



Feast of **Tabernacles**

2026

Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

Once again (not since 2021), Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, will host the Feast of Tabernacles with the stunning beauty of fall in the Appalachian Mountains. The area offers many restaurants, coffee shops, microbreweries, shops and activities for all ages.

Explore rivers and mountains by horseback, hike a scenic trail, enjoy a picnic by the lake while you fish or paddle the serene waters of Lake Junaluska in a canoe or kayak. The more adventurous may try an afternoon of whitewater rafting or ziplining!

Most importantly, come to soak in the many beautiful views and peaceful surroundings to bring you back to the meaning of the Feast of Tabernacles every day.

Activities

A possible scenic mountain train excursion, a family dance and family and teen activities (among others) will be posted online as details become available.

Daily temperature

In late September, the average daily high is 75 degrees with a low of 52.

Parking

Several shuttle golf carts will be running between the parking lot and the building entrance. This should alleviate the issues with walking up and down the hill.

Dining and shopping

There are many restaurants in nearby Waynesville (about a five-minute drive), in Maggie Valley (10 minutes) and Asheville (30 minutes) with shopping throughout the area.

Recreation

On the campus, enjoy picturesque 200-acre Lake Junaluska (fishing requires a North Carolina license). There are canoe rentals, a 3.8-mile lakeside walking trail, a fitness center, volleyball, basketball, tennis, mini-golf, a children's playground, an 18-hole golf course, a gift/coffee shop and more. Nearby Asheville, North Carolina, is a lovely city with some of the best restaurants in the South. Attractions include the famous Biltmore Estate, Asheville Botanical Gardens, Tweetsie theme park and much more.

Note: Small crosses are on Lake Junaluska's informational signs and there is a large cross at the far end of the lake. However, there are no crosses in the hall where services will be held.

Ordering Meals in Advance

For those who want to eat at some of the restaurants on site, those meals must be ordered in advance, whether you are staying on site or elsewhere. The revenue from those meals directly contributes to the reduction of expenses the United Church of God incurs for using Lake Junaluska meeting space. Attendees not staying at a hotel on site can also order meals.

Here is the link to order meals:

[United Church of God Pre-order Meals](#)

For each day and meal they would like, they can click on a selection, choose the number of people (adults, youth, children), then click on the day of the week, then the time (most options only have one time, but it has to be chosen. T

Meals can also be ordered by calling (800) 222-4930

All meals must be ordered three weeks in advance and can be canceled 14 days in advance for a full refund.

If you have questions or need help, call (970) 484-5878.

Lake Junaluska Conference & Retreat Center

(800) 222-4930 toll-free

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For hotel and meal option reservations, click on this link:

[Reservations - Lake Junaluska Conference & Retreat Center](#)

- \$109 Junaluska Apartments (no kitchen, but kitchenette in most apts), 1-2 people
- \$99 Hillside Lodge motel room, 2 people
- \$179 Terrace Hotel

Taxes: The hotel/motel tax is 11 percent. The state sales tax is 7 percent.