



Staff 2022 FAQ

When should I arrive?

You can arrive anytime on Thursday, Mar 26th to settle into your staff cabin, we will officially begin with dinner at 6pm. Please send a text or email with your anticipated arrival time so we can be ready to welcome you!

What should be done before arriving at camp?

It would be great if all your paperwork is completed before arriving at camp but if you weren't able to mail it in time, please just bring paperwork with you if you still have it. If possible, try and get some rest before coming as we will be hitting the ground running with staff training. Additionally, if you are coming from a lower altitude - drink water for a better transition to our altitude.

How long is staff training?

Staff Training is going to be a fun, jam packed 8 full days (not including the first evening) of learning all the camp things in preparation for summer as well as forming together as a staff community. We will then have a full day and a half off to recuperate before welcoming our very first week of campers.

When is camp over?

Our summer season ends on August 13th. We will celebrate as a staff with a closing banquet that evening, plan for goodbyes and farewells the morning of the 14th.

Where will I be living?

All staff will have a space in the Staff Neighborhood, little cabins shared with up to three other staff. Counselors will spend Sunday-Friday night in their respective counseling cabins though (I'd recommend a sleeping bag for counseling cabins, and sheets/bedding for staff cabins). We have pillows, a fitted sheet, and a few extra blankets so please bring what will make your space most comfortable. Our staff beds are twin size. The staff neighborhood has a separate staff only bathroom with three sinks, two toilets, and two showers.

What should I bring?

Check out our WTB list for a pretty good idea of what you'll need this summer! Bring whatever you'll need to make you feel most comfortable while you are here for day to day or on your time off (think hammocks, books, fuzzy slippers, favorite outdoor gear, etc). We are about 25 minutes away from Walmart if you find yourself needing something throughout the summer. If you have any questions about packing please reach out to Claire.

What should I wear?

We ask that campers dress modestly while they are here and as a staff want to be modeling that as well. Modesty looks different for a lot of people but a good litmus test might be if you are questioning whether or not it's modest, perhaps choosing a different outfit would be the best option. It gets hot and we are moving all throughout the summer so definitely have some shorts, tank tops, and athletic wear. You all were hired because we trust your judgment and see that you live a life reflective of a life following Christ!

What does the laundry situation look like?

We have laundry available on site for staff use. We also provide very basic detergent but you are more than welcome to bring your own if you have a favorite. We are so fortunate with our weather that things dry fairly fast so clothes lines are our main source of drying over dryers! Some sort of laundry bag or basket is highly advised unless you like being creative with transporting your dirty clothes to and from :)

Can I bring technology?

Cell phones, laptops, smart watches, tablets, etc - have all become so integrated in our daily lives! You are more than welcome to bring these items to camp for use on your time off but will not be able to have them where campers are, as we ask that they leave these things at home. We do have wifi for staff, and some spotty service but expect to be more or less "disconnected" throughout the week when we are in session. (Knowing the time though is very important throughout the summer, a simple wrist watch can be found for fairly inexpensive at Walmart!)

Do I need a car?

Absolutely not, you are more than welcome to bring your car and use it on your time off but should not be concerned if you aren't going to have a car. Often there are enough cars among staff to carpool places on the weekends if you want to go into town or on other adventures.

What is our mailing address?

Snail mail is such a fun part of camp, if you want to give your address to friends and family, Letters can be mailed to:

PO Box 536

Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

Packages and online orders can be sent to:

1536 Sonlight Pl/Box 536

Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

What is the summer visitor policy?

While we have campers on site there will be no visitors allowed on property as a safety precaution. On the weekends however, during your time off, you are more welcome to show family and friends around camp BUT they will not be allowed to stay overnight on property. While you might have an extra bed or two in your staff cabin we want to be respectful of everyone's space and time off to recharge. There are some great camping sites near camp and of course lodging in town for them to stay.

Are we still looking for staff?

Yes! We are still looking for a few more staff to join us this summer - rest assured though we are not in any danger of being short staffed. Guys are a bit sparse as of current but we are working on reaching out to recruit more male staff as well as filling "boy-heavy" camps with male volunteers. We will be hiring until staff training or until we are full so keep spreading the word to anyone you think would make a great addition to our team!

Opportunities for exercise?

Of course, we are all for increasing those endorphins! Camp programming alone is pretty active - hiking, capture the (fill in the blank), energizers, mountain biking, etc. If you are looking for more exercise opportunities those are definitely accomatible to a degree while campers are here. Coordinating with a co-counselor to exercise in the morning, using your break time to exercise and other such times can be communicated so that you'll have time to do what will help you be at your best. Camp has a lovely trail system as well as the dirt road that make for great running or biking options.

Should I bring food?

You are more than welcome to bring your favorite snacks to be enjoyed in the back, you'll have a locker in the staff room to store non-perishable food as well as use of the staff fridge. As you'll quickly find out, food is plentiful at camp and good food at that.