



A **Word of Life** Camp

WELCOME

Welcome to Pursuit Camp! We know you are making plans concerning your trip, just as we are busy preparing to make sure your weekend with us is outstanding. We put together this packet to help you along; it has been designed to answer any and all questions you or your campers may have regarding your weekend at camp. If, after reading through this information, you have additional questions, please call us at 727.379.5000. Registrars are available by phone Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM to assist you with anything you might need.

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Word of Life: Pursuit Camp

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Camp Check-In Time: 4:00–6:00 PM

Camp Check-Out Time: 12:00–2:00 PM

REGISTRATION

Register your campers online at wol.is/pursuit

Dates and Speakers

WEEKEND 1	January 24–25
WEEKEND 2	January 31 – February 2
WEEKEND 3	February 7–9
WEEKEND 4	February 14–16
WEEKEND 5	February 21–23
WEEKEND 6	February 28 – March 2 (Young Adults)

For more camp speaker information, visit wol.is/pursuit

Camp Pricing

Early Bird: \$135 (until November 21, 2024)

Regular: \$155 (until January 24, 2025)

At the Door: \$175

Adult Rooms: starting at \$125 per night

Deposit: \$99

Cancellation Policy: Reservations canceled by December 19 are subject to a \$25 processing fee. Afterwards, they are subject to a \$99 cancellation fee.

Check In	Friday from 4:00–6:00 PM in the Theis Assembly Center
Check Out	2:00 PM on Sunday. \$30 charge for anyone not picked up by 2:00 PM

Leaders – We offer two options for youth leader housing:

1. Adults may stay in the cabins with the campers at the same price as campers (meals included). Their group **must include at least 8 campers of the same gender**, and each adult must bring proof of a background check. Each side of a cabin will also include at least one Bible Institute counselor.
2. Adults may choose to reserve a Conference Center room and purchase meal passes. Please call us at 727-379-5000 or visit us at wol.to/FLroom for more information. Checkout time is 9:00 AM on Sunday.

All adult and camper meals are served at the camp dining room.

ONE MONTH PRIOR TO ARRIVAL

- **All camper spots must be paid in full at this time, otherwise they will be forfeited.**

TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL

- Youth leaders and parents of individual campers must log on to their online account and enter the detailed information for each camper.
- Enter special housing requests into the camper information in your online account. If you are a large church and have specific requests for housing your students (12 per cabin), please email. **Only group leaders are allowed to make any changes to the group reservation.**
- Email to our Registrar your **adult** information – names of adults and children in each conference center room. Include ages of children.
- Call the front desk at 727.379.5000 to prepay for camp activities for each camper.
- **Electronic Health Forms must be submitted 2 weeks prior to arrival. Your camper must have a completed health form in order to participate in camp activities.**

HEALTH INFORMATION

- Access and complete the Online Camper Health Form by following the steps below:
 1. Log into your account
 2. Click on Pursuit Camp 2025 Reservation Number
 3. This will take you to the page with the name of each camper. Click on “Health Form” at the far right of the camper name.
 4. Complete each step of the health form. Sign at the bottom. Submit.
 5. **Group Leaders** – you may email the health form link to each parent by clicking on “Email Health Forms” at top left of this same page. Fill in the parent’s email address beside each camper name and click SEND.
- Collect all medications from campers (prior to check-in). **You will be expected to turn in all camper medications to the nurse at check-in. Youth leaders and chaperones are not permitted to administer medications to campers.** Medications must be in the original container with the correct doses and instructions. Please have each camper’s medications in Ziploc bags labeled with the camper’s name.
- Campers must be able to administer their own injections. *****NOTE: Florida State law requires that all medications taken orally must be turned in. This includes: Tylenol, Midol, vitamins, cough syrup etc. Campers are allowed to keep their inhalers, Epi-pens, and medicated creams.**
- Head Lice Check – Pursuit Camp has a “No Nits” policy for head lice. We use all means possible to hinder the spread of lice, including mandatory inspection by our trained personnel on every camper on camp check-in day. We recommend that you check the head of every camper prior to arrival at camp and treat if necessary.

UPON YOUR ARRIVAL

CHECK-IN TIME / 4:00–6:00 PM & CHECK-OUT TIME / 12:00–2:00 PM

NOTE: If you will be arriving later than 6:00 PM, or if it is necessary to change your arrival plans (vehicle troubles, etc.), please notify the Conference Center Guest Services Desk immediately at 727.379.5000.

Upon arrival to our registration building, we ask that you do the following:

1. Collect all health forms and medications from campers.
2. Send all campers to the head check station. Pursuit Camp has a “No Nits” policy for head lice.
3. Send a youth leader or parent through the Registration process.
4. **Do not** unload any luggage until after Registration is complete, and you have met your counselor.

STATION 1

Housing

Receive your housing information and team color wristbands.

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Finances

Ensure all finances are in order. All payments must be made prior to arrival.

STATION 2

Health Center

Review health forms and medications. Electronic Health Forms must be completed correctly and signed by parents or legal guardians. This includes the vaccination records and health insurance info. If these forms are not done, you will be responsible for calling the parent and obtaining the info. All medication must be turned in at this time.

STATION 3

Activities

We have several specialty paid activities at camp, such as go karts and paintball. It is suggested to pre-pay and sign up for activities before arriving at camp due to availability, but activities can also be purchased at the Activities Station upon arrival (availability is limited).

Camp Shirts

This is for prepaid shirts only. If you would like to purchase a camp shirt, please visit the Camp Store which is conveniently located next door.

STATION 5

Meet Your Counselors

Head to your cabin, where you will meet your counselors.

Adults who are staying with us for the weekend may now proceed to the Guest Services Desk of the Conference Center to check into their rooms.

SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS

Pursuit Camp is dedicated to seeing each of the young people who set foot on the property make life-changing decisions for Christ. Our goal is to see all campers who attend accept Jesus Christ as Savior, grow closer in their relationships with Him, and demonstrate a desire to share their faith with others. Every element at camp is designed to point in one of these directions. It is our desire to see **Every Camper Taking Their Next Step With Jesus**.

- **Friday Night:** The Gospel is presented introducing campers to Jesus and telling them of His death, burial, and resurrection. They are given an opportunity to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior. Afterwards, they can come forward to have a conversation with someone about the decision they made and ask any questions they may have.
- **Saturday Morning:** This rally is specifically geared toward preparation and follow up from the dedication service. We believe that once one gives himself over to Christ, the next natural step is dedication. This rally give practical steps toward living out this dedication.
- **Saturday Night:** During this time we share the gospel and give the campers an opportunity to dedicate their lives to Christ and to be used by Him – placing all they are, all they have, and all they ever hope to be under His control. This is a very special time for the entire camp.
- **Sunday Morning:** This is our last rally with the camp and therefore becomes a sending service. It is focused on the question of how we can go home and live differently. Our prayer and heartbeat is for campers to go home and begin reaching friends and family for Christ.

Campers are given a Quiet Time Diary to use during their time at camp – stressing the importance of a daily time with the Lord.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Our goal is to prepare a program that will be exciting for each camper who joins us. While the final details of this program will not be laid down until just before camp, we can give you a general picture of what a typical weekend will look like. The following elements will be part of each day at Pursuit Camp:

Friday:

- Registration
- Dinner
- Youth Leader Meeting
- Program Game
- Session #1
- Free Time / Cookout
- Penguin Slide
- In Cabins

Saturday:

- Breakfast
- Session #2
- Quiet Time
- Seminars
- Lunch
- Free Time
- Tournaments
- Dinner
- Leaders Meeting
- Session #3
- Team Competition
- Program Element
- Free Time
- In Cabins

Sunday:

- Cabin Cleanup
- Breakfast
- Session #4
- Quiet Time
- Lunch / Checkout

F.A.Q.

Are there any additional charges for campers?

We try to keep our additional charges to a minimum. A list of additional charges can be found in the Camp Activities section of this packet.

What are the cabin facilities like?

Campers sleep on bunk beds in air-conditioned cabins with bathroom facilities inside each cabin. Each room houses 10 campers and 2 counselors. Groups are automatically housed together as much as possible unless requested otherwise. When a large group exceeds the cabin size, they will be housed by age unless requests are made.

What is the food like?

A well-balanced diet is planned for each day. Campers are served family style and are free to eat as much as they desire. While we can not accommodate every dietary need, gluten free options are available upon prior request.

What if I forget things at camp?

Word of Life is NOT RESPONSIBLE for lost or stolen items. Please put your name on every item you bring to camp – including clothing. Lost and found articles can be claimed by parents up to 30 days after the end of their camping week. Call 727.379.5000 for lost items.

Can I call my camper?

Please limit calls to campers for emergencies only. If you need to get in touch with you camper, you can call our Guest Services Desk at 727.379.5000 during business hours. **Campers may not have their phone at camp.**

Who are the counselors?

The counseling staff at Pursuit Camp is of the highest caliber. They have been carefully selected and specially trained. Most of our counselors are students at the Word of Life Bible Institute, filled with extensive training in the Bible and camp ministry.

Am I allowed to bring outside drinks and snacks?

Campers are welcome to bring their own drinks and snacks. There is no refrigeration provided.

CAMPERS WITH FOOD ALLERGIES

(Gluten, dairy, peanut, etc.)

Please send an email to fregistrar@wol.org to receive an Allergen Guide that contains our menu and food ingredients. For campers with severe allergies, we suggest they bring their own food, because we cannot guarantee there will be no cross-contamination. We will have a dedicated refrigerator for campers in which they may store any food they would like to bring that would help ensure they have enough of the right kind of food. Many gluten-free items are available, and a fresh salad is available at any dinner meal. Campers are encouraged to have their counselors check with the chefs concerning optional menu items at each meal.

CAMP ACTIVITIES

PROGRAM GAMES

Throughout the weekend, our Program Team will host incredible activities and games that will engage your campers in high-energy competition.

CLIMBING TOWER

Test your limits on our 47 ft climbing tower! There are three levels of difficulty: Beginner, Intermediate, and Expert. Finish off the experience with a trip down the zipline!

HIGH ROPES COURSE

Attached to the climbing tower are several high ropes elements, including a leap of faith.

LOW ROPES COURSE

Work on your team-building skills by assembling a team to tackle the low ropes course.

SPORTS

A number of sports are available throughout the day including Basketball, Volleyball, Gaga Ball, Dodgeball, Soccer, and Ultimate Frisbee.

SWIMMING POOL

After a long day of activities, you can kick back and cool off in our Olympic-size swimming pool.

XAVANTE NINJA WARRIOR

Come test your Ninja Warrior skills on our obstacle challenge course.

AXE THROWING

Test your skills, tossing axe's and compete against your friends to see who is the best!

PEDAL CARTS

Take a couple laps around the circle while riding in style in our pedal carts. This activity is great for all ages!

PAINTBALL (\$15 EXTRA)

Get your team together or go solo and go head-to-head in our paintball battlefield course.

SNACK SHACK

Our Snack shack will have a variety of hot food items available for purchase as well as snack and drinks.

PIZZA NIGHT (\$12 EXTRA)

Campers will have the opportunity to purchase pizza that will be delivered to their cabins at in-dorms.

BIKE TRAIL RIDES (\$10 EXTRA)

Take a trail ride on a Fat Bike! These bikes make for a great experience when riding on rough trails and exploring through the wooded trails.

SILENT DISCO (\$5 EXTRA)

Throw on a pair of special headphones and party with your friends as we play some fun music!

GO KARTS (\$20 EXTRA)

Take a spin in our Hammerhead 2-seater go karts! This incredible experience starts by getting to your vehicle as you review some basics before driving out to the course together. Then hang on tight as you take a trail ride through the woods and around the swamp. Finish your experience at our wide-open Dirt Track where you can kick things up a notch as you race around the circle!

Hammerhead GTS150 – Large Kart – Ages 16+

GTS150 operators must be 16+ years of age and will operate under the supervision of our Camp Crew. All operators and passengers under the ages of 18 will be required to have a signed waiver on file from their parent or guardian to participate. Blank waivers can be found at wol.is/gokart and will also be offered at Camp Registration at the Activities Table.

PACKING LIST

FOR MEETINGS

- Bible
- Notepad
- Pen or Pencil

BEDDING

- Sheets
- Sleeping Bag
- Pillow

TOILETRIES

- Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- Hair Brush
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Soap
- Towels

CLOTHES

- Casual/Warm Clothes
- Jeans
- Sneakers
- Swimsuit or Clothes for the Penguin Slide
- Gym Clothes and shoes

EXTRAS

- Flashlight
- Spending money
- Camera
- Water Bottle

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- No** Immodest Clothes
- No** Short Shorts or Mini Skirts
- No** Electronic Devices
(Phones, tablets, music players, game systems, etc.)
- No** Cigarettes or Vapes
- No** Contraband
(Knives, weapons, etc.)

Make sure the camper's name is on every item they bring to camp, including clothing. Any clothing that does not meet the above standards will not be permitted. Do not bring any items that are valuable/heirlooms, etc.

Please do not bring cell phones, music/media players, laptops, iPads, iPods, knives, gaming devices, books, magazines, e-readers, etc.

DIRECTIONS

FROM US 19 SOUTH

Head north on US 19 to Hudson Ave. Turn east (right) on Hudson Ave. Bayonet Point Hospital is on the right. Go 8 miles to the Word of Life entrance. Turn right into the drive.

FROM US 19 NORTH

Head south on US 19 to Hudson Ave. Turn east (left) on Hudson Ave. Go 8 miles to the Word of Life entrance. Turn right into the drive.

FROM US 41

Head toward State Road 52. Turn west onto SR 52. Head west about 4 miles to Hays Rd (at a stop light). Turn north (right) onto Hays Rd for 2 miles. Turn west (left) onto Hudson Ave. The Word of Life entrance is down 1/2 mile on the left.

FROM I-75

Exit to State Rd 52, exit number is 285. Head west 15 miles to Hays Rd (at a stop light). Turn north (right) onto Hays Rd for 2 miles. Turn west (left) onto Hudson Ave. The Word of Life entrance is down 1/2 mile on the left.

FROM TAMPA AIRPORT

Follow the signs to the Veteran's Expressway North (also called Suncoast Parkway when you get further north). This is a toll road. Take the State Rd 52 exit (exit 27). Head west (left) for about 1 mile to Hays Rd (stop light). Turn north (right) onto Hays Rd for about 2 miles. Turn west (left) onto Hudson Ave. The Word of Life entrance is down 1/2 mile on the left. The drive will take about 40 minutes from the airport. About 1/2 mile down Word of Life Dr on the right side is the Jack Wyrzten Conference Center building, where the adults will reside and eat their meals. The next building on the right is the Harry Bollback Performing Arts Center where Pursuit Camp registration will take place. The dining hall/health center is located at the far end of the circle directly across from the Hangar. Cabins are also in this area.

PHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES

Word of Life Florida

13247 Word of Life Drive

Hudson, FL 34669

Conference Center: Guest Services – 727.379.5000.

Health Center: 727.379.5680

This number may be utilized to contact the camp nurse on duty.

Lost and Found: 727.379.5000

Camp Registration: Register your campers online at wol.is/pursuit. Please call us to register your youth leaders. You will not be able to register your adults online. Please call 727.379.5000 or email flregistrar@wol.org to register your youth leaders.

Camp Directors: 727.379.5000

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