



Night Without A Bed 2025

FAQ and Registration Information

Event: 6pm October 17th – 18th, 2025

Why Participate?

- You will learn first-hand about the struggles facing families experiencing homelessness by spending the night without the comforts of home, sleeping without a bed, and bonding with other participants in a shared experience.
- The funds you raise personally will go towards Family Promise Winchester Area programs such as eviction prevention, financial counseling, transportation, and stabilization of our families.

Where will the event take place? In the parking lot and outside area of Winchester Church of God located at 2080 N. Frederick Pike, Winchester, VA 22603.

How do I sign up?

- Initial registration should be done online at <https://forms.gle/DPjg1yENeguteMAe6>
 - This initial registration is only for the purpose of an initial headcount. The attached registration form must also be completed.
- All participants **MUST** return a signed registration form either directly to our office at 131 S. Cameron St., Winchester, VA 22601, or via email to info@familypromisensv.org

How much money do I need to raise?

- There is no minimum amount participants need to raise. Every donation we receive goes directly to the Family Promise program and will provide vital resources and case management to families experiencing homelessness.
- Adult chaperones are not required to raise funds, but are encouraged to do so.

Can I donate to the event if I cannot participate? Yes! While sleeping without a bed and the comforts of home can provide a valuable lesson in empathy, we understand that you may not be able to do so. You may still participate as a “Virtual Resident” (raise funds but sleep at home). Virtual Residents are warmly welcome to attend the evening program at Night Without A Bed.

Is it safe for me to send my children? Do I need a Chaperone? We require a minimum of **one adult chaperone for every TEN participants under the age of 18 years** (whether or not the child intends to spend the night). Additionally, we have volunteers to serve as security staff during all hours of the event.



Where will I sleep for the night?

Participants will sleep without a bed, but what that will look like depends on the participant. Participants usually sleep in tents, or potentially in their vehicles. Whatever the decision of the participant, they must supply their own tent or vehicle to sleep in.

What can I bring to the event?

- Regardless if you are staying the whole night, remain mindful of the decisions a homeless person has to make, and please limit yourself to the following items: tent, bedding or sleeping bag, pad, pillow, warm clothes, snacks, and any essential items such as medications, cell phones, and toiletries.
- The following items are **not allowed**: Alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, beverages in glass bottles, weapons of any kind.

How do youth groups or student organizations register? Groups are encouraged to set a collective fundraising goal. The individual and group that raise the most collectively will be recognized at the event!

Is this a youth event only? Absolutely not! People of all ages participate in Night Without A Bed.

How can I fundraise for the event? To fundraise you may:

- Donate funds
- Collect pledges from friends and neighbors
- Organize your own fundraising event such as a car wash or bake sale

How do I submit funds? Funds can be hand delivered or mailed to our office at 131 S. Cameron St., Winchester, VA 22601. Funds may also be donated online using the following QR code (please note, Family Promise Winchester Area is in the process of changing its name from Family Promise Northern Shenandoah Valley. The online form still reflects our prior name).





Schedule for Night Without A Bed

6:00 pm Registration and Check-in, tent set-up if applicable

7:00 pm Dinner will be served

8:00 pm Activities and games

10:00 pm – 11:00 pm “Virtual Residents” who are not spending the night must leave by 11:00 pm

10:00 pm – 6:00 am Quiet Hours

6:00 am – 7:30 am Break down and clean-up site



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Participant Information:

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Group Affiliation if any (i.e. youth group) _____

Chaperone Information

I will be accompanied by a Chaperone: **Yes/No** (circle one) (Must be over 18 to be unaccompanied)

One Chaperone is permitted for up to 10 participants. If YES, provide name of Chaperone and contact information below.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Family Promise Winchester Area cannot be responsible for lost or stolen items that you bring to the event.

The following items are **NOT ALLOWED**: Alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, beverages in glass bottles, weapons of any kind. Should any participant be a disruption the participant will be asked to leave the event and be picked up by a parent.

Signature of Attendee

Date

Signature of Parent (if attendee is a minor)

Date

This information WILL NOT be shared with others

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