

Retreat with Young Children

Children of all ages are welcome at retreat and we want you to feel comfortable attending whether your child is 1, 10 or 18. There are activities for all ages and plenty of opportunities for parents to have adult time as well.

Children age 6 and older may sleep in cabins at camp with the other children. All cabins have assigned counseling staff who stay with the kids throughout the weekend. Cabins are split into boys' and girls' cabins with communal bathrooms by gender. All the cabins have bunkbeds and shelving for your kids to store their personal items. Kids staying in the cabins will need to bring their own bedding and linens. We recommend a sleeping bag or bedroll, pillow and towel. We don't recommend they bring anything of value and suggest that all personal electronics (phones, tablets, etc.) be left at home.

If your child is not ready to sleep in the cabins, he or she will sleep in your room. You should still plan on bringing bedding and towels for the kids, and a pack and play for young children. There are two twin beds in each of the adult rooms. Most of the young kids sleep with parents, in a portable crib or on the floor. If your child is old enough for the cabins but you are not sure if they will be comfortable there they can start out sleeping in one location, and move later. Just let us know so we can give the counselors a heads up. OSRUI also has cribs and roll-a-way beds for an added charge. Let the registration team know if you want one.

The team of counselors and baby sitters will take great care of the children during the weekend. All counseling staff are trained camp counselors over the age of 18. Babysitters are high school students and will always have a minimum of one adult on hand for supervision.

Kids will remain with their parents at arrival and until after Friday night services. At that time children sleeping in the cabins will be dismissed to their assigned counselor. Children sleeping with parents will be in family buildings where the parents can put them to bed. Babysitters will be on site in all family buildings to take care of younger children during all adult programs.

Saturday and Sunday will be filled with programming for adults and children. Kids staying in the cabins will attend programs with the other kids and eat with their cabin mates. Younger children will stay at the family building where there will be separate programming with the babysitting staff. They will eat meals with their parents.

Children's' programming will be age appropriate. We will have a variety of programs during the weekend including games, crafts, singing, discussions, sports and outdoor activities (weather permitting). Snacks will be provided during the day for the children. Young children will be put down for naps. If you are bringing young children please bring some favorite toys/movies to leave with the babysitters. Please label anything that is yours. Baby monitors are helpful too.

Meal times are set by camp so that they can properly staff the kitchen. With that said the times may not be what your kids are used to. If your children are hungry at any time there is always something to eat! The dining hall is open 24 hours and leaves food out for snacks including fresh fruit, dry cereal, bread, jelly, peanut butter and non-nut butter. There is also a cooler with milk. Feel free to take your children to the dining hall for a snack if you need to. Also, all the family buildings have kitchens with refrigerators in them. You can use the kitchen to store and prepare any snacks you bring for your children.

Kids really enjoy their time at retreat and parents enjoy having time with and without family.