

# EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT RECHARGE 2024

REMINDER: In the event that we reach the camp's maximum capacity, please understand that first priority (regardless of when registration has been received) will be given to students who have been regularly attending RUSH Wednesday nights during the 2023-24 school year. To avoid any misunderstanding, regular RUSH attendance is defined as attending at least half of our Wednesday RUSH nights for the current school year, from 9.13.23 thru 12.20.23. You will be notified directly IF we reach maximum capacity and IF this clause affects your student's registration status (*full refunds will be given to any student registrations we are NOT able to accommodate due to capacity issues*).

## REFUND POLICY:

- No refunds after 12.1.23. (*We will however issue full refunds to any student registrations we are NOT able to accommodate due to capacity issues*).

## TRANSPORTATION:

- We are transported to/from Silver Birch Ranch via school buses. We have separate trucks for luggage.
- Friday, Jan. 19:
  - Check-In begins at 3:15pm at Crossroads(4321 County Road A, Sheboygan)
  - Buses plan to depart at 4:15pm.
  - Please eat dinner before getting on the bus and/or bring a bag lunch to eat on the bus.
    - PLEASE: No peanut butter or peanut products!
  - We will NOT be stopping for dinner OR a potty stop on the way up.
  - We will be having a snack to eat once we arrive at Silver Birch Ranch.
- Sunday, Jan. 21:
  - Buses are expected to be back at Crossroads at approximately 3:30pm.

## TEXT ALERTS:

Parents, we would encourage you to consider opting in to receive text updates from our RECHARGE leadership team so that we have the means to communicate with you in real-time. We will *not* inundate you with text alerts.

Here are a couple of examples of how we will use this:

1. We will send you a text late on Friday night, January 19 letting you know that all buses have arrived safely at Silver Birch Ranch.
2. We will send you a text on Sunday afternoon, January 21 giving you a closer approximation of the arrival time of the buses to Sheboygan.

## How to Opt In:

1. Text "snowpants" to 920-717-1715
2. That's it! It's pretty simple!

## EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS:

In the event of an emergency at RECHARGE and a parent needs to reach a student, they may call:

- Mary Graves @ 920-208-8588
- Silver Birch Ranch @ 715-484-2742

## STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO COMPLY WITH THESE RULES:

Parents may be asked to come to camp and transport their student back home (at parent's expense) if there are any violations of these rules:

- **NO ELECTRONICS** (this includes cell phones, ipods, tablets, game systems, etc.).
  - This is a weekend intentionally designed to allow participants to unplug and to be fully present so that they are able to engage in fellowship with those on the trip and enjoy God's creation. If electronics are found, leaders will remove them, and they will be kept in a safe place and returned to the student on Sunday when we arrive back in Sheboygan.
- No possession or use of alcohol, drugs, tobacco or vaping products
  - *NOTE: Violation of this policy will result in immediate removal from Recharge, and a parent/guardian will need to come pick up student.*
- No students can drive
- No pranking other cabins (absolutely no Axe spray used for any other purpose except its' intended purpose)
- No throwing of snowballs (due to several past injuries as a result of snowballs)
- No violence, fighting, weapons including knives, fireworks, lighters, guns or explosives
- No offensive or immodest clothing (see Dress Code)
- No boys allowed in girls sleeping quarters, and no girls allowed in boys sleeping quarters
- Participation with the group is expected
- Respect property
- Respect one another, staff, and adult leaders
- Respect and comply with event schedules

## MEDICATION:

We *do* have several camp nurses. All medication must be turned in prior to loading buses. Medication should be in the original container and placed in a Ziploc bag with the students name on the bag. A medication form (link in the confirmation message and email) needs to be filled out prior to arriving on Friday. Our camp nurses will be dispensing medication as prescribed/needed throughout the weekend. Students needing inhalers may keep their inhalers with them.

## FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK:

Want to see what we are up to and get glimpses into some of our worship time, teaching sessions and free time activities? Come along virtually and join us! We will be posting pictures throughout the weekend, as well as hopefully going LIVE on Facebook at various times throughout the weekend. Be sure and follow us at RUSH Youth Group-Sheboygan Campus!

## DRESS CODE:

During your time with RECHARGE, we want you to have the best experience possible. This dress code has been developed to assure that no one will feel offended or uncomfortable during his or her participation and that we honor God in everything we do. If you choose to dress inappropriately, you will be asked to change or be required to wear a RUSH issued shirt/pants. By planning ahead and choosing appropriately, you will save yourself the inconvenience of having to change and you will be contributing to a pleasant atmosphere. Please be advised that the following dress code will be enforced for all individuals including leaders and students.

1. Clothing: All clothing shall be neat, clean, and acceptable in repair and appearance and shall be worn within the bounds of decency and good taste as appropriate for this event.
2. Articles of clothing which display profanity, products, or slogans that promote tobacco, alcohol, drugs, sex or are in any other way distracting, are prohibited.

3. Excessively baggy or tight clothing and clothing which advertises gang symbols or affiliation is prohibited.

\*NOTE: Leggings are acceptable *if* a shirt is worn over them that is mid-thigh length or longer.

### PACKING LIST:

- You may be carrying your luggage a distance, therefore be sure and pack so that you are able to carry your luggage to your cabin. Don't pack the kitchen sink!
- Everything that DOES NOT FIT in your luggage (sleeping bag, pillow, snow pants, boots, etc) should be packed in ONE large trash bag and write student's name on the bag. This will help us tremendously with sorting luggage. (Extra trash bags will be available at check-in if you should need it.)
- Do not pack medication (or food for the bus) in with luggage. Medications will need to be checked in before student boards the bus.
- Students will need to keep their bus food (sack dinner, snacks) in their possession. Anything that goes onto the luggage truck will be unavailable after we arrive at RECHARGE.
- The buses will likely be at capacity therefore, space may be very tight. Anything that a student brings onto the bus will need to be held or put directly under their seat.

*NOTE: It can get very cold during the winter at Silver Birch Ranch (often with temperatures as low as 20 degrees below 0). Please be sure to pack enough layers and winter clothes to keep dry and warm because we spend a lot of time having fun outside. Loose-fitting layers work well. The best materials to have are non-cotton (i.e. wool, fleece, nylon, etc.). There are no laundry facilities available.*

### **NO ELECTRONICS!**

1. Bible (w/your name in it)
2. Journal
3. Pens
4. Winter jacket
5. Snow pants
6. Long underwear
7. Hat
8. Winter gloves/mittens
9. Winter scarf/neck warmer
10. Winter boots
11. A pair of shoes (for inside)
12. Warm socks (wool or synthetic)
13. Jeans/pants
14. Workout clothes (if you plan to participate in the early morning workout sessions)
15. Pajamas
16. T-shirts
17. A fleece jacket / warm sweater

18. Sleeping bag and pillow
19. Flashlight
20. Toiletries (toothbrush, soap, etc.)
21. Towel and washcloth
22. Money for camp store/coffee shop (optional | visit <https://www.silverbirchranch.org/canteen-items> for prices on canteen items)
23. Water bottle w/name on it
24. Workout clothes (if you plan to participate in the early morning guided workout sessions)

*Please keep us in prayer while we are gone.  
We are looking forward to God doing big things during our weekend at RECHARGE*