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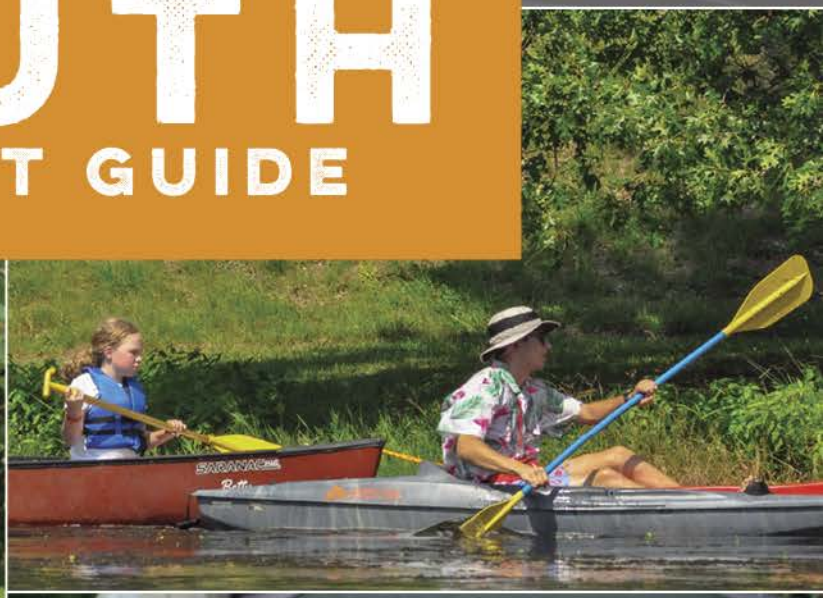
## RETREAT GUIDE



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Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center provides ideal lodging for groups of 10 to 100+ with versatile meeting spaces perfect for group gatherings, praise and worship, or playing games. We offer outdoor activities, including hiking, canoeing, and team-building exercises, ensuring your group always has something exciting to do. Additionally, we can provide volunteer opportunities for youth, allowing them to engage in meaningful work. Let us help you plan your next youth retreat!

**OUR COMMITMENT TO**

## *Sustainability*

Sustainability and creation care are interwoven into all that we do - from a conference or an event where we provide opportunities for recycling or composting food waste - to our camp programs where we teach campers about habitats and how we can care for wildlife.

Whether it's green features in the building, dedication to using certain products, our farm and garden area, or locally sourced produce, we strive in all aspects of our programming and our maintenance of this space to be as sustainable as possible.

# WIDE VARIETY OF SPACES AVAILABLE TO FIT YOUR NEEDS

Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center offers a variety of meeting spaces and lodging styles ideal for youth retreats, mission trips, and those seeking a fun camp experience. Our facilities are designed to accommodate different group sizes and needs, ensuring a comfortable and memorable stay year-round. From our Belden Pond cabins to our new Yurt village, we blend comfortable accommodations with campfire atmosphere on a sprawling wooded campus.

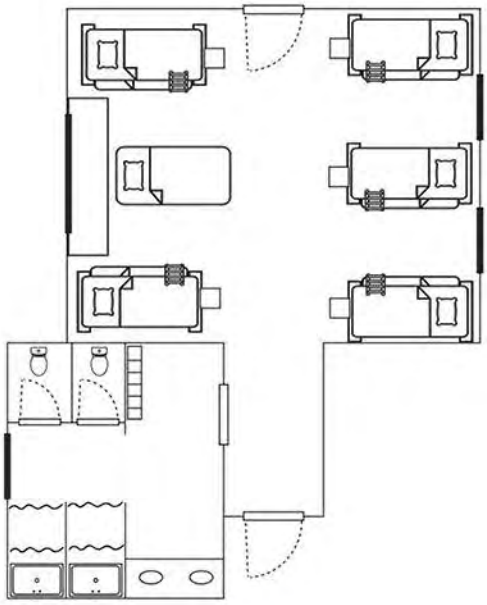
With a wide variety of activities available, your group will always have something to do. These spaces are complemented by the scenic environment of Ferncliff's 1,200-acre campus, conveniently located just 10 miles from Little Rock, Arkansas. Whether you're looking for a peaceful retreat or an action-packed adventure, Ferncliff provides the perfect setting for your group's needs.

# LODGING OPTIONS

## BELDEN CABINS

The Belden Pond Cabins consist of four duplex cabins, each accommodating up to 22 people, making a total capacity of 88. These cabins are youth-oriented but suitable for adults as well. Each cabin features bunk beds with Tempur-pedic mattresses on all bottom bunks, air conditioning, and bathrooms.

Located above the scenic Belden Pond, the cabins offer a camp-like, yet comfortable stay complete with outdoor breezeway patios designed for hanging out, picnic tables by the lake for a shady spot to rest or enjoy a snack and fire pits ready for those evenings roasting s'mores and relaxing together.



**88**
CAPACITY

**AIR CONDITIONED CABINS**

**40**
CAPACITY

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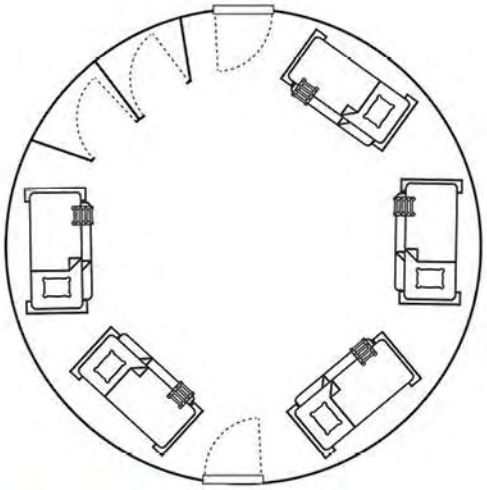
## YURT VILLAGE

The Yurt Village, situated in the wooded area directly adjacent to the Belden Cabins, offers a unique glamping experience, combining a campfire cozy appeal with modern comforts. There are four yurts surrounding a central courtyard. Each yurt is equipped with electricity, air conditioning, heating, and bunk beds with Temper-pedic mattresses on bottom bunks. Guests staying in the yurts have exclusive access to the Yurt Village bathhouse, which includes hot showers and modern restroom facilities. Additionally, the yurt area features a communal fire pit and deck.

The Yurt Village is a great choice for smaller groups who want to be close to camp amenities like the JMo Tabernacle and the outdoor recreation areas or as additional lodging for larger groups located in the Belden Cabins.



# MEETING SPACES

From our indoor space center for large groups to a diverse outdoor options , we offer a diverse array of settings to suit every group's needs. All spaces include wifi and audiovisual services.

## CHRISTIAN ACTIVITIES CENTER (CAB)

The CAB is a multi-purpose facility complete with a stage, sound system, wifi, and a kitchenette. This space is great for group activities, meetings or worship. The additional smaller meeting room is great for a breakout space or quiet zone.

**50'X50' | 200 MAX OCCUPANCY**

## JMO TABERNACLE

The JMo Tabernacle is an open-air covered space with a large deck facing Belden Pond. This spacious outdoor pavilion includes restrooms, projector screen, electricity, fireplace and a grill. The space is great for outdoor worship, team building games and group activities.

**40'X50' | 200 MAX OCCUPANCY**

## THE SQUAREA

The Squarea is an outdoor recreation area with a basketball goal, carpet ball tables, ping pong and a gaga ball pit. Conveniently located next to the CAB and JMo Tabernacle, its a great place for free play or guided activities during a retreat as a change of pace for your group.

## FARMSTEAD PAVILION

The Farmstead Pavilion is an open-air covered space with picnic tables, a stage and benches. It has electricity, ceiling fans, and an integrated sound system. Adjacent is a gaga pit and large field for outdoor games and team building.

**40' X 60" | 200 MAX OCCUPANCY**

## SPRAGGINS POINT

Spraggins Point is a gorgeous amphitheater on top of Matthew Mountain. The serene space has a fire pit, bench seating and a beautiful mountain view. A short hike from the team building field, this space is a must for evening worship and bible exploration.

**150 MAX OCCUPANCY**

## TEAM BUILDING FIELD

The Team Building Field is an outdoor recreational space perfect for games and team building. Use this space with your own games, or book our team building activities and use the lower ropes course and guided team-building games that are great for all ages.

# TAILOR YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH OUR PERSONALIZED SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Whether it's racing across the bouldering wall, hiking the nature trails, or testing your archery skills, there is so much that Ferncliff Camp & Conference Center can offer you and your group! Our trained programming team can lead any of the activities offered below that fit your group's interests or needs. Our dedicated conference staff is here to help you plan all aspects of your experience.

## ACTIVITIES

*(Always available)*

- Fishing
- Fire pit and s'mores
- Labyrinth
- Nature Hike
- Sand Volleyball

## GUIDED ACTIVITIES

- Aqua Park*
- Archery Skill Development
- Boating and Watercrafts*
- Bouldering
- Bushwhack Shelter Building
- Creek Exploration
- Disaster Assistance Volunteering
- Farmstead Visit
- Ferncliff Pool*
- Field Games and/or Indoor Games
- Frisbee Disc Golf
- Guided Firebuilding
- Guided Nature Hike
- Indoor/Outdoor Inflatable
- Nature Arts & Crafts
- Outdoor Movie
- Slingshot Range
- Silent Disco
- Team Building & Challenge Course
- Water Games*

**Seasonal (May-August)*

## SILENT DISCO

Silent Disco is a crowd favorite for youth. Its is a unique experience where your group can dance to music, listened to on light-up headphones, where they choose the songs from multiple channels. Curated by a DJ, with a full spread of lights, silent disco creates an immersive and fun atmosphere where attendees can dance to their own beat.

## AQUA PARK

The Aqua Park is a seasonal favorite. It includes 7 giant water inflatables including a trampoline, 2 giant slides, an obstacle course, and more. The structures can accommodate up to 70 guests making it perfect for small to large groups. Ferncliff Aqua Park offers a unique and exciting setting that ensures safety and enjoyment for everyone. Reservations include certified lifeguards provided by Ferncliff and life jackets. Also included is use of the JMo Tabernacle. This spacious outdoor pavilion includes restrooms, a large deck, electricity, fireplace, and a grill.

# DINING OPTIONS

Food service plays a crucial role at any youth retreat, offering an opportunity for everyone to connect and build relationships over shared meals.

At Ferncliff, our food service consistently earns high praise. We serve breakfast, lunch, and dinner buffet-style in our main dining room, which can seat up to 200 people. Each meal offers a variety of options to cater to different tastes. For breakfast, enjoy hot and cold selections, including cereals, pastries, eggs, bacon/sausage, and fresh fruit. For lunch and dinner, we offer a main entrée, side items, a full salad bar, beverages (including coffee, tea, juice, or lemonade), and dessert.

A vegetarian option and fresh fruit are always available. We enhance our meals with vegetables from our garden and locally-grown food whenever possible. Our culinary team provides delicious and nutritious meals that cater to diverse dietary needs. Sharing these meals together creates a sense of community and belonging, making every mealtime a highlight of the retreat. Whether you're bonding over breakfast or discussing the day's adventures at dinner, the dining experience at Ferncliff is memorable.

## EXAMPLE BREAKFAST MENU

Pancakes *served with Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Oatmeal, Fruit, Yogurt, Assorted Breads and Cereal*

Biscuits with Sausage Gravy *served with Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Oatmeal, Fruit, Yogurt, Assorted Breads and Cereal*

*Belgium Waffles served with Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Oatmeal, Fruit, Yogurt, Assorted Breads and Cereal*

Breakfast Burritos *Eggs, Choice of Meat, Cheese Wrapped in a Flour Tortilla with Homemade Salsa, Oatmeal, Fruit, Yogurt, Assorted Breads and Cereal*

Breakfast Sandwiches *Choice of Meat, Egg, and Cheese on a Biscuit or English Muffin, Oatmeal, Fruit, Yogurt, Assorted Breads and Cereal*

## EXAMPLE LUNCH/ DINNER MENU

Chicken Sandwich *Grilled or Fried, Sweet Potato Fries or House-Made Chips, a Vegetable, & Salad Bar*

Chicken Strips *Chicken Strips served with Mac and Cheese, a Vegetable, & Salad Bar*

Pasta Bar *Choice of Pasta with House-Made Marinara and Alfredo, Garlic Bread, a Vegetable, & Salad Bar*

Taco Bar *Choice of Chicken or Beef Tacos, Corn and Flour Tortillas, Assorted Toppings, House-Made Salsa, & Salad Bar*

Sliders *Hamburger Sliders served with French Fries, a Vegetable, & Salad Bar*

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Visit ferncliff.org or scan the QR code to get more information on how Ferncliff can help make your next event a success.

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