

WINTER BLITZ FAQ'S

Parents, Guardians, and UNCOMMON Students:

WHAT IS WINTER BLITZ?

Winter Blitz is our annual winter retreat to Silver Birch Ranch and it is open to all middle and high schoolers. We believe this weekend will not only be unforgettable with all of the fun activities, but also life changing as students give God the space to move in their lives through worship, small groups, and messages.

WHERE/WHEN IS WINTER BLITZ?

Feb. 28 - March 2 (Friday - Sunday) 2025

Silver Birch Ranch : N6120 SAWYER LAKE ROAD, WHITE LAKE, WI, 54491

Website: Silverbirchranch.org

Who Can Attend Blitz?

Thrive is open to any 6-12th grade student!

REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR WINTER BLITZ:

*****Registration for Winter Blitz ends FEB 26.** You can register online at clfonline.org/uncommon

EARLY BIRD Cost is \$225 (This ends on Feb 10, 2025)

REGULAR Cost is \$250 (This begins on Feb 11, 2025)

Sibling Discount: FULL PRICE for the FIRST student, \$25 discount for siblings

Sibling Code: SIBLING

WHAT IF I CAN'T AFFORD WINTER BLITZ?

We realize this cost may not be attainable for each family, but we never want finances to be the thing that stops a student from coming on this life changing weekend. Therefore, we are offering fundraising opportunities as well as partial scholarships for those in need.

Fundraising - Students can buy a box of chocolate for \$48 upfront, and then sell those candy bars for \$2 ea (or whatever your student decides to sell it for) and can use the profit towards their Blitz cost. This has been extremely effective in the past and we have seen several students fully pay off their retreat cost this way.

Scholarships - We do offer **partial** scholarships and ask that anyone who is seeking to receive a scholarship fill out our online form found at clfonline.org/uncommon

IF YOU'RE ALREADY REGISTERED:

TRANSPORTATION / REGISTRATION / PICK UP

Students will be taken on a bus that is departing from CLF to Silver Birch on Feb. 28 and will arrive back to CLF from Silver Birch on March 2.

***If a student will be arriving late to Blitz or leaving early from camp, they MUST have a signed permission slip/waiver from their parent or legal guardian. They must indicate whether a parent is driving them or they are driving themselves. They MUST also request permission from Pastor Bridget before the Blitz Registration deadline.

DROP OFF: Friday, Feb. 28, 12:30pm AT CLF

PICK UP: Sunday, March 2 tentatively between 3-4pm AT CLF

What if your child requests to go home or needs to be sent home due to behavioral consequences?

It will be the responsibility of the parent or guardian to come and pick up their child from camp.

Health FAQ'S:

Guidelines:

- We ask that students stay home if they are displaying cold/flu symptoms or are feeling sick in any way.
- If a student becomes sick while attending Winter Blitz, the emergency contact will be called and if needed, arrangements will be made to have the student picked up
- A nurse will be attending Winter Blitz to monitor students
- **ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE COMPLETED THEIR MEDICAL RELEASE FORM** (This form can be found on our website: clfonline.org/uncommon)

Will there be a nurse available at Blitz?

Yes! At Blitz, student safety is a top priority! If your student has any medication he/she needs to bring, this must be checked in during registration on Friday, Feb. 28. If your son or daughter gets sick or accidentally injured, a parent or guardian will be notified.

HOUSING / COLOR TEAMS / DISCUSSION GROUPS

You will receive color team information no later than Thursday, Feb 27 by email, but we will do our best to get this to you sooner. We will also be updating our website (clfonline.org/uncommon) and social media accounts with housing, team assignments, packing lists, and more.

****Housing will be separated by gender and when possible, by grade**

****Students will be in the same discussion group that they are in for "squads"**

****Squads are split by Middle School / High School & Gender**

PACKING LIST:

Do your best to limit to one bag and one garbage bag for bedding

BEDDING

- Pillow
- Sheets & comforter/blanket
- Or sleeping bag

HYGIENE / TOILETRIES

- DEODORANT
- Body spray / perfume / cologne
- Wet wipes
- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Body wash
- TOWEL & WASHCLOTH
- Brush
- Additional hygiene supplies: (feminine products, razor, chapstick, lotion, etc)

CLOTHES:

- Clothes for the weekend (shirts, pants, hoodies, socks, undergarments, etc)
- WINTER CLOTHES (jacket, boots, hats, glove, snow pants)
- Shoes you don't mind getting dirty / wet
- Color competition clothes

Other items to pack:

- Bible, journal, pens
- Cash for merch/apparel/food or drink items
- Snacks!
- Water bottle
- Necessary Medications

What is NOT ALLOWED at camp?

- No weapons, drugs, alcohol, or vapes of any kind are permitted at camp. No PDA is permitted at camp. Students are NOT allowed to enter the lodging of the opposite gender at ANY time. Should any of these rules be violated and continued, a parent will need to pick their child up from camp.
- We also highly encourage students to leave any gaming devices at home

What Food is Provided?

- **Please have students eat before they arrive on Friday for Check In**
- Silver Birch Ranch (SBR) will provide all meals, please notify us if your child has a food allergy (This is on the registration form)
- SBR will have additional snacks available for purchase at the Snack Shack

What if I have more questions or need to contact my student at Blitz?

Email miverson@clfonline.org OR call the front office 715.909.0181 M-Th 9 am - 3 pm

Texting Service: Text: UNCOMMON to 888-217-6564

For emergencies: Pastor Bridget: bharris@clfonline.org / 815-391-0710

For any additional questions, please don't hesitate to reach out and ask!

We are so excited for Winter Blitz and we know God is going to move in big ways. As we continue approaching Winter Blitz, please be in prayer for our students and leaders that are attending.

For continual updates, you can follow us on social media, visit our website, or subscribe to our texting service. We will also continue to send out emails as needed. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to us!

Instagram: @UNCOMMON.YTH

Facebook: UNCOMMON Youth

Website: CLFONLINE.ORG or CLFONLINE.ORG/UNCOMMON

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