



**TROUT**  
LAKE CAMPS

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**FATHER/SON  
PARENT  
INFORMATION  
PACKET**

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# DEAR DADS,

We are so excited to have you and your son(s) joining us for the Father/Son retreat at Trout Lake Camps! We anticipate that God will move in tremendous ways during this coming weekend. Designed to be more than just a weekend full of fun & excitement, Father/Son is designed to provide one important thing: A shared camp experience that deepens family bonds and deepens the faith of men in Jesus Christ.

This packet contains all of the information and documentation that you will need prior to arriving at Trout. Your success is our success. If you need something or have a question, we would love to hear from you. It is our joy to serve you in this process. We will take care of the details so that you can focus on spending time with your son.

It is our hope that this weekend is a chance for you and your boy(s) to get away from the normal everyday routine - to connect through shared activities, worship times, devotions, and chapel times. We hope to create memories at Trout that will last a lifetime.

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As a dad, you can think of your role in this weekend to fall into these basic categories:

## SPIRITUAL

- o Pray that God would show up in a powerful way in you and your son's life at this retreat
- o Be a model of Christian character (your son(s) do what you do, say what you say, love how you love)
- o Be sensitive to the spiritual needs of your son(s)
- o Come prepared to pray with and for your son(s)
- o Be ready to respond with the gospel as the Spirit moves following chapel times and throughout conversations that take place throughout the weekend
- o Be open to whatever change God would do in your own life

## RELATIONAL

- o Make the first move in initiating conversations with your son(s)
- o Teach *how to listen* by your example
- o Follow Trout's rules and enforce them gently but firmly with your son(s)

## GENERAL

- o Be prepared for check-in when you arrive! Log into your [troutlakecamps.org](http://troutlakecamps.org) account to make sure your Medical and Liability Forms are complete to make sure you are ready and don't have to spend the first part of your weekend filling out and signing forms. If you are missing any forms, an "Incomplete tasks" button will show on the main page of your account.

Know that we are praying for you and your son(s) as the Father/Son Retreat weekend approaches!

# UPDATING REGISTRATION

**All registration is electronic via our website: [troutlakecamps.org](http://troutlakecamps.org).**

Simply click the orange Register/Login rectangle in the upper right hand corner of the home page. You will be prompted to create a login on our website or login with an existing account. If you are having trouble accessing or registering an account with us, give our main office a call at 218.543.4565.

## **Registration opens on May 1st**

Prior to finalizing your online registration, you will be prompted to pay via credit card number or ACH. If payment is not received, your registration will not be completed. Your payment method will be charged the moment you finalize online registration.

## **Costs, Refund Amounts and Deadlines**

- Cost is \$145 per adult and \$99 per child.
- \$50 of registration cost is nonrefundable up until one week before the retreat.
- 100% of the registration fee per person is nonrefundable within one week of the retreat.
- Refunds are issued using the payment method that was used for registration.
- If you need to cancel, contact our main office at 218.543.4565.

# Father/Son Tentative Schedule 2023



## FRIDAY EVENING

- 7:00 – 8:00 Registration & Check-In (Follow road signs upon arriving onsite)
- 9:00 Orientation & SESSION 1 – (Worship & Speaker)**
- 10:00 Snack
- 10:30 Lights Out

## SATURDAY

- 7:15 Polar Plunge
- 8:00-8:30 Breakfast
- 8:45 Father / Son Devotional Time (Trout Provided)
- 9:30-10:30 **Session 2 – Chapel (Worship & Speaker)**
- 10:45 – 12:00 Father/Son Activities I (Various locations)
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:30-5:30 Father/Son Activities II (Various locations)
- 5:30 Dinner
- 7:00 Session 3 – Chapel (Worship & Speaker)**
- 8:45 Snack / Open Rec
- 10:30 Head to Cabins
- 11:00 Lights Out

## SUNDAY

- 8:00 Breakfast
- 8:45 Father / Son Devotional Time (Trout Provided)
- 9:30 Session 4 – Chapel (Worship & Speaker)**
- 10:45 Bottle Rocket Launch
- 11:15 Pack Up / Clean up your cabins / Camp Store Open
- 11:45 Lunch
- 12:15 End of Retreat... See you this summer!

## Saturday Activity Options

(Activities subject to change based on retreat size and weather)

### Saturday Morning

Activity	Time	Location	Age	Sign-Up / Price
Kickball Game	-	The Point	Any	None
Tinker Shop	-	The Point	Any	None
Mini Golf	-	The Point	Any	None
Slingshot Range	-	The Point	Any	None
Open Rec	-	The Point	Any	None
Leather Workshop	-	The Point	Any	None
Outdoor Climbing Wall	-	The Point	Any	None
Crate Stacking	-	The Point	12+	None
Axe Throwing	-	The Point	12+	None
Rec Hall Activities (Ping Pong, Pool, Carpet Ball, Foosball, Floor Hockey)	-	The Point	Any	None

## Saturday Afternoon

Activity	Time	Location	Age	Sign-Up / Price
Laser Tag	-	-	Any	-
Floor Hockey Game	-	-	Any	-
Dodgeball Game	-	-	Any	-
9 Square in the Air	-	-	Any	-
Basketball	-	-	Any	-
Indoor Climbing Wall	-	-	5 years+	-
Mini Golf	-	-	Any	-
Tinker Shop	-	-	Any	-
Rocket Science	-	-	Any	-
Climbing Seminar	-	-	5 years+	-
Leather Shop	-	-	Any	-
BB Guns	-	-	Any	-
Nature Hunt	-	-	Any	-
Zipline	-	-	8 years+	-
Archery Tag	-	-	10 years +	-
Ice Cream / Barn Cafe	-	-	Any	-
Camp Store	-	-	Any	-
Camp Tour	-	-	Any	-
Riflery*	-	-	10 years +	-

**Saturday Afternoon Camp Shuttle 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30  
(Shuttle leaves from the Point Lower Parking Lot)**

**Shuttle Stops: [Stoneridge], [Lower Point Parking Lot]**

**\*Riflery has it's own specific shuttle that leaves & returns to the lower point parking lot on the :30.**



**TROUT LAKE CAMPS CONTACT INFO:**

**Phone Number: (218) 543-4565**

**Fax Number: (218) 543-7550**

**Email: [registration@TroutCamps.org](mailto:registration@TroutCamps.org)**

**Food allergy questions: [rLockhart@TroutCamps.org](mailto:rLockhart@TroutCamps.org)**



# FATHER/SON CHECKLIST

This checklist gives all the forms that need to be filled out and ready to turn in when you check in on Friday night.

Having these forms completed via your UltraCamp account prior to arrival will speed up your check-in process.

**MEDICAL & LIABILITY RELEASE FORMS.** Medical and Liability Waiver forms were included during the registration process. If any of the forms were not completed at that time, please log into your troutlakecamps.org account to complete those forms. Any incomplete forms will need to be filled out upon arrival.

**PAYMENT** via credit card or ACH when you registered via our website or via mailed-in check.

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### FOOD ALLERGIES

If anyone in your family has an allergy that limits what they can eat, please contact our Food Service Director, Rick Lockhart, to work out suitable meals or to arrange if bringing your own prepared food. Rick can be reached at [rLockhart@TroutCamps.org](mailto:rLockhart@TroutCamps.org) by phone at 218.543.7530.

Trout's canteen and snack areas have foods containing peanuts and tree nuts. Campers may bring personal snacks with them to camp.

# FATHER/SON PACKING LIST



## What to Bring:

- Bible
- Notebook
- Pen or Pencils
- Bedding – pillow, blankets or sleeping bag, sheets (twin size)
- Toiletries, towel, pajamas, etc.
- Gym shoes (for indoor activities)
- Closed-toe shoes (required for certain camp activities)
- Casual clothing (It's a jeans and hoodie kind-of-weekend)
- Some activities will be outside, so bring warm clothing (and an extra set "just in case")
- Cash to purchase extra treats and camp souvenirs (Trout also accepts credit cards in most areas)
- Extra garbage bags for dirty clothes

## What to Expect:

- To be challenged to grow in your relationship with Christ!
- To meet new friends and grow closer as a parent with your child(ren)
- To have lots of fun
- Connect with God through meaningful worship times
- To grow closer as a family in your relationship with Jesus.
- To be exhausted at the end from a full, fun, and meaningful weekend
- Minimal Internet. Trout's internet bandwidth is only large enough to support the needs of the camp. Most major cell carriers have good 4G reception at Trout.

## Items to Leave at Home:

- Expensive electronics that can get damaged or stolen (laptops, tablets, phones)
- Tobacco products, alcohol products, illegal drugs, vaping products, fireworks, weapons, guns, etc.
- Pets
- Bad attitudes
- Personal climbing gear
  - \*Our staff are only trained to manage our activity gear