

## Protocol & What to Bring

Dear Friend of Camp de Benneville Pines,

This message is to provide you information about your Camp de Benneville Pines (CdBP) reservation (or potential reservation) for the 2024 November 8-10 weekend, organized by Dale Botts ([dale.botts2@gmail.com](mailto:dale.botts2@gmail.com), 714-686-2791). This is a recreational weekend for UUC Fullerton, UUC Long Beach, and people/friends of other UU Congregations, Churches, Fellowships, and Societies. If you would like to offer a workshop, an art/craft activity, lead children's activities, lead a hike, or have other ideas about social/music/theatre activities, let me know.

Typically, the weather is a sunny 68 degrees F from about 9 am to 3 pm, but the temperature drops quickly when the sun goes down behind the mountain. Put sunscreen on your face when the sun is up and carry or drink about a pint of water about every hour. Bring layers of clothes and be ready for 45 degrees F between 4 pm and 7 am. The cabins are well heated. If you are outside, it can feel like just above freezing from about 9 pm to 5 am. Sometimes there is a skiff of snow that comes down overnight and the pavement can get icy. Bring a hat, gloves, and substantial shoes for walking on slippery surfaces that may be alternately covered in snow, ice, or mud. The paved roadways on campus may have ice on them early in the morning or late at night.

The cabins have comfortable mattresses, but no sheets, blankets, or pillows. Most people bring sleeping bags and pillows, but you may bring sheets, blankets, and pillows instead. The restrooms have hand soap and paper hand towels. Bring your own shower soap and towels for the shower and hot tub. Our water comes from a well in the mountain. Leave the water dripping from all sinks so that our water pipes don't freeze.

To check in, you may arrive as early as 2:00 pm on Friday, November 8, 2024. Due to the Veterans Day that some of you may have as a holiday on Monday, you may sign up to stay an extra day – but bring your own food for Sunday dinner and Monday breakfast. Check in at the lodge with Dale Botts or his designee. Look at your cabin room assignment with the map of CdBP. Please be prepared to answer covid questions to state that you do not have covid and it has been a sufficient period of time (five to ten days) since you may have been exposed or had covid. **If you are exposed to or get covid within 10-days of the event start date, notify Dale.** Ask Dale about any covid issues, including reimbursement if necessary. If you arrive earlier than 2:00 pm on Friday, hang out until Dale gets there around 2:00 pm.

We will have a super enjoyable time, being among the pine & oak tree forest. Dale Botts is your camp dean. We will have some workshops and children's activities planned. Look at the calendar of events for the weekend, pick up a copy or take a picture of it, and attend the ones you choose.

Your cell phone service carrier may or may not work at camp, so make your plans according to your knowledge of your cell phone service coverage.

Due to the wildfire near the north side of highway 38 (CdBP is on the south side), causing an evacuation order of CdBP between about 9/8/24 to 10/9/24, we may have a fewer people than normal because many assumed that this recreational weekend would not happen – but CdBP is open again and the weather is favoring conditions that suppress wildfires.

If there is any chance of severe rain or precipitation, plan to arrive before about 5 pm or bring snow chains to put on the drive tires of your car, but we are not likely to have but a skiff of snow for our weekend in early/mid-November. During Friday rush hour (about 3pm to 6pm), on the freeways as far as about 10 miles east of the 10/15 freeway interchange - the traffic typically moves at only 15 miles an hour. If there has been rain two weeks before this weekend event, there is a chance that highway 38 through Redlands and Angelus Oaks may be affected - road workers may set up one lane traffic and alternate between those going up and those heading down. The best time to plan to arrive will be noon to 2 pm on Friday or 9 am to 2 pm on Saturday. The first served meal will be at 6:30 pm on Friday and the last meal will be lunch on Sunday. Look forward to your participation - Dale