



Stargazer Sleepover Information

Hi Everyone! If your child is attending camp this week and you are joining them for the campout, your child will not be riding the bus back on Friday, and you can drive out to camp and meet them here when the camp day ends around 4pm.

If your child is not attending camp this week and you are coming to the camp out, you can drive out with your child(ren) and just plan to be here around 4:30 - 5pm.

Either way, please make sure you bring or send with your kids the items they will need for the camp out (see page 2).

If your child is attending the camp out without you (age 9 and up only), be sure to be at camp on Saturday by 12 noon to pick them up.

Directions to Camp:

There are two main ways to get to camp – you can pick the route below that suits you best. **However, just a warning - we strongly recommend avoiding using GPS systems...**you will probably end up on a dirt road somewhere in Duck River...(sometimes they work, sometimes they don't)

Here are the 2 ways to get to camp:

1. Via Natchez Trace Parkway – this is the most scenic route – you'll get on Natchez Trace Parkway at the closest entry point to you (either at Hwy 100 in Nashville, Hwy 96 in Franklin or Hwy 46 in Leipers Fork). Head south toward Mississippi on Natchez Trace Parkway and drive until you get to the Hwy 50 exit (21 miles from the Hwy 46/Leipers Fork entry). Exit the Parkway and turn RIGHT onto Hwy 50 (heading west toward Centerville). Drive about 10 1/2 miles and turn LEFT onto Blue Buck Road. Drive about 2.5 miles to the end of Blue Buck Road and turn LEFT (this is Blue Buck Creek Road although the sign at the end of the road says Bond Rd - that is the road to the right). Camp will be on the right hand side -the entrance is just past the wood fence. Turn RIGHT into the first driveway and park anywhere in the gravel before you get to the bridge.
2. Via Highway 100: Take Hwy 100 southwest until you get to Hwy 230 (around 30 - 35 miles from the Warner park area) and turn LEFT onto Hwy 230 (there will be a triangular sign with "230" on it on the right side of the road just before you get to the Hwy 230 turn) and drive about 9 1/2 miles to the end of 230 and turn RIGHT onto Hwy 50, heading west toward Centerville. Drive west on Hwy 50 for about 5 1/2 miles and turn LEFT at Blue Buck Road. Drive about 2.5 miles to the end of Blue Buck Road and turn LEFT (this is Blue Buck Creek Road, although the sign at the end of the road says Bond Rd - that is the road to the right). Camp will be on the right hand side -the entrance is just past the wood fence. Turn RIGHT into the first driveway and park anywhere in the gravel before you get to the bridge.

What to Bring:

We will provide two large tents and military-style cots, which you are welcome to sleep in. Each tent sleeps 10 people, so you might be sharing with others. If you wish to bring your own tent you are welcome to do so. Just make sure to bring a tarp to put your tent on. If there is a threat of rain you should also bring a tarp to put over your tent as a rain guard. If you use our tents we will take care of this. We will also provide all food and drinks (complete dinner, fixings to make S'mores, complete breakfast in the morning). You may want to bring your own lantern/flashlight also.

You might want to bring some of the following items:

- Sleeping bag
- Pillow
- Folding camp chairs
- Water shoes
- Tennis shoes
- A change of clothing
- Toothbrush/toothpaste
- Swimsuit
- Towel
- Bug spray
- Sunscreen
- If you play one, a musical instrument (like a banjo, flute, guitar)
- Binoculars (you can use these to observe the night sky)
- A red-light flashlight (using a red light prevents light pollution and you can see the stars much better!) – we encourage the use of these during the stargazing activity so our eyes can adjust to the dark sky.

Please leave the following items safely at home:

Electronic games or toys, ipods or other mp3 players, CD players, expensive equipment or jewelry. Camp Idyllwild is a place to enjoy nature and we request that you leave these items at home or in your car. We cannot be responsible for anything lost or stolen.

Dinner/Breakfast Menu:

Dinner will include the following: organic ground beef burgers and nitrate-free hot dogs, organic whole wheat buns, potato salad, baked beans, locally grown mixed greens salad, fruit, chips/salsa, iced tea, and S'mores for dessert. Feel free to bring your own beer or wine if you want to.

Breakfast includes: make your own waffles, scrambled local Willow Farms eggs, nitrate-free bacon, organic fruit, orange juice, milk, cereal, bagels, and coffee.

******Please let us know in advance if you have any special dietary requirements - we can usually accommodate them but need to know before Friday morning so we can plan accordingly******

Itinerary:

Friday Afternoon/Evening:

Arrive at camp and get settled:	4:30 PM
Activities (based on interest*):	5:00 – 6:30 PM
Dinner:	6:30 – 7:30 PM
Free play and campfire:	7:30 – 8:30 PM
Stargazing demonstration:**	8:30 – 10:00 PM
Unstructured free time:***	10:00PM – until you fall asleep

Saturday Morning:

Breakfast	8:00 – 9:30 AM (timing is flexible for those late sleepers!)
Activities (based on interest*):	9:30 – 12:00 noon
Depart camp:	12:00 noon

* activities may include hiking, creek exploring, tree climbing, wall climbing, rappelling and zipline – wall climbing, tree climbing, rappelling and zipline are guided activities. Not all activities will be offered and depend on interest and availability.

** Stargazing is a weather/cloud cover-dependent activity – if too cloudy or rainy, we won't do this.

*** during unstructured time you can go on a night hike, listen for creatures, hunt for fireflies, sit by the fire and sing camp songs, tell ghost stories, or anything else you like until you get so tired and want to go to sleep!

Registration and fees:

If you enrolled for this event online, your credit card on file will be charged on the day of the event. If you did not sign up online and you have not already paid for the campout, please bring payment with you. Registration for this event is \$100 for the first camper, and \$50 for each additional adult or child above the age of 3 (children under 3 are free).

Let us know if you have any questions in advance of Friday's sleepover – you can email us at campidyllwild@gmail.com. We look forward to meeting you and having a great time this weekend!

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