

Dear Camper and Family,

We are thrilled to announce that after years of exclusively summer programming, we are finally bringing back Winter Camp and we cannot wait to see all of your campers! Whether this is their first time joining us or they've been coming for years, this weekend is designed to capture everything we love about camp, with a beautiful winter backdrop!

At Lazy F, we believe that camp isn't just a place, it's a feeling. It's the spark of excitement before a new adventure, the comfort of a warm meal shared around a table, and the friendships that form through conversations around the campfire and shared memories. Winter Camp brings all of that to life in a whole new way. When snow blankets the canyon and the trees stand quiet, camp takes on a different kind of magic; one filled with cozy cabins, campfires, hot cocoa, with plenty of time to play, reflect, and just be a kid!

Throughout their time here, campers will have opportunities to participate in classic camp activities adapted for winter weather. From building tubing, ice skating, and snow sculptures to group games, crafts, and time around the fire, every moment is designed to build community and remind campers that joy can be found even in the coldest months. We'll also spend time in worship and reflection exploring themes that help campers grow in their faith and understand how God is present in all seasons of life.

Our staff are dedicated to creating a safe, welcoming environment where campers are able to come together and enjoy authentic community. Many of our summer 2025 counselors will be back to continue bringing the same heart and energy that made this summer so special. They're here not only to lead games and activities but also to listen, laugh, and help make this weekend unforgettable.

Inside this packet, you'll find everything you need to help your camper prepare for Winter Camp: packing lists, check-in details, and a few reminders about what to expect. If you have any questions before camp begins, please don't hesitate to reach out. We're always happy to connect and make sure you feel confident and excited about your camper's experience.

Thank you for choosing Lazy F. We can't wait to share this winter adventure with your camper and see what stories, friendships, and memories unfold along the way.

See you soon at Lazy F, where winter camp is full of warmth, laughter, and just the right amount of snow!

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## **Important Information**

### Check-in/ Arrival

Check-in for Winter Camp will be 3:00 – 4:00 pm on Thursday, January 1st (New Years Day). Cannot make it until Friday? No problem! Just let us know so we're ready to welcome you when you get here. Please be prompt but do not arrive early. Check-in will take place across from our office at Trading Post. Please park in the main parking lot. Check-in consists of the following:

- Confirming registration with guardian and camper.
- Confirming the pick up person.
- Taking care of any remaining balances.
- Confirming store balance
- Checking in with the Health Care Provider. NOTE: Every camper must check in with the health care provider whether or not they have medications to check-in.

\* We do not want the start date/time to deter campers from attending, so please give the office a call if you will be arriving late, we would still love to have you\*

### Check out/ Departure

Check out will begin at 10 AM for overnight camps. We will have a closing ceremony at 9:30am in the chapel that families are welcome to attend. After our closing service, check out will occur on the lower field, near Tack Shack.

Check-out consists of the following:

- Gathering all belongings!
- Every camper must check out with their designated small group counselor with their pick up person. The counselor will ask for ID and will have this person sign their check out sheet.
- Collecting any leftover store money.
- Collecting any medications
- Checking lost and found
- Checking out at the exit in your vehicle. Our staff will record the license plate number and ask for ID again.

### Payment and Forms

All camp balances are due 2 weeks prior to the start of your camper's week of camp. Please pay balances online or submit a check directly to Lazy F Camp at the following address:

Lazy F Camp and Retreat Center  
16170 Manastash Rd  
Ellensburg, WA 98926

Make sure you have filled out all the necessary forms to register your camper for their week of camp. You can double check that all your information is correct at <https://pnwcamps.campbrainregistration.com/>

### Store

The Camp Store will be open for campers throughout the week and includes the following items: snacks and drinks (\$1.50 each), apparel (shirts, hats, sweatshirts ranging \$12 – \$35), water bottles, stuffed animals, etc. You can set up a store account online while registering your camper (card only) or create a store account at check in once you get to camp (cash only). This allows the money to stay out of the cabins, where it can get misplaced.

## **Medical Information**

### **Emergencies and Illnesses at Camp**

In the event of a family emergency, please call our office and we will make sure your camper receives any emergency communication. In the event of lost or missing persons, evacuation, fire, or other natural disaster, parents will be notified by phone. For a medical emergency, serious incident, or illness at camp, we will make every effort to call you. Please make sure our numbers for you and any emergency contacts are correct and up-to-date. In the event that out-of-camp health care is utilized, the camp will provide you with a written summary, including information such as:

- Nature of illness or health concern
- Name, address and telephone number of provider
- Diagnosis and prognosis of the provider
- Description of health care given by the camp staff
- Recommendations for follow-up care at home.

Normally, we will not contact you for routine health care problems, (i.e., skinned knees, insect bites, upset stomach, etc.) that are not severe or do not require the additional attention of an out-of-camp health care provider. In these instances, the Standing Orders of the camp physician will be followed and it will be logged . Please contact us if you require a practice different from what is described above.

*A NOTE ON ILLNESSES:* Please call us if your child is contagious and cannot come to camp on check-in day. We will gladly accept them at camp a day late once they can no longer transfer their illness.

### **Medications**

We take the administration of medications very seriously at camp. Here are some things to make sure you have when you come to check-in:

- All prescription medications in original containers with written directions for dispersal from the prescribing physician (We cannot vary from doctor's orders).
- Only the amount needed for camp plus a few extras
- All other non-prescription medications, ointments, and vitamins in original containers with signed instructions for dispersal from the camper's parents or guardians.
- ALL MEDICATION must be turned into our health care provider at check-in!

## **Camp Life**

### **Electronics**

Camp is a place for face-to-face communication! Please leave all phones, ipads, tablets, cameras, game players, etc. at home. Any electronic devices accidentally brought to camp will be sent home with the parent or stored in the safe in the office.

*PHOTOS:* We may have some counselors who will be taking pictures of camp activities, these will be sent out with a link after camp is over.

### **Dress Code**

Our dress code is very similar to that of public schools. All campers should dress in camp-appropriate attire that does not depict the following: violence, gangs, tobacco, drugs,

alcohol, or pictured or written sexual references.

### Packing List

Here's a list of things every camper will want to bring for their week at camp:

- Bible
- Water bottle
- Pillow
- Sleeping bag/bedding
- Pajamas
- Towel and washcloth
- Long pants (at least 1 per day)
- Shirts (long sleeve and t-shirts)
- Warm socks and underwear (bring extra - feet get wet!)
- Sweatshirt and warm layers (fleece or wool recommended)
- Warm winter jacket
- Snow pants or waterproof outer layer
- Beanie/warm hat
- Gloves or mittens (waterproof recommended)
- Scarf or neck gaiter (recommended)
- Toiletries (soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush, & other personal hygiene stuff)
- Hair ties for long hair
- Waterproof boots or snow boots
- Extra pair of shoes for indoor use
- Shower shoes
- Medications
- Journal, paper, or letters if desire
- Flashlight or headlamp

***\*It is recommended to bring an extra change of clothes because clothes may get wet in the snow\****

### Things **NOT** to bring

- Personal sports equipment
- Food, gum, candy
- Cameras, phones, or electronics
- Valuables (anything you do not want to get lost or damaged)
- Weapons, knives, guns, fireworks
- Cigarettes, chewing tobacco, drugs
- Pets

### Tips for a Successful Week

Camp can be a wonderful experience for campers, and many return year after year and think of Lazy F as a second home. In order to provide the best experience for your camper that we can, there are a few things that you, as parents, can help us with.

1. Please encourage your campers to set realistic expectations for the weekend – making new friends, trying new activities, and learning new things are all part of camp and we hope that campers come ready and open to new experiences.
2. Please let your camper(s) know that we expect everyone (campers, staff, and volunteers) to respect others, themselves, and the environment while at camp. We do not tolerate bullying and intentional endangerment. Both are grounds for dismissal. Parents will be notified if any unacceptable behaviors occur at camp.
3. Please inform our office of any out-of-the-ordinary behaviors we might see from your camper and share any tips or strategies that you've noticed work well. We recognize that you know your camper better than anyone and we'd love to use strategies at camp that help your camper be as successful at home as they can be at camp!

## Communication

### Communicating with your Camper

Letters! While sending and receiving letters is a dying art form; this isn't true at camp! Because Winter camp is so short, we do not recommend sending letters in the mail. If you are wanting to do so, we suggest sending them well in advance, especially with icy and snowy roads being a factor. Instead, you can bring letters to check-in for us to hand out to your child during their stay. If you bring or send letters, please include the following in the address:

1. Camper Name and Camp Name
2. Order in which you'd like them given out written on the envelope.

**Please note:** Be sure to send letters with ample time of them getting to your camper. Mail takes anywhere from 3-5 days (potentially longer with snow and ice on roads) to get out to camp, even if you are in the Ellensburg area.

You can also send emails to your camper at [lazyfcampers@gmail.com](mailto:lazyfcampers@gmail.com). Please include your Camper, Camp Name, and Group in the subject line (Ex. John Smith, Winter Camp, Green group). We print emails between 4:30 and 5:00 pm, so that they can be given out at dinner.

If you'd like your camper to write letters home, please send them with pre-addressed, pre-stamped envelopes and paper, to increase your chances of them writing to you!

Please **do not** send candy, food, gum, etc. through the mail. If snacks are received they will be stored in a safe place away from where pests can get them and returned at the end of the week.

**PHONE CALLS:** You are welcome to call to check-in on your child – we will check in with their counselor and get back to you, but campers are not allowed to call home. Why? Every summer camp director knows that if you take a perfectly happy summer camper and let them call home, they will instantly miss you and home. We, of course, make exceptions in emergency situations.

### Communicating with Camp

Please call our office with any questions, concerns, or information before, during, or after your camper's week of summer camp. We try to return messages as soon as possible. Please understand that during the summer, answering messages might take us a little longer. We thank you in advance for your patience.

For further information about our camp's accommodations, meals, or programs, please visit us online at [www.lazyfcamp.org](http://www.lazyfcamp.org).

### Media

We do not have a dedicated media manager on site, but will be providing counselors and volunteers with a camera to take pictures of your camper's experience and activities. Some of these photos will be shared on our social media pages if you give permission during the registration process. The rest will be shared with you via a link that will be distributed after camp.

## **Directions**

You can find us by typing Lazy F Camp & Retreat Center into Google Maps or Apple Maps on your smartphone.

### **Or, if you want more traditional instructions here is how to find us from Western Washington:**

1. Head east on Interstate 90 following signs for Ellensburg.
2. Take exit 101 for Thorp Hwy toward Thorp.
3. Turn right onto Thorp Hwy S and continue for 2.0 miles.
4. Turn right onto Cove Rd and continue for 4.2 miles.
5. Turn right onto Manastash Rd and continue for 6.5 miles.
6. Lazy F will be to your left. If the road becomes gravel, you've gone about a mile too far.
7. Pull in and say hello! We like it when people say hello.

### **If you are coming from Eastern Washington:**

1. Head west on Interstate 90 following signs for Ellensburg.
2. Take exit 109 for Canyon Rd.
3. Turn right onto Canyon Rd and continue for 0.5 miles (until the next traffic light).
4. Turn left onto Umptanum Rd and continue for 1.7 miles.
5. Turn right onto Manastash Rd and continue for 10.0 miles.
6. Lazy F will be to your left. If the road becomes gravel, you've gone about a mile too far.
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