) with stage, CD/tape player, and pull-down screen.
- Boathouse is available for smaller groups (20-30 people) decorated like a youth lounge: sofas, chairs, games, small kitchenette (microwave, dorm-fridge, sink).
- Outdoor meeting – Open Amphitheater seating 300 looking over lake (ideal for outdoor worship times – has large fire pad), covered prayer lodge with benches (ideal for small groups or morning worship times).

## **Camp Meals**

Meal Times: 8am breakfast, 12:30pm lunch, 6pm dinner.

Hot meals are served at the Dining Hall in “all-you-can-eat” cafeteria style –Meals are composed of a main course (spaghetti, hamburgers/hotdogs, pizza, lasagna, chicken...), with 2 or 3 sides, salad bar, dessert and drinks. Breakfasts are alternated daily between hot breakfast (pancakes, sausage, eggs, bacon, casserole...) and continental breakfast (cereal, pastries, fruit). Guests may return to the line as long as food is available, however, as a courtesy to us, and you, we ask that all guests wait for seconds or thirds until all members of their group have been served.

## **Camp Events**

One of the great things about organizing your own retreat is that you are in charge of all of the programming – you get to do it your way! (We will need a copy of your program schedule one week in advance).

As you program the weekend there are certain camp events that are available to your group to use as part of the retreat package. These events are your responsibility, not the camps (you schedule, and provide appropriate leadership). We would be glad to organize and staff extra events at an extra charge – Please make sure that you understand times and limitations for all events:

**Events included in Retreat Package** – all sports fields: sand volleyball, basketball, softball (balls provided – except softball gloves, we only have a few), canoeing, trails.

**Extra Charge Events** (to be scheduled and organized by Bethel)– Swimming (it is necessary to have a certified lifeguard), Ropes course, climbing wall, lazy tube river, challenge course, riflery, archery, paintball. Please let us know if you wish to schedule any of these events. The retreat contract has a complete list of pricing and the number of people that can participate in these events at a given time. Please be aware that Bethel operates on a limited staff – extra events must be scheduled in advance because they require extra staffing.

## **Camp History**

Bethel Christian Camp was started in 1941 as a summer camp dedicated to racial integration. The camp provides a large number of scholarships every summer (about 60% of campers) for those youth that need financial assistance. The finances for these scholarships come through gifts from individuals and churches. Your retreat will help us maintain and grow the camp facilities freeing up donations to be used for summer youth scholarships.