

Winter Sanctuary

November 21 – March 31, 2017

Eligibility: Open to any adult over 18 year of age.

Screening: Guest are asked to follow reasonable rules: no weapons, no drug/alcohol use while in the program. Guests that appear too intoxicated/high, belligerent or generally unable to cope in a closed environment may be turned away and asked to return the following day. No animals.

Intake: 3:30PM each day, intake begins. Guests are encouraged to line up at 2:30PM as new program openings are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Intake locations are currently held at these locations: **1400 North "C" Street** or **3671 5th Avenue** in Oak Park (Oak Park site 18-24yrs only).

Belongings: At intake, guests are provided with a clean sleeping bag and minimal storage place for their belongings. Guests are only able to take their sleeping gear and a single bag with them to the host site each night due to space limitations. Storage is limited so we may not be able to guarantee space for excessive carts and belongings. Shuttle buses pick up by 4:30PM and guests bus to the host site.

Host Sites: Buses arrive at host sights between 5:00-5:30PM. Guests are welcomed into the facility and encouraged to locate a sleeping location and settle their belongings. Dinner is served shortly after arrival. After dinner, the evening varies depending on the host congregation. Lights out at 9:00PM and Winter Sanctuary staff maintain an awake overnight shift to ensure everyone's comfort and safety. At 5:00AM, guests begin to wake for coffee and breakfast.

At 6:00AM, the shuttle buses arrive and guests pack up and load onto the buses to return to their respective intake sites about 7:00AM. Prior night participation guarantees their spot for the next night.

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