

SENIOR HIGH WINTER WEEKEND FAQ

Q: What is the purpose of Winter Weekend?

A: The purpose of Winter Weekend is twofold: to share the gospel with unbelievers, and to encourage those who are believers and provide an opportunity for recommitment.

Q: When does the weekend begin and end?

A: Registration starts at 7:00 p.m. on Friday. The first counselor meeting is at 9:15 p.m. in the Cedar Chalet (back of the snack shop) and the first session is at 10:00 p.m. in the auditorium. We end with lunch on Monday.

Q: How and when do we pay Tuscarora?

A: Please write one check from your church, payable to Tuscarora Inn. If you choose to pay by credit card, you will be charged tax. Payment and registration forms must be submitted at the front office when you arrive at camp.

Q: Do leaders have to pay?

A: Yes. Tuscarora charges per person, and we have to cover that. Leaders under the age of 18 must complete registration forms.

Q: What should campers bring for the weekend?

A: Clothing (check the forecast!), including PJs, clothes for basketball, volleyball, or tubing if there is snow; towels and toiletries; Bible and notebook; and sleeping bag/blanket and pillow if not renting bedding from Tuscarora.

Q: What is the ideal ratio of counselors to campers?

A: We suggest that each counselor be directly responsible for no more than 5 campers.

Q: What is the “prayer room”?

A: Counselors and staff meet for prayer 15 minutes before every session. Each counselor should choose at least one prayer meeting to attend throughout the weekend.

Q: Can my camper bring a car?

A: Campers can only have a car on the grounds if they need to leave during the weekend for an acceptable reason (e.g., family commitment, school event, etc.). Campers must have the permission of their youth director, who will in turn inform the camp director or assistant director when the camper will be returning.

Q: If my camper is allowed to bring a car, can he or she use it throughout the weekend?

A: No. If a camper does have a car on the grounds, a counselor must hold on to the keys. The camper must unpack his or her car upon arrival and not return to it during the weekend.

Q: Where should parents pick up and drop off a camper during the weekend?

A: If a camper needs to leave the grounds for any reason, parents must pick up and drop off him or her at the front office – not the rooms.

Q: Do I have to be in the dorms *again*?

A: The Tuscarora office is responsible for making the room assignments each year. Wherever your group is assigned, please model a good attitude for your campers.

Q: Can counselors participate in the tournaments?

A: No. The tournaments are for campers only. If a counselor plays in the tournaments, his or her church will forfeit the game.

Q: What is the age restriction for the tournaments?

A: Campers who have been left back a grade may play in the tournaments through age 19.

Q: Why can't campers and counselors have cell phones?

A: We want campers as well as counselors to be able to concentrate on the retreat, digging into God's Word and building relationships with people on site without distractions from anything outside camp.

Q: My students have cell phones that take pictures and they promise that they will not make phone calls or text. Can they keep their phones?

A: No. Campers can use their phones to take pictures only after clean-up on Monday morning.

Q: Can counselors have cell phones?

A: One male counselor and one female counselor from each church can carry a cell phone for emergency purposes. Please give those numbers to your campers' parents (along with Tuscarora's phone number: 570-897-6000).

Q: What should I do if I'm bringing a camper or counselor who is addicted to nicotine?

A: Please speak with the camp director.

Q: I have a camper who is on medication. How do we handle that during the weekend?

A: Counselors are responsible for giving campers their medication and keeping the meds in a safe place.

Q: The nurse said that my camper has to go to the hospital. What happens next?

A: The counselor – not the nurse – must take the camper to the hospital.

Q: What should I do if I see a camper or counselor breaking camp rules?

A: Please speak with the camp director.

Q: I don't understand the rationale for some of these rules. Who can I talk to about that?

A: Please contact the camp director *before* Winter Weekend to discuss the rules; once the weekend starts, there won't be adequate time to address these concerns.

Q: Why do counselors have to sign the guidelines?

A: Since you are responsible for leading campers, we want to make sure that you pray before, during, and after the weekend and that you have taken the time to review the camp guidelines.

Q: When are numbers due?

A: Please email your numbers to Tom Tellefsen (thomas.g.tellefsen@gmail.com) the Sunday before Winter Weekend. If your numbers change during the week, call Tuscarora (570-897-6000) or email Paul DiQuattro (paul@tuscarora.org). Be aware, though, that the total number you give on Sunday is the one for which you will be responsible. **Tuscarora will provide a 10% leeway from that number, but after that, you will be charged 50% of the difference.** For example, if you say on Sunday that you will have 50 participants but you only bring 40 to camp, Tuscarora will automatically reduce your number to 45 and charge you for the difference of 5 people at half the cost.