

Dear Friends in Ministry,

Your church's youth are invited to attend Fall Force at Camp Lutherhoma, November 21-23, 2025. Fall Force is a weekend retreat designed for the children 8-12 years old in your Sunday school classes and communities! We hope this retreat will be a blessing to the younger youth and families in your congregation and community. Through this fun weekend program, we hope that campers will grow in their faith as they study God's Word, reconnect with friends and counselors they met at summer camp, create new relationships, or perhaps experience Camp Lutherhoma for the first time. This retreat will be led by our summer camp counselors who are eager to share God's love with each camper.

All campers will be divided by age and gender to live in cabin groups led and supervised by college-age Camp Lutherhoma summer counselors. Therefore, campers can register with or without a church group and leader. We want every church, family, and individual camper to feel welcome at Fall Force. Online registration is open now at www.lutherhoma.com/events. There are 3 ways to encourage children to attend:

1. Attend as a Group- Gather all the 8-12-year-old kids in your congregation and send them to camp for the weekend! This could be an awesome bonding experience for the younger youth in your church. An adult leader from your church group would be responsible to organize registration and transportation for the children in your church group. Adult leaders are encouraged to stay through the retreat to play with and observe the campers. Adults will be housed in Pine or Aspen Retreat Cabins and will participate in special adult sessions and Bible studies.
2. Attend as a Family- If only a couple of families from your church are interested, encourage them to register as families. We think it could be really special for a parent and child to experience this weekend retreat together. Parents will get to experience the joy of camp with their child! Parents will be housed in Pine or Aspen Retreat Cabins and will participate in special adult sessions and Bible studies.
3. Attend as an Individual Child- If a parent wants to drop off their child on Friday and pick them up on Sunday, encourage them to register their child as an individual. Once the child is checked in on Friday the parent is free to go! The child will be cared for by a loving camp counselor and they will make many new friends through the weekend.

Please spread the word about this retreat within your congregation. We would be glad to come visit your church to answer questions and share more information about this retreat and other retreat opportunities at Camp Lutherhoma. Included in this packet are flyers to hang on bulletin boards and a Church Group Registration Packet. We hope to see you and the children from your congregation at Fall Force November 22-24, 2024.

Blessings in Christ,

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Camp Lutherhoma Fall Force Retreat: Nov. 21-23, 2025

Information and Registration Packet

Mission and Goals: Fall Force is a weekend retreat specifically designed for 8-12 year old campers. During Fall Force the Camp Lutherhoma Staff hope that campers will...

- Reconnect with friends and counselors they met at summer camp.
- Create new relationships.
- Grow in their faith as they study God's Word.
- Possibly experience Camp Lutherhoma for the first time through this weekend format.

Ages and Cost:

- 8-12-year-old campers: \$150.00 per camper
- Parents or adult leaders: FREE

Lodging:

Campers will stay in the bunk cabins with college age Camp Lutherhoma Summer Counselors. Campers will need to bring bedding (twin bunk bed) and towels.

Adults will stay in Pine or Aspen Retreat Cabins where bedding and towels are provided.

Program: Our camp counselors will lead cabin groups (divided by gender and age) through camp activities and Bible studies. We hope campers experience a weekend that feels like summer camp as they bond with their counselor and cabin mates and enjoy many fun activities and engaging Bible studies.

We hope the parents and youth leaders who attend also experience a glimpse of what happens during summer camp and also gain personal and spiritual growth through Bible studies, activities, and discussions created specifically for them. Parents and youth leaders will have many opportunities to interact with the campers they brought during meal times, whole group activities, and certain activity times.

Check In and Check Out:

Check in will be from 8:00-9:00pm on Friday, November 21. A group welcome and the first activities will begin at 9:00pm.

On Sunday, November 23, parents, families, and friends are welcome to join us for our Closing Program at 11:00am. Campers will share songs and scripture they learned through the weekend. Everyone will be dismissed after the Closing Program and the camp store will be open for final purchases.

Registration: Due by Wednesday, November 12, 2025

Register online at www.lutherhoma.com. Refer to the Step by Step Registration Guide for more details. Attendees can register with a church group, as a family (parent and child(ren) attending the weekend), or as an individual (child attending without church group or parent). Campers will be supervised by Camp Lutherhoma counselors and staff all weekend.

Payment: The non-refundable \$50 deposit per camper is due at the time of registration. You can pay online with credit card or may send a check to: Camp Lutherhoma PO Box 1672, Tahlequah, OK 74464. The remaining balance should be paid by November 12th.

Health Forms: All participants (children and adults) attending are required to complete the attached health form. However, if a child attended a summer camp program at Camp Lutherhoma in 2025, we CAN use that health form for this retreat. You only need to provide health forms for individuals who did NOT attend Camp Lutherhoma in summer 2025. Camp Lutherhoma staff will also collect and distribute all camper medication during the weekend. Adults may keep their personal medication with them in their cabin.

Adult Background Check Policy:

As of January 1, 2017, the Oklahoma District LCMS requires that all Oklahoma District congregations obtain criminal, violent and sexual offender background checks for all adult leaders (ages 18 and over) that attend District sponsored youth events, including Camp Lutherhoma sponsored retreats or camps. Please make sure your church has conducted a background check for all adults who chaperone youth attending this event and maintain this information locally. Any adults attending without a church group will need to give Camp Lutherhoma permission to perform a background check prior to the event.

Resources for obtaining background checks:

Protectmyministry.com

Church Mutual/Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Companies

Shepherd's Watch (Via Group.com)

Fall Force Registration Step by Step Guide

1. Logging into your Camp Lutherhoma Account

- a. Go to www.lutherhoma.com
- b. Click "Login"
- c. If you are registering a church group log in with your church account Username. If you are registering members of your family log in with your family account Username.
 - i. If you have forgotten your password, click "Forgot your login information?" and follow the prompts to reset your password.
- d. Log in using your username and password.

2. Registering your Group/Family

- a. Once you are logged in, make sure all participants you plan to register are in your account.
 - i. Under "Account Members" you should see a list of everyone in your account.
 - ii. Click "Add Person" if you need to add a youth or adult to your account.
 - iii. Fill in the required information about the individual (name, gender, birthdate) and click "Save"
- b. Once all your participants are in your account, click "Reservations" along the top menu banner.
- c. Click "Explore Sessions" to register for Fall Force.
- d. Click "Register" next to Fall Force.
- e. Select each individual who is attending Fall Force with your church group or family. Then click "Next".
- f. Confirm the contact information for the Primary Contact (if you are registering with a church account the address should be your church address not your personal home address)
- g. Select your church affiliation using the drop down list. Lutheran churches are listed alphabetically by city.
- h. Participant Type- Let us know how many attendees are female youth, male youth, female adults, or male adults. This allows us to manage housing capacity.
- i. Read and agree to the statements about background checks and health forms for youth campers.
- j. List any cabin mate requests
- k. Your Cart will show the total balance due. You can click the small plus sign + to view the details of your registration. Then click "Proceed to Payment"
- l. Select the Payment Option you desire and fill out the necessary information. You must pay the \$50 per child deposit to hold your registration. If you are paying by check please select "Mail in Payment".
- m. Once you click "Submit Payment" you are finished with your registration.
- n. You will receive a confirmation email with a summary of your reservation and more information about the event.
 - i. Your Confirmation Email will include a health form attachment. Each participant must have a completed health form to attend an event at Camp Lutherhoma. If a child attended a summer camp program this calendar year, we CAN use that health form for this retreat. You only need to provide health forms for individuals who did NOT attend camp this calendar year.
 - ii. Please email the health form to each participant's parent or print and distribute the health form to each family. Completed health forms can be emailed to Lutherhoma@lutherhoma.com, printed and brought to the event, or uploaded to your account.

How to upload health forms to your Camp Lutherhoma Account

- Once participants have filled out their health form you can digitally upload it to your account. Our online system will keep this document on file for use in future events. Health forms must be updated each year. The health forms stored in the church group account are not the same as those submitted for summer camp programs. However, if a child attended a summer camp program in 2024, we CAN use that health form for this retreat. You only need to provide health forms for individuals who did NOT attend camp in summer 2025.
- When you have participant health forms as digital documents (pdf or jpeg) on your computer follow these steps to save them in your account:
 1. Go to www.Lutherhoma.com and click "Account Login"
 2. Log in to your account using your username and password.
 3. Click on the menu on the left side of the top banner, then "Document Center"
 4. Click "Upload Document" then select "Retreat Health Form"
 5. Select the individual for whom you would like to upload a health form.
 6. Select the document from your computer or device (pdf or jpeg) and click "Upload Document"
 7. You will then return to the Document Center where you can repeat steps 4-6 for additional participants.