



2025 Campout Info & FAQs

8th Annual WNCCYPAA Campout
Kuykendall Group Campground

PLEASE NOTE:

You will have to **DRIVE ACROSS A SHALLOW CREEK** in order to reach the campground (think 6 inches deep). It shouldn't be an issue for SUVs and trucks, but if you drive a low-lying sedan/sports car, you should try to carpool with a friend. There is a chance of rain this week, which may make the creek rise, so please take this info seriously—we don't want anyone to get stuck!

General Info:

- Search for **"KUYKENDALL GROUP CAMPGROUND"** in **GOOGLE MAPS**, or use **this direct link: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/vvRki7VaechZdRan8>** (other GPS apps will not direct you to the right location)
- **Registration opens at 2PM on Friday, October 3rd, 2025.** Check out is at 11AM on Sunday, October 5th at 11AM. You are welcome to come and go as you please, come for just Saturday, etc as long as you're cleaned up and off-site by **11AM on Sunday**.
- There is no dumpster on site or close by for us to use, so we will have to haul the collective trash of 100 people to the dump. *Please* help us keep the camp site clean over the weekend and **do not leave any trash behind—take it with you if necessary!**

- There is **no running water or showers** at this new campground. There is a hand pump for cold well water and compost toilets in the restrooms. (If you have a solar shower or portable toilet leftover from post Helene, now is the time to bust it out!) There is also the creek for a cold plunge if you're brave.
- **Cell service is very spotty**, (think 1 bar in some areas), so download anything you might need ahead of time (music, books, etc). If you don't have service and want to conserve your phone battery, putting your phone on airplane mode is extremely helpful. We *implore* you to put your phone away and be present in the moment in nature and with each other. Facebook can wait, we promise. Step outside your comfort zone and make a new friend - that is what this event is all about!
- Note that **sunset is at 7:10PM**. If you arrive too much later than that, be aware you'll have to set up your tent by flashlight.
- Parking is much easier at this new campground! It's a big open field and you will be able to park right next to where your tent will be—no more catching rides to the outside parking lot or lugging your gear through the woods —yay! That being said, there isn't room for 100 cars, so **please carpool if possible**.
- **DO. NOT. LITTER.** We cannot stress this enough. If you smoke, **USE. THE. ASHTRAY.** If you are seen flicking your cigarette butt on the ground, you may be asked to leave. Just *don't* do it—we're *extremely* serious about being as environmentally friendly as possible (and don't want to risk starting a fire.)
- Our schedule for the weekend is attached in the email. Activities are weather permitting and schedule is subject to change because these things never go exactly according to plan. We ask that you keep an open mind and go where the weekend takes you—Rule 62!
- There are meetings both nights, so if you have a meeting sheet that needs to be signed, please bring it!
- If you are at a sober living and need someone to speak to your house manager about an overnight pass, please feel free to give them our email address. (We've all been there.) We can't guarantee them your attendance, but we can confirm the event is taking place and give them our contact info.

What to Bring:

- There is **absolutely NO electricity**, so bring a **flashlight/headlamp/lantern!** Bring a power bank if you need to charge your phone or vape. There are no plugs to use.
- Bring a **CAMPING CHAIR** so you'll have somewhere to sit around the campfire (or you'll be sitting on the ground). Walmart has them for around \$10.
- Bring a **WATER BOTTLE!** There will be 5 gallon bottles of drinking water available, but unless you want to drink out of a Solo cup all weekend, you 'll need a water bottle. (We

will not have bottles of water this year, as we just end up throwing away half full water bottles all weekend, and there's too much single use plastic in the world as it is.)

- **Meals, coffee, and dispensed water are provided.** We will do our best to offer gluten free and vegan options, but feel free to bring your own food and/or snacks as well. Just make sure to lock any food you bring in your car overnight so we **don't attract bears**. There are public grills for use if you'd like to use them (bring charcoal!) *Note:* we don't serve hot breakfast on Sunday morning, as our only goal that day is getting a boatload of gear packed up and off site by checkout time. We will have snacks (i.e. Pop-Tarts), but if you'd like something more substantial, bring it with you (or hit up Waffle House on the way home).
- Bring **WARM CLOTHES and a sleeping bag**. The weather forecast has the high around 70° during the day and lows in the upper 40's at night. 50° might not sound that cold until you're trying to sleep in it for 8 hours. Blankets are good, but sleeping bags are *way* better at trapping in heat, *especially* if you're sleeping in a hammock. Bring warm, comfortable shoes that you don't mind getting dirty. You will be in the woods all weekend— there will be mud.
- Bring a **tent/hammock/car to sleep in**. If you sleep in your car, please keep running it to a minimum as to not flood the campsite with exhaust.
- Bring **EARPLUGS** and an eye mask to get some solid sleep. Earplugs are a must if you are a light sleeper or like to go to bed on the early side; eyemask is a must if you like to sleep in. It gets *loud* next to the campfire during late night games. Tents have zero soundproofing. You *will* hear the people in the tent next to you talking. You *will* hear people near you snoring. Bring earplugs - *trust us*.
- **Bring a poncho/umbrellas/rain boots** in case of rain (better to be safe than sorry). We will not have a picnic shelter like we did at our last campground, so if you have an EZ Up, please feel free to bring it, along with any extra tables, chairs, camping gear you have for others who might not be seasoned campers or forget something at home.
- We will have a **"Zen Den"** table with coloring books and other crafts set up. Please feel free to bring any other crafting supplies, games, or activities as well.

WNCCYPAA Mission Statement:

WNCCYPAA stands for the **Western North Carolina Committee of Young People in AA**.

Our mission is to bring young people in Asheville together, especially to bridge the gap between AA and treatment centers. We know it is imperative to have fun in recovery. "We are not a glum lot!" **Our goal is to fulfill AA's primary purpose by carrying the AA message to the alcoholic who still suffers.** We are convinced that service keeps you sober, and hope to inspire young people through meetings, events, and outreach. **Age is not a factor in YPAA!** We consider anyone willing to grow a part of our community. If you would like to get involved in our committee, we would love to have you! Please talk to a committee member at the

campout. We can give you information about our meetings and upcoming events. Let us help you get involved!

Please feel free to email us with any questions! Thank you for attending our event - we can't wait to see you!

In service,

The WNC Committee of YPAA

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