

**Word of Life Florida Retreat
Center**

*Rental and Use Packet as of
March 2018*

CONDITIONS FOR USE

- I. Groups using Word of Life Florida must provide the following:
 - a. Linens, pillows, toiletries and towels (for cabins only)
 - b. Competent adult counselors and leaders
 - c. **Word of Life Statement of Faith and Standard of Conduct:** The group leader will read through, agree to abide by the principles contained therein, and communicate this information to all group participants. The Form must be signed and on file prior to the event.
 - d. Each party agrees to obtain and keep in effect during the Conference a commercial general liability insurance policy with a suggested combined single limit for personal injury and property damage of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate. A **certificate of insurance** coverage must be on file with Word of Life prior to the event.
 - e. Force Majeure: An event of Force Majeure shall mean any act of God, fire, earthquake, national disaster, accident, act of government or any other act that is beyond the reasonable control of either party. Neither party will be deemed in default of the Agreement to the extent that performance of the affected party's obligations is made illegal or impossible by reason of a Force Majeure event, provided that the affected party shall give the other party written notice of the Force Majeure event promptly, in any event within (15) days (if available) of discovery, and shall use best efforts to continue to perform obligations hereunder in spite of the event.
 - f. Word of Life Florida does not provide medical care.
 - g. **Liability release waiver completed and signed by each participant arriving on campus.** (The group leader is responsible for retrieving signatures from parents/guardians for participants under the age of 18.) ***The group leader is responsible for providing and completion of medical release forms for each participant.***
- II. Groups using Word of Life Florida must agree to the following:
 - a. Personal Conduct:
 - i. The group leader is responsible to inform all members of his/her group of the standards at Word of Life Florida. ***A leader must be on duty at all times in areas where youth campers are present.*** Youth campers may not be left on their own.
 - ii. The use of cigarettes, tobacco products, alcohol, illegal narcotics, fireworks, and firearms are prohibited.
 - iii. Excessively loud or questionable styles of music are prohibited. The texts of songs being used are to be biblically true and doctrinally correct. If you have questions concerning styles of music, please seek assistance beforehand. ***The volume of the music being used should not exceed 100 decibels at the exit of the room or area in which it is being played.***
 - iv. Modesty in dress is an important principle in the life of a Christian. Clothing must be appropriate for the recreational activity in which the group is participating. Shorts and pants should be modest. **Clothing which is NOT permissible:** clothing that has offensive logos, pictures or wording; strapless or bare midriff tops for girls. We strongly suggest one piece or tank top bathing suits for females. **Bathing suits are not permitted outside of water areas.** When

leaving the waterfront or pool or any other water activities that may be taking place, please put on a cover up or t-shirt and shorts. **Please wear shoes at all times.**

- v. Offensive language or swearing is not permitted.

- b. Noise Levels: Word of Life Florida has many guests, young and old and in order to be good neighbors, we have instituted the following policies regarding noise:
 - i. Music being played indoors should be contained to the room in which it is being played and should never be higher than 100db. Bass levels should be controlled so that they are never heard nor felt outside of the room in which the music is being played.
 - ii. Outdoor loud speakers are only allowed between the hours of 9am and 10pm. And should never be louder than 85db within 100 feet of the speakers. Bass levels must be controlled as well.

- c. Activities
 - i. Water
 - 1. All swimmers must follow our pool rules.
 - 2. Swimming will be allowed only at the pool. Do not swim in the lake.
 - 3. Girls and boys bathing suits must be modest (Girls - one-piece suit, Boys - boxer type).
 - ii. Recreational
 - 1. Multi-purpose rec fields are available for use at no additional charge. We also have activities such as Gaga Ball, volleyball, basketball, Nine-Square, Dodgeball and a Low-Ropes course.
 - 2. Balls are available upon request.
 - iii. Adventure
 - 1. Rock Climbing Tower course and Paintball are available as individual activities for all guests upon reservation but are not included in pricing.
 - 2. Other adventure areas available not included in pricing: Archery, BB Gun Range.
 - iv. Facilities:
 - Each cabin has 12-14 bunk beds. To help keep utility cleaning costs as low as possible, our maximum occupancy **is 24-28 people per cabin.** Please park in the designated parking areas only. **Do not park on the grass.**
 - Guests are to leave facilities in at least the same condition as they found them. Damages to room furnishings, equipment and buildings will be charged an additional expense for the damage.
 - We also have Villas, Executive Suites and Hotel rooms available in the Jack Wyrzten Conference Center.

- v. Pets are NOT permitted.

- vi. Safety
 - 1. Reservations must be made for campfires or any unusual activity.
 - 2. Shoes must be worn at all times other than the pool area.
 - 3. Swimming in the pool is "at your own risk". **No lifeguard on**

duty.

III. Reservations, Security Deposits and Payments

- a. **Reservations** -To make a reservation with Word of Life Florida, a "Proposal of Service" and a "Contract for Service" must be completed and returned with your deposit. A receipt will be sent through email to the group leader.
- b. **Deposits**
 - i. A 10% deposit is required to reserve the facility. (See refund policy below*)
 - ii. The credit card authorization may be used to cover expenses created from damage to property, building or equipment by individual or group neglect, misuse, or abuse and any additional expenses created by a member of the group.
 - iii. If paying by check, please mail check to: Word of Life Florida Retreats
13001 Word of Life Dr. Hudson, FL 34669
- c. **Payments**
 - i. Checks or Credit Card are acceptable ways for making deposits or payments. Please make checks payable to Word of Life Florida.
 - ii. The total unpaid balance is due **upon arrival.**
- d. **Changes** - Because Word of Life Florida has to order food, hire staff and purchase supplies in advance, any changes to the number of guests must be made at least **ONE WEEK** prior to your arrival date. Within **ONE WEEK** of your arrival date the proposed numbers are committed numbers.

Cancellations - Word of Life Florida is a nonprofit ministry which strives to provide a quality experience for all who visit. Our staff is preparing for your group's visit long before your arrival. Staff and food budgets are based upon group reservations. Cancellations create difficulties for our preparation and scheduling, and other groups may not have been able to come because of an already filled reservation. When a cancellation occurs, we may not have the opportunity to fill the vacant facilities because of a shortage of time. For these reasons, Word of Life Florida has implemented the following Cancellation Policy:

If a reservation is canceled...*

- i. **61-90 days** in advance, the deposit will be refunded.
- ii. **30-61 days** in advance, half the deposit is forfeited.
- iii. **Less than 30** days in advance, the deposit is forfeited.

Meals - We take pride in the quality of our food. Word of Life Florida designs all menus. When multiple groups are staying on campus at one time, we will serve the best meal option for both groups. We do accommodate for food allergies.

Thank you for choosing Word of Life Florida Retreats! We are looking forward to serving you!