

St. Herman Orthodox Campout 2026

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Info Packet v2.0

Dear Brave Orthodox Warm Cabin Lovers and Adventuresome Campers!

Our annual Kentucky Orthodox camping trip is TWO months away! **It's time to reserve a cabin, camp site! Get your spots soon, before they fill up!**

We are going again to the serene Sheltolee Trace [Falls Creek Cabins & Campground](#) just past Corbin, KY (*1.75 hrs from St Athanasius, 2.5 hours from St. Michael, 1.5 hr from St. Anne*), and just 5 miles from the beautiful [Cumberland Falls](#).

RESERVATIONS: [Cabins](#) of all comfort levels, covered wagons, and campsites are still available. There are also activities at the camp ground and nearby, like [Zip Lining](#), [Drop Tower](#), [Rafting](#), etc. Call the campground to reserve your accommodations, or group sites for several families to share.

Here below are the details on the campsite, church services, etc, as best as can be foreseen. (*FYI, we are continuing with the fourth full weekend in Sept as our new standard annual date.*)

DATES: Friday, Sept 25th through Sunday, Sept 27th, 2026 (*though some are coming Thursday 9/24 to extend their weekend and do the Riverboat Cruise, whitewater rafting, etc., and others stay Sunday into Monday.*)

As always, you need to plan to fend for yourself; food, shelter, firewood, etc.. Note the Friday BYO fish BBQ at the Star Falls Cabin. *See weekend schedule below.*

Plan for possibly chilly evenings and warm days, and the possibility of rain.

Optional Saturday morning hike: [Dog Slaughter Falls](#) with a picnic lunch at the Falls. [Pics and map below.] It was great for swimming last year too! The hike is about 1.5 miles each way and moderately tough, but the trails are good. Fine for kids and stable adults. Walking sticks can be helpful, especially near the water. Bring shoes that can get wet.

Campsite & Cabin Reservations: *THIS YEAR CALL or USE THE WEBSITE TO RESERVE YOUR OWN SITE AND CABIN!*****

- I have only reserved two cabins so far, the luxurious Big Star Falls Lodge *for clergy* and one Super Cozy Cabin for my family.
- In the past we have also used the following camp sites and cabins:
 - Four (4) Backwoods tent sites for our group, and we can fit up to 32 people in these sites. This area is where we generally congregate for fire time, crafts, meals, and socializing. (Backwoods Primitive Sites: [Link](#))

- B8 & B7 Group Sites: 10 person sites
 - B5: 6 person site
 - B6: 6 person site
 - \$25/night/site
- [Super Cozy](#) and [Cozy Cabins](#)
- [Covered Wagons](#) (sleeps 6)
- All sites have Bathhouse privileges (hot showers/flush toilets) included though some are nearer than others, but none are terribly far away.
- Call [1-800-541-7238](tel:1-800-541-7238) (toll-free) to make new reservations. [Site Map](#).

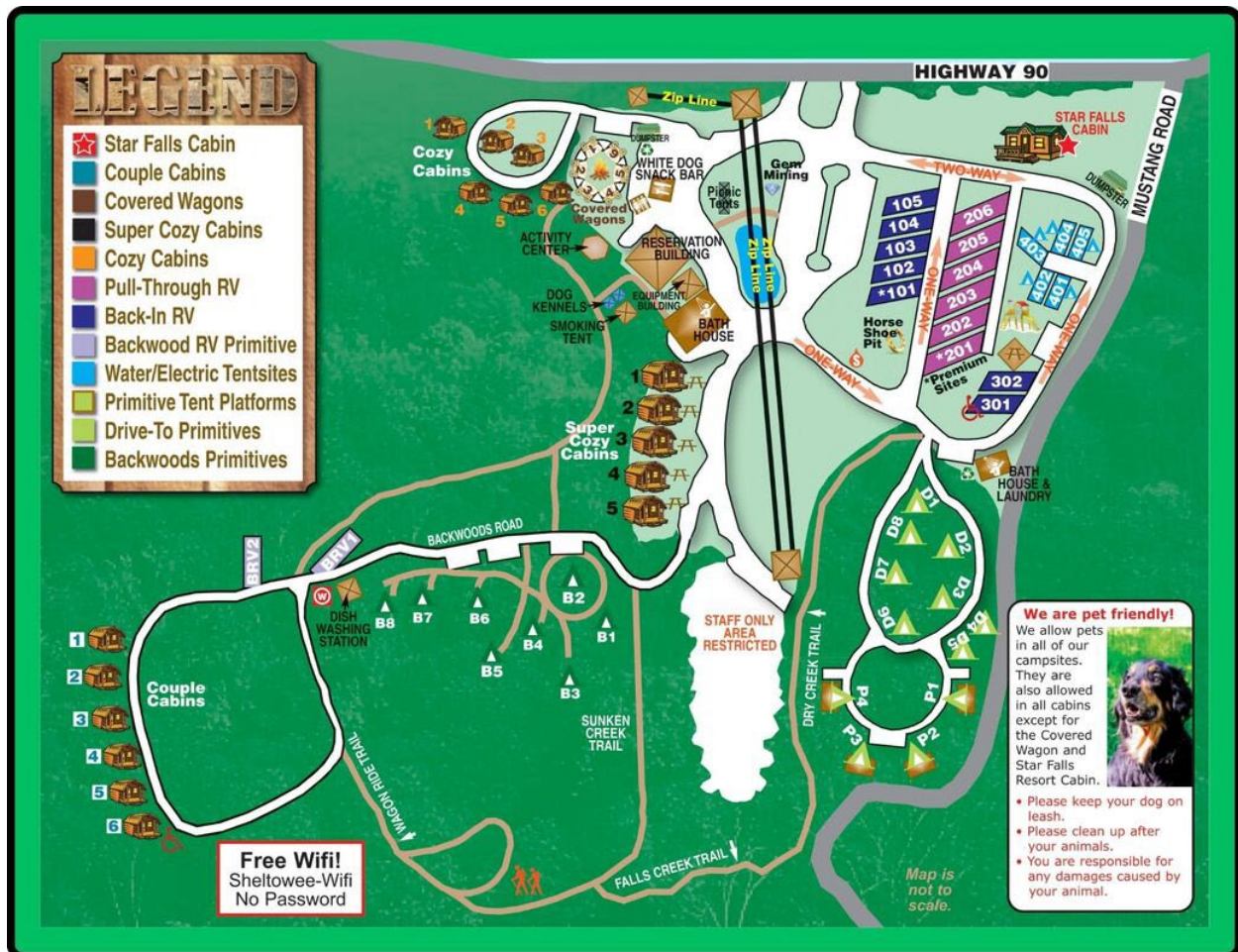
OTHER NOTABLE ITEMS:

- **DATES: Friday Sept 25th - Sunday Sept 27th**
- **Directions: *See attached PDF!***
 - Falls Creek Cabins and Campgrounds (a.k.a. Sheltowee Trace Outfitters)
1943 KY-90, Corbin, KY 40701
 - <https://goo.gl/maps/K6aQ74i16MiUMbTr8>
- **2026 SCHEDULE OF PRAYER SERVICES, BBQ, & HIKE:**
 - **Friday:**
 - **NEW** Friday BBQ & Music: Hosted by Fr. David and Mat. Karen Thatcher.
 - 6PM-7:30PM dinner and campfire
 - FASTING Fish BBQ and Music at the Star Falls Cabin
 - Bring Fish/Shrimp kabobs to grill. BYOB.
 - Bring guitars and instruments.
 - *RAIN Backup plan: secondary site at playground pavilion*
 - **Compline Prayers at 9PM** in Eddy Room
 - “The Eddy” Room is above the bathhouse. [LINK](#)
 - **Saturday:**
 - **9 AM Akathist of Thanksgiving**, “The Eddy” Room
 - 11 AM Hiking Trip (Meet at Cozy Cabin #1 to caravan cars.) (Pack lunch!)
 - **6:30 PM Vespers & Confessions**, “The Eddy” Room
 - **Sunday:**
 - **8 AM Divine Liturgy**
 - (Location: “The Eddy” Room above the bathhouse.)
 - CHECK OUT 11AM - 1 PM
- ❖ We need a choir director please!!! Contact Fr. Justin Patterson and/or Josh Lourie if you can volunteer for this.
- ❖ ***DONATIONS: Please consider a donation to cover the clergy cabin, and Eddy Room, about \$1000. Cash, check, or Venmo (@Joshua-Lourie) can be paid to Josh Lourie.***

- **Weather** could be chilly or scorching but is generally a little cooler than Lexington. Usually, warm enough to wade and play in the river during the day and chilly/cool at night and perfect for a fire. ([Weather Link](#)) Long-range weather forecast [here](#).
- **Food:** My family usually takes pre-packed homemade cookables and cook at our campsite for Friday dinner, Saturday's three meals (one picnic meal for the hike), and lunch/breakfast on Sunday.
 - **Groceries, if you don't bring enough**, are available with a short drive 15 minutes Southeast to Williamsburg, and they have lots to choose from, or 20 minutes Northeast to Corbin.
- **Sleeping:** Can be chilly sometimes so tent sleepers and rustic cabin sleepers should bring a sleeping pad, warm sleeping bag and blankets, and warm socks. Hammocks can work well if you are prepared. Cozy Cabins and other cabins have bedding, heaters, mini refrigerator, etc.
- **Supplies:**
 - The campground has a nice store with lots of amenities, souvenirs, and playthings.
 - Nearby Williamsburg has a Tractor Supply and Wal-Mart.
 - Corbin has Badwoods Outdoors, Kentucky Outdoorsman, and C&E Outdoors.
- **Bicycles:**
 - Many kids love bringing them to ride around the great roads and trails through the woods and around the campground at large.
- **Checking-In at the lodge when you arrive:**
 - I recommend that you come early and even pay the \$5-10 Early Check-In Fee. Setting everything up in the daylight is a big help and I always feel like I get an extra whole day of vacation out of just arriving a few hours early and getting to relax Friday evening. (*SUNSET will be 7:42PM, Eastern Time*)
 - Early check in Fee
 - 1-3 PM: \$5/site or cabin
 - Before 1 PM: \$10/site or cabin
 - Late checkout fee- \$5/site or cabin, 11-1PM (*The campground is generally very understanding and forgiving with late checkout if no one is checking in to that same cabin/site that day.*)
- **Questions, Dreams, Concerns, Hallucinations:**
 - **READ THE CAMPGROUND [WEBSITE!!!](#)**
 - Let Josh Lourie know if you have any questions. (859-227-3851 cell)
 - Invite other churches, other friends, etc. The more the merrier!

Site Map:

THIS MAP IS DIFFERENT FROM LAST YEAR. THEY ARE GROWING!



Saturday Hike UPDATE: Dog Slaughter Falls, 11 AM caravan

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO HIKE TO DOG SLAUGHTER FALLS THIS YEAR AS OUR SATURDAY MORNING CARAVAN AND HIKE DESTINATION.

This hike should be a little easier than the Eagle Falls trail, closer to our campground (only 3.4mi from our campground to the parking location closest to the falls), and a little bit longer of a hike (1.5 miles in or 3 miles round trip).

Wear shoes that can get wet and pack a lunch and bathing suit!

See attached pics for driving/hiking maps and pics/vids of the falls.



Dog Slaughter Falls, September 2025



Dog Slaughter Falls, September 2024



Eagle Falls Trail September 2023



Eagle Falls Trail September 2022



Eagle Falls Trail September 2021



Eagle Falls Trail October 2020



Cheers!