Thank you for your reservation for the UU congregation weekend at Camp de Benneville Pines (CdBP) on November 14-16, 2025, with the offer for an extra day stay on 11-13-25. If you are new to this weekend event, a map and a medical form will be sent with this communication. Please fill out the medical form and bring it with you. The following communication contains information about what to bring.

Your dean is Dale Botts (dale.botts2@gmail.com, 714-686-2791). This is a recreational weekend for families, people and friends of UU Congregations, Churches, Fellowships, and Societies. If you would like to offer a workshop, an art/craft activity, lead children’s activities, lead a hike, or have other ideas about social/music/theatre activities, let me know.

Typically, the weather is a sunny 68 degrees F from about 9 am to 3 pm, but the temperature drops quickly when the sun goes down behind the mountain. Bring sunscreen and a water bottle to carry. Be prepared to drink lots of water. Bring layers of clothes and be ready for 45 degrees F between 4 pm and 7 am. The cabins are well heated. If you are outside, it can feel like just above freezing from about 9 pm to 5 am. Sometimes there is a skiff of snow that comes down overnight. Bring a hat, gloves, and substantial shoes for walking on rough or wet surfaces. The paved roadways on campus may have ice on them early in the morning or late at night. Bring a flashlight if you venture outside when it is dark.

The cabins have comfortable mattresses, but no sheets, blankets, or pillows. Most people bring sleeping bags and pillows, but you may bring sheets, blankets, and pillows instead. The restrooms have hand soap and paper hand towels. Bring your own shower soap and towels for the shower and hot tub. Our water comes from a well in the mountain. Leave the water dripping from all sinks so that our water pipes don’t freeze.

To check in, you may arrive as early as 2:00 pm on Thursday, November 13, 2025. The first CdBP provided meal is at 6:30 pm on Friday, 11/14/25. If you plan to arrive on Thursday, bring your own food for Thursday dinner and Friday breakfast and lunch. Check in at Craig’s cabin or the lodge with Dale Botts or his designee. Look at your cabin room assignment with the campus map of CdBP. Please be prepared to submit a medical form if you are new to this event or if your medical information has changed.

We will have a super enjoyable time, being among the pine & oak tree forest. We will have some workshops and children’s activities planned. Look at the calendar of events for the weekend when you arrive, pick up a copy or take a picture of it, and attend the ones you choose.

Your cell phone service carrier may or may not work at camp, so make your plans according to your knowledge of your cell phone service coverage.

If there is any chance of severe rain or precipitation, plan to arrive before about 5 pm or bring snow chains to put on the drive tires of your car. We are not likely to have but a skiff of snow for our weekend in early/mid-November. During Friday rush hour (about 3pm to 6pm), on the freeways as far as about 10 miles east of the 10/15 freeway interchange - the traffic typically moves at only 15 miles an hour. If there has been rain two weeks before this weekend event, there is a chance that highway 38 after Redlands and through Angelus Oaks may be affected - road workers may set up one lane traffic and alternate between those going up and those heading down. The first meal served will be at 6:30 pm on Friday and the last meal will be lunch on Sunday.

Looking forward to your participation - Dale