

Elim Family Retreat - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Who Can Join Us?

Q. Are there any eligibility requirements for attending the retreat?

A. Yes. The Elim Family Retreat is through Foster Care Ministries, a ministry of Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children, which is an affiliate of Oklahoma Baptists, and operates in accordance with the Baptist Faith & Message 2000. Participation is limited to foster and kinship families in which the approved parent(s) are either a married husband and wife or a single parent.

If you have questions regarding eligibility, please contact Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children's (OBHC) Foster Care Ministries team at fostercare@obhc.org.

Q. Can I bring my adult children who are over 18?

A. No. Attendance is limited to approved foster and kinship parents and minor children (17 years old and under).

Q. Can family visitors join us for the day if they are not staying overnight? May they participate in activities?

A. No. Only individuals who are registered and approved to attend the retreat may participate in activities or visit during the weekend.

Q. Can the birth parents of our foster children attend?

A. No. This retreat is not designed to accommodate visits with birth parents.

Q. Can I bring my grandchildren if they are close in age to our foster children?

A. No. At this time, attendance is limited to the immediate foster or kinship family members registered for the retreat.

Lodging and Accessibility

Q. Where will our family stay?

A. Oakridge Christian Camp offers a variety of lodging options. Our goal is to provide each family with a private bedroom and bathroom whenever possible. Due to space limitations, some larger families may be assigned to lodging with larger-capacity rooms and shared restroom and shower facilities (separate facilities for men and women). Room assignments will be made by Elim Family Retreat staff based on family size and accommodations available. Room keys will be provided at check-in.

Q. Should we bring our own bedding and bath or swim towels?

A. Oakridge Christian Camp provides linens and bath towels for each room. Families are welcome to bring their own if preferred. Please note that swim towels are not provided. Families with infants should bring their own pack-and-play, bassinet, crib, or other sleeping accommodations.

Q. Is the retreat location accessible for individuals with physical disabilities?

A. Unfortunately, the camp facilities and activities are not fully accessible for individuals with physical disabilities. If you have questions regarding accessibility, contact the Foster Care Ministries team at fostercare@obhc.org.

Weekend Schedule and Supervision

Q. Do we need to stay for the entire weekend?

A. Yes. Families are expected to attend the entire retreat weekend unless prior arrangements have been made with Elim Family Retreat staff by contacting the Foster Care Ministries team at fostercare@obhc.org.

Q. If I need to leave for a few hours, can my children stay at camp without me?

A. No. Parents or guardians are responsible for supervising their children throughout the retreat and may not leave children at camp unattended.

What to Bring and Wear

Q. Will electronic devices, tablets or games be allowed?

A. Please refer to Elim Family Retreat's packing list for guidance regarding electronics and personal items.

Q. What is the dress code?

A. Please refer to Elim Family Retreat's dress code guidelines included with your registration materials.

Food and Special Needs

Q. If our family has special dietary needs or food allergies, may we bring our own food?

A. Families with dietary restrictions or severe food allergies should contact Elim Family Retreat's staff prior to camp to discuss accommodations and available options.

Safety and Health

Q. Is there a tornado shelter on site?

A. No. Oakridge Christian Camp does not have a designated tornado shelter.

Q. Will we need spending money while at camp?

A. No. All retreat activities, lodging and meals are provided at no cost to participating families. Families may wish to bring spending money if they would like to purchase items from the camp gift shop.

Q. Will a medical professional be on site?

A. Yes. A licensed nurse will be on site throughout the retreat to assist with basic medical needs and emergencies. Parents and guardians remain responsible for administering routine medications and overseeing their children's medical care. If your family has specific medical concerns, please notify Elim Family Retreat's staff prior to arrival by emailing us at fostercare@obhc.org.

Camp Guidelines

Q. Are service animals or emotional support animals allowed?

A. Only trained service animals are permitted. Emotional support animals and pets are not allowed.

Q. Are tobacco products, cigarettes or vapes allowed?

A. The use of tobacco products, cigarettes, e-cigarettes, and vaping devices is prohibited during the retreat.

Q. Are firearms allowed at camp?

A. No. Firearms, weapons and ammunition are prohibited on camp property.

Staying Connected

Q. Is Wi-Fi available?

A. Please contact Oakridge Christian Camp directly regarding Wi-Fi availability and connectivity.

Still Have Questions?

If you have additional questions about the Elim Family Retreat, please contact OBHC's Foster Care Ministries team at fostercare@obhc.org.