

# ADVENTURE DAY!

## AT WINTERFEST



We are so excited to see your family at Winterfest this Saturday! Please read below for all the information you will need for Adventure Day. We tried to think of everything but if there is a question you still have after reading the information below please don't hesitate to ask!

The Central Carolinas Team

### WHAT TIME SHOULD WE ARRIVE ON SATURDAY?

This Adventure begins at 3pm on Saturday afternoon! A Kid Again families will have exclusive access to select rides, visits with Santa, Crafts, North Pole Post Office and Ice Skating until 5pm! If you have family or friends meeting you at the park they cannot enter Winterfest until the park opens at 5pm.

**REGISTRATION CLOSSES AT 5:30 PM**



# PARKING AND PARKING PASS

Parking is free for all A Kid Again families on Adventure Day. Please proceed to the main gate to enter the Carowinds parking lot. You may park anywhere in the main lot.

Here is the address:  
14523 Carowinds Blvd.  
Charlotte, NC 28273

**You will receive your parking pass digitally via email in the next couple of days!  
You can show it on your phone at the parking gate.**

## SHOULD WE WEAR OUR SHIRTS?

If your family has an A Kid Again t-shirt we would love for you to wear it to Winterfest on Saturday!

Wearing your shirt will help the Carowinds staff identify your family as you move through the registration process and throughout Carowinds.

We recognize that the weather may not be "t-shirt" weather this Saturday so please feel free to wear jackets, sweatshirts, and even your A Kid Again beanie if you have one to the Adventure!

We will not be handing out shirts at this Adventure. Moving forward shirts will be available at our Birthday Bash Adventure in the spring. Shirts can also be purchased online by clicking here:

<https://akidagain.org/donate/shop-with-a-purpose/smileshop/>



## WHAT ABOUT THE WEATHER?

This Adventure will happen rain or shine on Saturday! We will closely monitor the weather and provide updates on our social media channels throughout the week!

# HOW DO WE RECEIVE OUR TICKETS?



This year at Winterfest we will be using digital tickets for the first time! You should receive your tickets directly from Carowinds this Thursday or Friday. Your ticket is your parking pass and admission to the park this Saturday.

Even though you are receiving your ticket digitally we are asking you to stop by the check in tables on your way into the park for this Adventure! We will quickly ask for your enrolled child's name, mark that you are in attendance, and give your family their cups for free refills on fountain drinks at the park that evening.

After checking in at the A Kid Again tables, please proceed through the ticket booths and enjoy the exclusive A Kid Again Winterfest hours! Select rides, visits with Santa, ice skating (weather permitting), Sally's Christmas Crafts, and the North Pole Post office will be open for families to enjoy. Join us at 5pm in the Picnic Grove for dinner.

If family and friends are meeting up with you at this Adventure they will not be allowed to enter the park until 5:00 pm and must have a ticket purchased through the Carowinds website or onsite at Carowinds. Please note dinner and the Picnic Grove are for enrolled family members only.

**PLEASE NOTE- UPON ARRIVAL THE SECURITY CHECKPOINT IS NOW LOCATED IMMEDIATELY ACROSS THE BRIDGE FROM THE PARKING LOT. THE A KID AGAIN CHECK IN TABLES WILL BE LOCATED DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF YOU AFTER EXITING SECURITY.**

## PLAN YOUR DAY

To take the guess work out of which rides are accessible for your child/family during the Adventure, make plans to stop by Harmony Hall Patio until 4:30pm to speak with a Carowinds associate. After 4:30 pm, you can go to Guest Services for "Plan your Day".

They will help you know which rides to ride and which ones to skip! You will also receive a virtual line queue pass that will allow you to skip the line and go directly to the ride entrance. You will either be able to gain immediate access to the ride or receive a virtual queue pass that allows you to come back at a certain time to ride.

Please note that this is **NOT** a fast pass and wait times will vary.

# FOOD AND DRINK AT WINTERFEST



Each person will receive an A Kid Again cup that can be used for free refills on fountain drinks throughout the Carowinds on Saturday. *You will receive your cup once your family checks in on Saturday.*

If you run into any issues while trying to refill your drink at one of the drink stations or restaurants, please find a Carowinds supervisor for assistance.

## DINNER IN THE PICNIC GROVE 5PM-7PM

Dinner will be served starting at 5pm and ending at 7pm in the Picnic Grove for all A Kid Again families! Please make sure you are wearing your sticker as you enter the Picnic Grove for dinner. You may come anytime between 5pm and 7pm for dinner!

Here is our menu for the evening:

- Chicken Tenders
- Mini Corn Dogs
- Mac & Cheese
- Sweet Kernel Corn
- Potato Chips
- Fruit Salad
- GF Individual Cheese Pizzas (there is a station in the back of the Magnolia Pavillion for gluten free requests)

***If you have any specific dietary needs outside of gluten free requests, please feel free to bring food for your family on Adventure Day!***



## MRS. CLAUS' COOKIES

After dinner in the Picnic Grove, Mrs. Claus' cookies will be set up at one of the pavilions. Please be sure to stop by and decorate a special cookie! If your child is unable to eat the cookie and would still like to decorate one please stop by and decorate a cookie!

# IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE WE NEED TO KNOW?

- **Social Media:** Help us share the fun and smiles you are having while enjoying Winterfest by using #CCWINTERFEST on your social media pages!
- **New Tradition Alert!** We can't wait to welcome our families who will be joining us for their 1st Adventure on Saturday! At registration if it is someone's first Adventure you may hear a cowbell celebrating and welcoming them to A Kid Again! **When you hear a cowbell, we hope that you will help us welcome them by cheering and clapping along to celebrate their first Adventure with A Kid Again!**
- **Strollers/Wheelchairs:** Strollers and wheelchairs will be permitted inside the park. Strollers and wheelchairs will be available from Carowinds, where supply allows. We strongly encourage you to bring your own stroller/wheelchair to ensure that the Carowinds supply does not run out.
- **Backpacks/Bags:** Carowinds is allowing our families to bring backpacks and bags with medical supplies into the park. All bags are subject to search and security procedures. If you have specific dietary restrictions that will cause you to need to bring food into the park you are permitted to do so.
- **Restrooms:** Restrooms are available throughout the park. Please refer to the map/park app for locations. It may also be helpful to familiarize yourself with the restrooms in your area. There are not adult changing tables in the restrooms. However, Carowinds will have a private room with a curtain in the Picnic Grove that will only be accessible to our families for any changing/medical needs.
- **Storage/Lockers:** Available at multiple locations – at own cost. Unfortunately, A Kid Again will not be able to store any items or valuables for families/guests.
- **Cystic Fibrosis (CF) Families:** To accommodate your needs for distancing, we have included two additional items with your Adventure packet. You will receive a CF warrior button for your family to wear. You will also receive purple disposable masks for your family members. Please feel free to wear to protect yourselves and be on the lookout for other CF families wearing the same.
- **A Kid Again Staff Onsite:** A Kid Again staff will be on site until 8:00pm on Adventure day. If you need anything we are in navy blue polos with the A Kid Again logo.



**WE WILL SEE YOU SATURDAY AT 3PM!**

# ADVENTURE DAY SCHEDULE

PLEASE STAY FOR AS MUCH OR AS LITTLE OF THE ADVENTURE AS YOU NEED TO ON SATURDAY!  
HERE IS OUR SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY!

**3pm-5:30pm:** Registration is open!

**3pm-5pm:** Private access for A Kid Again families to select rides, visits with Santa, Christmas Crafts, Ice Skating, and the Post Office!

**5:30pm:** Tree lighting at main stage by our Winterfest Souvenir Cup Contest Winner, Alaina!

**5pm-7pm:** Dinner, Community Corner, and Cookies with Mrs. Claus in the Picnic Grove

**9:00 pm:** Winterfest Parade begins!

