

# General Information

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## What Guests Should Bring to Camp:

- Pillow, sleeping bag, and/or bedding (size Full bed sheet)**
- Toiletries - including towels
- Sturdy shoes for rugged terrain/layered clothing
- Sunscreen
- Refillable Water bottles** (*fresh, mountain spring water comes from our taps!*)
- Flashlights
- Insect Repellent  
*Insect repellent containing DEET may be harmful to children and people with asthma; consider products with citronella and lemon grass*
- all supplies necessary for your retreat – **this may include a mask and other PPE depending on state guidelines**

## Directions: 17606 Harrison Park Rd. Julian, CA 92036

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### From San Diego:

1-8 East  
Exit Hwy 79 North to Julian  
Make a left turn approximately two miles along the highway to stay on 79N  
Turn left on Harrison Park Rd (about 4 miles north of Lake Cuyamaca) and follow signs into Whispering Winds

### From North County:

Hwy 78 East (Ash St.) or Hwy 67 North to Hwy 78 East through Ramona to Julian  
Turn right on Main St. in Julian  
Turn right on Hwy 79 South  
Turn right on Harrison Park Rd. (about 4 miles south of Julian) and follow signs into Whispering Winds

### From West Los Angeles County:

I-5 South to 78 East (follow directions from North County)

### From East Los Angeles County, Riverside:

I-15 or I-215 South to Temecula  
Exit Hwy 79 South and turn left  
After approximately 60 miles to Santa Ysabel, turn left on to 78 East to Julian (follow directions from N. County)

### From Imperial Valley:

I-8 West to Sunrise Highway  
Turn right on Hwy 79 North  
Turn left on Harrison Park Rd. and follow signs into Whispering Winds



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## Who We Are

Whispering Winds Catholic Camp and Conference Center is a refuge, a place where people can get away and hear God's voice in the beauty of nature. Nestled in the Cuyamaca Mountains, Whispering Winds is located on 161 acres in the scenic Cleveland National Forest, five miles south of the historic gold-mining town of Julian, and about an hour's drive from San Diego. We are a lay-directed, tax-exempt, nonprofit corporation formed with the goal of providing a Christ-centered camp and conference center for youth, individuals, couples, families, and groups.

## Accommodations:

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### **Milner/Juanico (Deluxe Lodging)**

Total of 24 rooms between the two buildings; maximum capacity per building is 68 guests. Each spacious room sleeps 4-6 guests; private bathroom and shower in each room; heat & A/C

### **Disciples Lodge (Mixed Use)**

Has up to 80 beds. The first floor has five rooms and two small gathering spaces. It also includes one leader room with linens & private bath. The second floor has two large dorm-style rooms that are separated by locking door. Two large, shared restrooms on each floor, heat and A/C provided.

### **Leader Lodge (Economy Lodging) (*limited availability*)**

Fits about 26 guests, 6 rooms, 2 restrooms, 3 showers, has a seating area, fridge, microwave, AC/Heat, Coffee maker, and TV

### **Dorm Village (Economy Lodging)**

Sleeps up to 90 in 3 separate buildings, one restroom and shower in each building; additional bathrooms & showers adjacent; heat & A/C

## Indoor/Outdoor Meeting Spaces:

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### **Founders Hall**

Meeting hall with a capacity of approximately 300 guests with foyer and fireplace; heat & A/C; projection screen; padded seating & sound system available; large restrooms with outside access

### **Shepherds Hall**

Capacity of approximately 150-200 guests & A/V amenities to Founders Hall; adjacent to Chapel

### **Meadow View Hall**

With a capacity of approximately 80 guests, there are large windows with outdoor views; lounge area with couches and fireplace; heat & A/C; projection screen, big screen TV, DVD player, piano, seating & sound system available; two restrooms

### **Cedar House – (Communal space; no reservations)**

Comfortable communal space for all onsite guests; outdoor seating with grassy lawn/awning/benches; indoor lounge area with couches, games & TV; heat & A/C; one restroom

### **Prayer Chapel**

Pew seating for approximately 50; heat; altar, ambo, and processional cross for prayer services, Mass, Adoration, etc.

### **Mary's Grotto**

Permanent Mass altar, bench seating, Stations of the Cross hike, availability dependent on weather



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## Amenities:

### Included in Overnight / Day-Use Fees

#### *Advanced Reservation Required*

- Cedar House (Game Room)
- Basketball/Tennis Court
- Children's playground
- Fire pits
- Hiking trails
- Meadow
- Stations of the Cross (Meadow)
- Stations of the Cross (Grotto hike)
- Treehouse & slide
- Volleyball Court

### Optional – additional charges apply; subject to availability/time of year

#### *Advanced Reservation Required*

- Our Recreation Staff is trained and certified to run and monitor each activity.
- If there are multiple groups onsite, our onsite staff will contact you in advance if there are any overlap in times.
- Whispering Winds reserves the right to limit the use of the swimming pool and other recreational activities based on weather, group dynamics and staff availability.
- **Archery:** \$50 per hour – can typically have up to 40 guests per 1-hour session
- **Zip Line:** \$350 per hour for up to 25 guests per 1-hour session on 2 lines, or \$500 per hour for up to 50 guests per 1-hour session on 4 lines (based on staff availability)
- **Climbing Wall:** \$350 per hour – can typically have up to 25 guests per 1-hour session
- **Low Ropes & Team Building:** The duration is 2/3 of total event time for low ropes and 1/3 total event time for team building exercises. Cost depends on group size and how many hours requested.
  - Up to 30 guests: 1 Hour (\$100) 2 Hours (\$150) 3 Hours (\$200)
  - 31 to 60 guests: 1 Hour (\$200) 2 Hours (\$300) 3 Hours (\$400)
  - 61 to 90 guests: 1 Hour (\$300) 2 Hours (\$450) 3 Hours (\$600)
- **Field Games:** Whispering Winds Staff led Activities. List of options will be provided to you if interested.
  - Up to 50 guests: 1 Hour (\$100)
  - 51 to 100 guests: 1 Hour (\$200)
- **Swimming Pool:** Our pools availability is seasonal, typically between June – August.
  - \$200 per day (comes with lifeguard)
  - Day use runs from 1:00PM-4:00PM
  - Additional cost for private swim and/or swim outside of posted hours when available

## **Dining Hall Hours of Operation:**

*\*\*\*Please note that Meal Times are set. Arrive promptly at posted times to ensure an optimal dining experience.\*\*\**

Dining Hall Open - 7:55AM

**Breakfast Served - 8:00AM**

Dining Hall Closed - 9:00AM

Dining Hall Open - 11:55AM

**Lunch Served - 12:00PM**

Dining Hall Closed - 1:00PM

Dining Hall Open - 5:25PM

**Dinner Served - 5:30PM**

Dining Hall Closed - 6:30PM

\*Note: Dinner on **Friday** evenings begins at **6:30PM** to accommodate late afternoon arrivals.



# Reservation Policies

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The Group Leader is responsible for knowing all of the information within these documents and relaying the information to his/her group. Please contact the Guest Services Department by phone (619-464-1479) or email (office@whisperingwinds.org) **at least 10 business days prior to your arrival** to make requests using the Amenities Request Form on our website. Requests are subject to approval and are taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

## Final Numbers/Info

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A final headcount, roster, special diets & program schedule is due **no later than 5 business days prior to your arrival**. Please keep Guest Services informed as your numbers increase, as we cannot guarantee accommodations that were not contracted. Additional guests may be accommodated on a space-available basis and charged accordingly. If the number communicated is higher than the contracted minimum, it becomes the new contracted minimum and charges will apply regardless of actual attendance during your stay. Any additional guests over the final number will be charged after your stay.

Per the ACA, the following ratios and information is *advised* to be maintained by rental groups:

Camper Age	Number Staff	Overnight Campers	Day-only Campers
6-8 years	1	5	6
9-14 years	1	8	10
15-18 years	1	10	12

**At least 80% of your group's leaders should be aged 18 or older. All staff that is at least 16 years of age must be at least 2 years older than the minors with whom they are working. Rental groups are *advised* to assess if there are segments of the day when greater or fewer staff are required for supervision. Groups are also *advised* to determine if they have any activities or situations where a minimum of two staff members are required to be present.**

## Payment

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Deposits must be placed prior to your arrival at camp, as specified in your contract. Payments are to be sent to the Main Office and will not be accepted at the camp. An invoice detailing your remaining balance will be sent the week following your departure and must be paid within 30 days.

## Check-in/Check-out

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Check-in time is no earlier than 3:00pm and check-out time is no later than 12:00pm (1pm if having lunch.) Early Check-in/Late Checkout fees apply outside of posted times. Please have all belongings out of your lodging by 9:00am and out of your meeting space by 12:00pm (1pm if having lunch.) Please contact The Director of Operations or other designated Camp Staff upon your arrival at camp to check-in. The Director of Operations will collect necessary forms and evaluations.

## Multiple Groups

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Due to the variety of lodging and meeting space options, Whispering Winds accommodates multiple groups at a time unless you have reserved exclusive use of the camp (contact Guest Services for exclusive use policy and rate information). Each group will have their own meeting space and accommodations, but meals will be shared during the posted Dining Hall hours. Please respect each other's reserved/private spaces.

## Amenities and Meeting Spaces

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All requests for amenities, meeting spaces, or for use of tables, chairs, sound equipment, video or projection equipment, etc. during your stay should be submitted to the Guest Services Department at least 14 business days prior to your arrival using the Amenities Request Form and are subject to approval. Meeting spaces are assigned a few weeks prior to each retreat, based on the various group sizes. Meeting spaces cannot be guaranteed, though Whispering Winds will do its best to honor requests.



# Camp Policies

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Any guest unwilling to abide by these policies will be asked to leave the camp. The Director of Operations has authority enforce these policies and notify appropriate civil authorities if necessary.

## Drugs & Alcohol

The consumption or possession of alcohol by guests under the age of 21 is prohibited. Alcohol is prohibited when minors are present, even if the guest is over age 21. The possession of illegal drugs by any guest is not allowed.

## Illegal Activity

Illegal activity at Whispering Winds is prohibited and will be reported to the proper authorities.

## Safe Environment

Whispering Winds requires compliance with CA Penal Code Article 2.5 – the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act (Section 11164-11174.3). The Director of Operations is the mandated reporter, as outlined by Section 11165.7a-6, and reserves the right to report suspected abuse to the proper authorities.

## Damage to Camp Property

Do not use sticky labels or nametags on beds, doors, and walls. Only painter's (blue) tape is allowed to affix posters, decorations, etc. on camp surfaces. Place all candles on holders or other surfaces to avoid spilling wax on floors, carpets, or furniture. Candles may not be used outside, with the exception of liturgical candles. Altar candles should be lit at the beginning of liturgy and extinguished as soon as the liturgy ends. Candle alternatives such as glow sticks, battery-operated candle lights, flashlights, and Christmas lights are permitted. Graffiti is not tolerated and the group will be billed for the entire replacement cost of defaced or damaged property. Additional charges may apply in the case of inadequate clean up before departure; inappropriate use of fire extinguishers; graffiti or carving on bunk beds, walls, or other camp property; wax on carpets, floor, or furniture; broken lights, lampshades, beds, windows, or swings; and food or drink stains.

Any damages or necessary repairs should be reported to the Camp Staff.

## Campfires

Campfires must be scheduled through the Guest Services Department prior to camp stay. Group Leader should designate a Fire Master, who must read, sign, and submit the Fire Master form to the Director of Operations upon arrival. Group Leader is ultimately responsible for campfire supervision.

## Smoking

Because of the extreme fire danger, Whispering Winds discourages smoking. Smoking is permitted only in the fire ring, which is the designated smoking area; please note signage.



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## Lodging

Whispering Winds reserves the right to enter lodging during reasonable hours when necessary in order to provide efficient service, repairs, improvements, maintenance, fire safety inspections, or to ensure compliance with the regulations and policies of the camp. Please do not lock room doors. In the case of an emergency, locked doors may be dangerous. Because individual lodging may not be locked, please be respectful toward the lodging and property of others.

## Food and Wildlife

Food and beverages should be properly stored to reduce the attraction of rodents and other wildlife. If you see a potentially dangerous animal, please notify camp staff immediately. Whispering Winds is home to many different kinds of wildlife such as snakes, mountain lions, coyotes, turkeys, and bees. Do not feed or approach wild animals. This is their natural habitat and they should not be disturbed. Mountain lion sightings have increased in the Julian area over recent years so we ask our guests to follow these tips:

- Always walk in groups of 2 or more during the day (if possible) but especially at night
- If you encounter one try to appear larger, wave your arms, yell, throw rocks, etc
- Back away slowly while maintaining eye contact

## Noise Pollution

Quiet hours are 10:00pm to 7:00am. Amplified sound equipment may be used only in fully enclosed buildings: Founders Hall, Meadow View Hall, Cedar House, and Shepherds Hall. The Outdoor Chapel and Mary's Grotto are strictly acoustic, barring special permission from the Director of Operations.

## Private Property

Be respectful of the private property of neighbors, Camp Staff, and other Guests.

## Vehicles

Vehicles may be parked in temporary parking areas adjacent to buildings while unloading belongings and supplies. After unloading, all vehicles are to remain in marked parking areas for the duration of your stay. Only Camp Staff vehicles will be permitted to drive on camp property after vehicles have been unloaded and parked. In case of emergency evacuation, please back in to your parking space. The speed limit on camp property is always 5 mph or less. It is our recommendation that buses not advance beyond the parking area of the Welcome Center.

## Please do not bring or allow any of the following:

- fireworks, matches or lighters
- knives, firearms, ammunition, martial arts equipment or weapons of any kind
- bicycles
- pets
- Personal sports equipment i.e. archery equipment, climbing gear or other equipment that should be stored and handled safely for the protection of all people per the American Camp Association.

## Emergency Procedures:

In case of an emergency, notify camp staff immediately and utilize the emergency numbers located in the Dining Hall, Camp Office, and all of the lodge rooms. The Camp Office phone (760-765-1600) is always available to make emergency phone calls. Rental Groups are responsible for their own Emergency Transportation and are advised to make an emergency evacuation plan/agreement with transportation company. Group leaders are advised to have on site the name and address of each participant, emergency contact names and phone numbers, a list of persons with allergies or health conditions requiring treatment, restriction, or other accommodations while on site. For minors without a parent on site, obtain a signed permission to seek emergency treatment form.

