

Winterfest Details

Activities

At Winterfest, the youth (also known as “Winterfesters”) enjoy a variety of activities to engage them in this safe community of faith. The Winterfesters will enjoy silly group games (for both small and large groups), reflective small group discussion groups, crafts, group singing with an amazing praise band, a thoroughly planned worship program, and general silliness during the day. Specific activities include, but are not limited to, morning prayer from the Book of Common Prayer led by a chosen youth, singing contemporary praise hymns led by a four to five member praise band, off-campus trips to the University of South at Sewanee, hikes in the nearby South Cumberland State Park, small group discussions reflecting on the day’s theme, a healing service, designated prayer activities, such as prayer in color, meditation, and prayer through dance. Evening activities may include: a bonfire, a trip to All Saints’ Chapel-Sewanee, Winterfest photo hunt, Winterfest casino night, Soul Night (talent show), and/or a surprise activity created by our wonderful staff.

Room & Board

Winterfesters sleep in either bunk-style cabins or in individual rooms in DuBose’s historic Claiborne Hall. The rooms in Claiborne Hall are dormitory styled with a communal bathroom. Each Winterfester will have the ability to choose a roommate to share one room for the duration of the retreat. Winterfesters will eat hearty, home-style meals in the Dining Room located on the first floor of Claiborne Hall.

Staff

Our Winterfest director is Brie D. Wallace, a practicing attorney from Memphis, Tennessee. Brie has a strong and rich history with DuBose dating back to 1992, her first year at Camp Gailor-Maxon. Although born and raised in the Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan in Knoxville, Tennessee, Brie now resides in Memphis and attends Calvary Episcopal Church in downtown Memphis. Brie has worked with youth as a youth intern at St. David’s Episcopal Church in Columbia, South Carolina, and has helped with the different youth programs at Calvary. Brie is dedicated to serve DuBose in any capacity, as seen through her membership on the DuBose Conference Center’s Board of Directors. She brings a strong sense of organization, hard-work, and energy to this retreat.

This year’s chaplain is Rev. Meghan Holland, Rector of Trinity Episcopal Parish in Clarksville, Tennessee. She is a 2011 graduate of Virginia Theological Seminary and has served churches in Maryland and Kentucky. Meghan has one daughter, Kenna Rose. This will be her first experience on the Mountain, and she is excited beyond belief!

Vetted and highly recommended college students serve as cabin and activity counselors, and Winterfest will have 2-4 adult volunteers from around the state.

Sample Daily Schedule for Winterfest

7:30	Rise and shine!
8:00	Breakfast
9:00	Singing, chapel program, worship
12:00	Lunch
12:45	Siesta
2:00	Singing, games, chapel program, worship
5:00	Free Time
6:00	Dinner
7:00	Evening activities
9:00	Evening Compline
Varies	Lights out

For questions about Winterfest, please email: winterfesttn@gmail.com.