



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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Pursuit Camp Leadership Team

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Camp Check-In Time: 4:00-6:30 PM

Camp Check-Out Time: 2:00 PM

REGISTRATION

Register your campers online at wol.is/pursuit

Dates and Speakers

WEEKEND 1	January 20 - 22	(Jason Lamb)
WEEKEND 2	January 27 - 29	(Andy DeNoon)
WEEKEND 3	February 3 - 5	(Erick Gil)
WEEKEND 4	February 10 - 12	(Mike Bream)
WEEKEND 5	February 17 - 19	(Chad Harwell)
WEEKEND 6	February 24 - 26	(Jake White)

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

Camp Pricing	\$119 per camper if registered by December 16 \$140 per camper if registered within December 17 - January 20 \$150 per camper after January 21
Deposit	\$99 per camper
Check In	Friday from 4:00 - 6:30 PM in the Theis Assembly Center
Check Out	2:00 PM on Sunday. \$30 charge for anyone not picked up by 2:00 PM

Please call 727.379.5005 to register your adults

Adults – We offer two options for adult 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 for \$95 per night (2 queen beds) with a meal package of \$30 per person.

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

Cancellation policy: Reservations cancelled by January 3rd are subject to a \$10 processing fee. Reservations cancelled after January 3rd are subject to a \$99 cancellation fee. You may substitute campers or add campers at any time.

For our health form, scholarship form, or camp info packet, visit wol.is/pursuit.

Camp Registrars

- Vicky Steinberger / vickys@wol.org
- Lynn Andrews / landrews@wol.org
- Phone / 727.379.5005
- Fax / 727.379.5063

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 or fax them to us at this time. **Only group leaders are allowed to make any changes to the group reservation.**
- Email or fax to our Registrar your **adult** information – names of adults and children in each conference center room. Include ages of children. FAX: 727.379.5063
- 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.**
- Access and complete the Online Camper Health Form by following the steps below:
 1. Log into your account
 2. Click on Pursuit Camp 2023 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.
 6. Bring any medication with you on check-in day.

HEALTH INFORMATION

- 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. (For a detailed description of our head lice protocol, please download the info sheet from our website at wol.is/pursuit.)

UPON YOUR ARRIVAL

CHECK-IN TIME / 4:00 - 6:30 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 Front 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

Camper Check-in/Finance

Check in campers and pay balance for campers and youth leader rooms if needed.

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).

STATION 4

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 Front 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 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 Life Reached and Changed For Eternity**.

- **Friday Night:** The Gospel is presented and an invitation is given.
- **Saturday Morning:** This rally is specifically geared toward preparation and follow-up from the gospel message. We believe that once one gives himself over to Christ, the next natural step is dedication. This rally gives 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 are subject to change, 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 if a camper is coming in by plane?

Round trip van shuttles from Tampa International or St Pete Airport are available. Please call the Conference Center Front Desk at 727.379.5000 at least 48 hours in advance to reserve your transportation. The charge is \$25 per person, per way.

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?

The food served at camp is the finest quality and is prepared under strict supervision. A well-balanced diet is planned for each day. Campers are served family style and are free to eat as much as they desire. Optional sandwiches and cereal is available at each meal. Candy and snacks are available at the Snack Shack. Campers are also welcome to bring their own snacks and drinks.

What if I forget things at camp?

Please put your name on every item you bring to camp – including clothing. Lost and found articles are returned COD upon claim by parents up to 30 days after the end of their camping week. Call 727.379.5020 for lost items.

Can I call my camper?

Please limit calls to campers for emergencies only. The Camp Office can be reached by calling 727.379.5600. A message will be taken, your camper will be informed, and they may return your call. No calls after 10:00 PM unless it is an extreme emergency. **Campers may not have cell phones 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. Each counselor is a student at Word of Life Bible Institute, filled with extensive training in the Bible and camp ministry.

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, throw axes 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.

PIZZA NIGHT (\$10 EXTRA)

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

BIKE TRAIL RIDES (\$5 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.

GO KARTS (\$15 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 Mudhead – Small Kart – Ages 10+

Mudhead operators and passengers must be 10+ 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/pursuit and will also be offered at Camp Registration at the Activities Table.

- Driver \$15
- Passenger (Sign-up at registration) \$15

Hammerhead GTS150 – Large Kart – Ages 16+

GTS150 operators must be 16+ (passengers 12+) 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/pursuit and will also be offered at Camp Registration at the Activities Table.

- Driver \$15
- Passenger (Sign-up at registration) \$15

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: Front desk – 727.379.5000.

This number can be used to contact youth leaders who are staying here with their youth groups, to set up camper bank accounts and to arrange airport pick-up.

Pursuit Camp Office: 727.379.5600.

This number can be utilized by parents leaving messages for their campers.

Health Center: 727.379.5680 or 727.379.5034.

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

Lost and Found: 727.379.5020 or Barbara at bjziemer@wol.org

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 727.379.5005 or email vickys@wol.org or landrews@wol.org to register your youth leaders.

Camp Directors: 727.379.5000 or 727.379.5600

- Kyle Gray at kylegray@wol.org
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