



**DEEPER FAITH. STRONGER RELATIONSHIPS. GREATER ADVENTURES.**

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## RETREAT RESERVATION POLICIES

### WHY WE EXIST

Deer Run Retreat Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, non-denominational Christian ministry. We believe God has provided the property at Deer Run as a place for a unique experience to encounter God. Furthermore, we believe we have a stewardship responsibility for all property and facilities usage to be consistent with our Statement of Faith & Beliefs (page 2).

Our mission is to provide excellent camps and retreats which inspire a transformational relationship with Jesus Christ and strengthens relationships with family and friends.

As such, we reserve the right, at any time, to cancel any scheduled retreat or session if the topic, content, or purpose are found to be in conflict with or oppose our Statement of Faith & Beliefs (page 2), which support the mission and vision of Deer Run.

### DEPOSITS & RESERVATION AGREEMENT

A 40% non-refundable deposit is required to hold specific dates and facilities.

### RESERVATION CONFIRMATION

Deer Run must receive the deposit payment and the signed reservation confirmation, which includes details and costs for your retreat, plus agreement that the use of facilities by you and anyone coming on property will not oppose Deer Run's Statement of Faith & Beliefs (page 2) or Facility Use Policies (pages 3-4).

By signing the reservation confirmation, you are agreeing to abide by all Deer Run policies. Furthermore, by signing, you agree that the purpose of your retreat or any session(s) within your retreat do not oppose the foundational beliefs of our organization found in the Statement of Faith & Beliefs (page 2). Deer Run reserves the right to cancel a retreat or session for a variety of reasons including use that is inconsistent with our religious purposes and Statement of Faith & Beliefs (page 2).

### Required Confirmation Signature:

Reservation Agreements/Confirmations are not valid unless signed by an adult, age 18 and up. Agreements/Confirmations signed by minors under the age of 18 will not be recognized as valid.

### BALANCE PAYMENTS

Balance payment is due no later than 7 days prior to arrival.

**Group Payments:** Deposit and balance payments must be made with one check or one credit card, not with individual checks or credit cards from each participant.

### TAXES: OCCUPANCY & SALES TAX

**Sales Tax Exempt Organizations:** An up-to-date and signed sales tax exemption form must be submitted, or Tennessee sales tax will be added to your invoice.

Lodging is subject to a 4% local occupancy tax which is not exempt.

### CANCELLATIONS

**All cancellations must be made IN WRITING** by email to [Contact@DeerRun.camp](mailto:Contact@DeerRun.camp) or by US Mail to the address above.

**90+ Days:** If a reservation is cancelled more than 90 days in advance, the deposit can be used towards the balance of another retreat date scheduled within 12 months of the cancelled retreat date. The credit can be used towards retreat balances only; an additional deposit is required.

**Less than 90 Days:** If a reservation is cancelled less than 90 days in advance, no credit is given unless Deer Run is able to book another retreat for use of the same facilities for the cancelled date(s).

**DEER RUN RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL RETREAT RESERVATIONS AT ANY TIME.** Although, this is never our intent, we reserve the right to refuse services and facility usage if needed. If Deer Run cancels reservations, any payments made will be refunded.



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## STATEMENT OF FAITH & BELIEFS

See page 1 "Why We Exist & Reservation Confirmation" for details of agreement.

### SCRIPTURE

The Bible alone in its entirety — the Old and New Testaments — is God's inspired Word. *2 Timothy 3:16*

### GOD

God is the Creator of all things. He exists eternally in three persons — the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. *Genesis 1:1, Isaiah 40:28, Acts 17:24*

### JESUS CHRIST

Jesus Christ is God incarnate. He is fully God, having been conceived by the Holy Spirit, and fully man, having been born of the Virgin Mary. He is the only begotten Son of God. *Colossians 2:9, Matthew 1:18, Isaiah 7:14, John 3:16*

### HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is fully God. From the moment of conversion, He indwells and is at work in all who believe and are born again. He seals believers in Christ for eternal life. *Isaiah 59:21, John 14:6, Matthew 28:19*

### MAN

Man is born with a sinful nature, and so is separated from God, under the penalty of death, and unable to save himself. *Genesis 2:7, Genesis 3:23, Romans 6:23*

### THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

Jesus Christ, who was without sin, voluntarily died on the cross, shedding His blood to pay the penalty for our sin. He was raised bodily from the dead on the third day and ascended bodily to heaven. *Isaiah 53, John 18:26-20:29, Romans 5:7-9, Luke 24:19*

### SALVATION

Salvation — the deliverance from sin and its penalty of death — is a free gift of God's grace, available to all, but effect only to those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and receive Him as their Savior. All who are saved are spiritually reborn with a new nature and given eternal life. *Romans 3:21-26, Ephesians, 2:1-9, Psalm 62:1, John 3:16, 2 Corinthians 5:21*

### MARRIAGE, GENDER AND SEXUALITY

*These beliefs concerning marriage, gender and sexuality are based upon utmost, sincere convictions that are central to our faith.*

The term "marriage" has only one meaning: the unity of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. *Genesis 2:18-25*

We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. *1 Corinthians 6:18; 1 Corinthians 7:2-5; Hebrews 13:4*

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. *Genesis 1:26-27*

We believe that any form of sexual immorality — including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography — is sinful and offensive to God. *Matthew 15:18-20; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10*

We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. *Acts 3:19-21; Romans 10:9-10; 1 Corinthians 6:11*



# POLICIES: GUEST FACILITY USE

GROUP LEADERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR GIVING A COPY TO ALL ATTENDEES IN THEIR GROUP.

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## OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS

**Check-in: 3 p.m. CST • Check-out: 11 a.m. CST**

- Advance notice is needed for an early arrival or late departure. We will do our best to accommodate the request. Certain charges may apply for extended stays and/or early arrivals.
- Be considerate of groups checking-in after you and remove your belongings from rooms or cabins by check-out time.

## NO ALCOHOL FACILITY

Deer Run has a strict no alcohol policy.

## SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT

- TN state law bans smoking inside buildings. We ask that guests who smoke do so in designated smoking areas with smoking towers that are provided outside the buildings.
- For safety purposes, absolutely no smoking is allowed in grassy or wooded areas including trails.

## GROUP SUPERVISION

For the safety of minors and adults alike, children or youth groups are required to have a minimum of 2 adult leaders/chaperones per cabin or lodge guest room. Deer Run is a multi-use facility, meaning unless the facilities are booked exclusively by your group, there could be multiple groups on campus at any given time. We recommend your retreat participants, especially in the case of minors, not be allowed to travel anywhere on campus alone. Traveling in groups with more than one adult provides the safest environment, even if your group is the only one at camp.

## HOSTING MINORS

Groups hosting minors are required to have a 1:16 (adult to minor) ratio. Deer Run **REQUIRES** 1 adult for every 16 minors on property. However, all groups with minors must have a minimum of 2 adult chaperones, even if the group size is less than 16. See Group Supervision for details about overnight supervision requirements.

## DINING

Your entire group dines together, starting at the same time. Larger groups may be broken into 2 groups with 2 start times.

So that your food can be served fresh, meals are served at a **specific start time** within the following time frames.

BREAKFAST	7:00 to 8:30 a.m.
LUNCH	11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
DINNER	5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

## QUIET HOURS

Quiet hours are 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. Be mindful of this when planning scheduled evening and early morning activities.

## CHANGES TO PROPERTY

Changes may not be made to the property including adding signs or decorations and moving furnishings without prior consent and approval of Deer Run staff.

## LODGE ROOM KEYS

Available upon request. \$10 is billed for each room key not returned at check-out.

## CAMPFIRES, FIREPLACES OR OPEN FLAMES

- Fires are only allowed in designated areas. All campfires should be scheduled and communicated to Deer Run staff.
- Candles, lanterns, fireworks or open flames — other than designated campfire areas — are not allowed.

## DAMAGES OR EXCESSIVE CLEANING

- Each guest and/or group leader is responsible for any damages incurred during your stay. Deer Run will require the guest or group to pay for repair or replacement of the property that is damaged.
- If excessive cleaning of facilities (beyond normal) is necessary, a \$150 cleaning fee will be charged. Group leaders will be informed about this charge as soon as possible after a group's departure.

## SNACK FOOD & BEVERAGE STORAGE

- **Lodge Guests:** Upon arrival, Deer Run staff assigns a place for snacks if your group brings their own. Coolers **MUST** be stored on the outside porches because of potential damage to the wood floors. Food cannot be stored on the kitchen counter or in the kitchen refrigerator since the kitchen is permitted for commercial use and must be compliant with state health codes.
- **Cabin Guests:** Food brought by guests must be in coolers or sealed containers.

## REQUIRED: RELEASE FORMS

Deer Run must have a signed liability waiver for each retreat attendee. This liability is to be filled out as part of Deer Run's online registration process. If for any reason, an attendee is not able to fill out their registration online, the group leader must submit a signed and notarized paper liability waiver for that person (or legal guardian for anyone under the age of 18.) Contact your Guest Relations Coordinator with any questions about the online registration process.

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## KITCHENS, ICE & REFRIGERATORS

- **Kitchens at The Lodge and The Creekside** are not available for guest to do their own cooking since they are permitted for commercial use and must be compliant with state health codes.
- **Guest Use:** The Lodge has a full size guest refrigerator on the back porch and microwave in the dining room. The Creekside has a mini refrigerator and microwave in the dining room. Lakeview Cabins and Timber Ridge Cabin have a refrigerator and microwave. Deer Run does not provide dishes or utensils for microwaves.
- **Ice makers** may not be used to fill coolers. Ask Deer Run staff about purchasing bags of ice while on site if needed.

## BASIC FIRST AID

- Deer Run provides lifeguards at the lake, but we do not have medical staff on site.
- We recommend that groups who are staying at the camp facilities bring a first-aid kit with them.
- For larger groups and/or groups who will be on site for multiple nights, we recommend bringing a qualified medical staff person with you especially if medications need to be administered to attendees who are under the age of 18.
- Some basic over-the-counter medications can be purchased by persons who are 18 or older at the Camp Store, located by The Creekside Dining Facility.

## CEDAR OIL ALLERGY ALERT

Deer Run uses all-natural cedar oil for insect/pest control instead of harmful pesticides.

## MEETING SPACE

Deer Run reserves the right to assign a meeting facility to a group based on availability for the date(s) of a group's retreat and the need to provide meeting space for multiple groups.

## ADDITIONAL SET-UP

Set-up requirements including, but not limited to, meeting tables, chairs, sound equipment, tents, stages and electronics should be discussed and scheduled in advance. Additional fees may apply for certain set-up requests.

## DAY PARTICIPANT FACILITY FEE

Unless a person has paid for overnight lodging, there is a \$10 per person day facility and set up fee for guests coming in for the day only.

## INCLEMENT WEATHER

- All scheduled events or retreats normally take place regardless of weather conditions.
- Keeping your safety in mind, we do our best to adjust the schedule to accomplish all programmed activities as planned.
- Deer Run cannot make a refund if your group chooses to cancel a retreat or activity because of inclement weather.
- Should Deer Run choose to cancel a retreat or rec activity because of severe weather, full credit is given to reschedule or to use towards the balance of a future retreat.

## PETS & SERVICE ANIMALS

- Pets are not allowed on Deer Run property including trails or inside facilities unless they are a trained service animal.
- When possible, let your Guest Relations Coordinator know in advance about any guests bringing a trained service animal. Include the arrival date and the name of your group.
- Deer Run is a private property and requires prior approval for emotional support animals (ESA). Submit your request to bring an ESA no less than one week from your arrival date. Include the arrival date and the name of your group with your request.
- Although our team members love pets, Deer Run is not inclined to allow animals other than trained service animals on the property because many of our guests have severe pet allergies.
- If anyone brings an animal other than a trained service animal on property without prior consent, they will be asked to leave the property and will incur a \$150 fee.
- While on the property, it is the pet owner's or animal handler's responsibility to clean up the animal's waste. Bags are not provided; please bring these with you and dispose of them in exterior trash cans.
- All animals, including trained service animals, who are brought onto Deer Run property must be housebroken and in the control of the owner/handler at all times. If the animal is out of control and the handler does not take effective action, there is legitimate reason to ask to have the service animal removed from the property/facilities.
- If an animal causes damage to Deer Run property, the owner/handler will be required to pay for all damages.
- A more detailed copy of this policy is available upon request.