

Frequently Asked Questions

Home School Family Outdoor Education

Alliance Redwoods Conference Grounds (ARCG) began hosting the Christian community in 1946. Each year hundreds of groups and churches select ARCG as their “camp of choice.” Thank you for considering us as well and for allowing us “To Provide Service as Tall as Our Trees.”

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

How do you get to Alliance Redwoods?

Directions to camp can be found on the ARCG website. We encourage you to use those directions rather than the directions you may find on Mapquest, Yahoo, etc.

Winding roads bring you to camp! If your children are prone to car sickness you may consider taking the proper precautions to make your trip more pleasant!

What is there to do at ARCG?

Various activities will be offered through the Outdoor Education program. Please visit our website to read about the activities and view pictures. Our gameroom is a popular gathering place for families who enjoy a game of pool, ping pong, or foosball.

Cards and board games are available in the office. There is a small library of Christian books available in the Hospitality Room.

Are the activities safe?

Yes, ARCG provides staffed trained under the rigorous training standards of Signature Research, Inc. which has been serving clients since 1979 for more information please visit: www.signatureresearch.com.

How long has ARCG been teaching Outdoor Education?

We have been running Outdoor Education programs since the mid 1980's. We have collectively accumulated over 50 years of teaching experience.

I have younger children, what can I do with them while the older children are in classes or out on the challenge courses?

We will be providing supervision for children 5 and under. Other children (below 4th or above 6th) will have the option of attending the activities, hanging out with another parent, or doing school work in a study hall. Please remember, a parent will need to be attending their children at all times, unless they are signed into the child care room.

What should we bring to camp?

A complete list of “What to Bring” is available from our website. We encourage you to use the list when you are packing for camp!

How can our children receive mail from grandparents or other family members?

Mail is distributed to the students each night before dinner. Family and friends may write your child(ren) at:

Name of Child (HSOE)
Alliance Redwoods Conference Grounds
6250 Bohemian Highway
Occidental, CA 95465

Via fax at 707-874-2509

Please ensure the child's name is on the document and if you are mailing something, do so early enough in the week to ensure arrival while at camp (at least one week).

We are traveling a long distance and would like to visit some other places nearby, do you have any suggestions?

We encourage you to consider these Family Field Trip Options (*not included in ARCG's standard program*) either before or after you begin your week with us!

Armstrong Redwoods State Reserve—this 805-acre park features a magnificent grove of ancient redwoods, large outdoor amphitheater, self-guided nature trails, and a variety of picnic facilities.

For more information call: 707-869-2015 or 865-2391 or visit:
www.parks.sonoma.net/Armstrng.html

Austin Creek State Recreation Area—adjacent to Armstrong Redwoods State Reserve and offers limited camping facilities.

For more information call: 707-869-2015 or 865-2391 or visit:
www.parks.sonoma.net/austin.html

Pinnacle Beach, Doran Park, Salmon Creek Beach, Bodega Head, Wright's Beach, Goat Rock Beach, Fort Ross Park, and Coleman Beach are all nearby on the Sonoma Coast. For more information visit: www.sonomacoastguide.com/sonomacoastguide or www.califmall.com/beach/BchSonoma.html or www.sonoma.com/thingstodo/parks_beaches/featured.html

Camping, horseback riding, or just walking on the beach would make a terrific end to this fun-packed, educational week.

Lodging Questions:

How is lodging assigned?

Lodging is assigned by the Registrar according to type of lodging requested (Cabin-level or Lodge-level) and family size.

What is the basic difference between Lodge-level and Cabin-level lodging?

Lodge-level lodging includes toilet, sink, and shower inside your room and all linens are included. Cabin-level lodging does not include linens and all restroom & shower facilities are a short distance away.

Can we view floor plans of the lodging/cabin rooms?

Yes, you can view lodging rooms from the website by accessing the Virtual Tours from the front page of the website.

What is included in linen set up?

Full linens include a top sheet, bottom sheet, blanket, pillow and pillowcase, bath towel, hand towel, washcloth, soap are available when Lodge-level lodging is selected. Cabin-level lodging requires each guest bring all bedding and towels for each member of the family.

We are registered for a cabin-level lodging - where are the restrooms located for cabins?

The cabin restrooms are a short distance from each group of cabins. Please refer to the ARCG site map for more information about the cabins, Birdland, Mains, and Forest Village.

Do all lodging/cabins have electricity?

Yes, all of our lodging and cabins have electricity, including the Yurts.

Are lodges/cabins heated?

Yes, all are heated.

FOOD QUESTIONS:

What is the menu for our retreat? Can we make any changes?

No, all the menus served at Alliance Redwoods Conference Grounds are made fresh daily and are nutritionally balanced.

Each meal is served buffet-style so guests can make their own selections. A full salad bar and sandwich material are available as alternatives to the main menu for lunch and dinner.

Sample Breakfast Menus Include:

French Toast, Waffles, Pancakes, Sausage
Cereal & Fruit

Sample Dinner Menus Include:

Spaghetti, Lasagne (Meat and Vegetarian), Roast Beef, Chicken
Salad Bar and Sandwich Material

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Spaghetti, Lasagne (Meat and Vegetarian), Roast Beef, Chicken
Salad Bar, Pasta Bar

Are their sufficient meal choices for Vegetarians/Vegans?

Yes, complete Fruit/Salad Bar w/ Lunch & Dinner. Many groups book ARCG “exclusive use” and are able to select their own menus from an extensive list of nutritious choices. Please let us know of special dietary requirements prior to arrival.

What if I have an allergy?

If you or a member of your family have a food allergy, ie a peanut allergy please call or e-mail beckiej@allianceredwoods.com or 800-576-2509 x 140 and let her know.

Where can our family get snacks like coffee, tea, or hot chocolate between meals?

ARCG's Gift Shop is stocked with a large number of popular snacks and sodas. In addition, there are vending machines near the office and in the Memorial Building. Complimentary coffee and tea are available in the Hospitality Lounge from 6am – 11pm each day of your retreat. The hot chocolate is a small additional fee.

We have handicapped/disabled family members, is transportation/baggage handling available?

No problem, our accommodations staff is available at check-in and check-out to remove baggage from vehicles, just ask at the front desk. In addition, ramps and transportation assistance are available throughout the camp. The accommodations staff is glad to transport guests to meeting rooms and activities, if required. If you or a member of your family has a physical limitation (including use of crutches) you will need to call or e-mail Beck-ie beckiej@allianceredwoods.com or 800-576-2509 x 140.

Are Certificates of Liability Insurance required?

Since this is a family week, we assume that each family has their own insurance policy. However, you will be required to sign an ARCG waiver.

Copies, Faxes, Emergency Phone Calls

For emergency phone calls, please dial 707-874-3507 x 0 and we will notify your family immediately.

The front desk will have your room assignments so that we may locate you if it becomes necessary.

Message Board – ARCG provides a message board for all non-emergency messages. The message board is located in the Hospitality Room. Emergency messages are delivered directly to you.

Public Phones are available outside the Office and in the Hospitality Room. **CELL PHONE SERVICE IS NOT AVAILABLE AT ALLIANCE REDWOODS CONFERENCE GROUNDS.**

Check e-mail in the Hospitality Room from 6am – 11pm during your stay.

Other Questions?

Please email: beckiej@allianceredwoods.com