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# WELCOME TO Y CAMP!

Welcome to the YMCA Camp Horsethief Reservoir Family. Thank you for choosing to join us for a family camp experience this year! Every year, our staff work hard to provide a safe, caring, and fun experience for all our families. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to make this a great summer for you and your family.

This packet is your guide to prepare for your camp experience. From what your family needs to be comfortable during their stay, to activities you can try; all the pertinent information is contained in the following pages. Take a few moments to read this guide and get your family ready for a vacation unlike any other!

Y Camp is a place of magic and wonder where your family will build new friendships, experience new activities, learn new skills, play, laugh, live the values of Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility, and relax as our staff provide a carefree vacation.

Thank you again for choosing Y Camp: Horsethief Reservoir for your family vacation this season! We look forward to your visit!

## DIRECTIONS TO Y CAMP

Camp's Address: 301 Horsethief Rd, Cascade, ID 83611

**From Boise: Do not rely on GPS directions to camp (Google or Apple Maps)**

Take highway 55 North to Cascade

Once you've passed through Cascade, turn right onto Warm Lake Road

Proceed 6 miles, then turn right onto Horsethief Road

Proceed 3 miles down to the west side of the reservoir (do not turn off the main road)

Our property is located at the south end of the reservoir; you will enter it shortly after the spillway

**In this guide, you will find information on:**

- Directions to Y Camp
- Accommodations
- Camp Guidelines
- Payment/Cancellation Information
- Meal Information
- Activity Information
- Communication Information
- Financial Aid

## ACCOMMODATIONS

Whether you have reserved a cabin, platform tent, yurt, or tent site, we want you to be prepared for what those accommodations will provide you for your stay. Regardless of your reservation type, the space is yours to fill up to its capacity, and we will not pair families together unless requested.

### CABINS

Our cabins sleep up to 14 people in bunk beds. Bathrooms, including 2 shower stalls with adjoining changing area, two enclosed toilets, and double vanity sinks are in each cabin. There is electricity and heat in our cabins, and the floors are carpeted. With the exception of small cubbies, there is no storage (bureaus, etc.). Cabins are in villages of 5 with a common area including a fire pit between them. Families reserving more than one cabin will be housed in the same village.

### YURTS

Our yurts sleep up to 12 people in bunk beds. There is electricity and heat but no bathroom facilities inside the yurt. Those staying in yurts must use the shower house located nearby for their bathroom needs. The yurts are in a village of 4 with a common area that includes a fire ring.

### PLATFORM TENTS

Consisting of a wooden platform base with wooden frame and a canvas shell, these rustic tents sleep up to 10 in bunk beds and are located near the shower house.

### PITCH YOUR OWN TENT

Our tent sites are very primitive, grassy, shaded areas with no water or electricity. Nearby picnic tables and fire rings are available for use. You may pitch up to two tents and house up to 8 people per site.

Remember that your accommodation reservation is just that, a reservation for the space you will be staying in, you still need to be certain every individual who will be part of your group is registered for their meals and activities.

## OTHER THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT Y CAMP ACCOMMODATIONS

- All YMCA facilities are smoke-free - this includes all of camp property.
- We request that cabins and yurts be cleaned upon departure - this is a basic cleaning and guidelines are provided.
- We request that food not be consumed inside cabins or yurts.
- There are no appliances in cabins or yurts. If refrigerator space is needed for medical or health purposes, please contact Camp Director.
- Food preparation is not allowed in Y camp accommodations, with personal grills, or in camp fire rings.
- All vehicles will be required to park near the main lodge after unloading.
- The party whose name is listed for each reservation will be responsible for any damage to that living unit/area.



## CAMP GUIDELINES

- Children (anyone under the age of 18) are the responsibility of their parent or guardian at all times. Children under the age of 1 to 2 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- Fires are only allowed in designated fire pits and firewood is provided.
- Pets are not allowed at Y Camp. Canine assistance is allowed with proper documentation. In this case please notify us ahead of time.
- Motorized vehicles are restricted to identified roads and may only be used when entering or leaving camp, no personal motorized vehicles may be used to travel between locations on camp.
- Personal vehicles may only be used to enter and exit Y Camp property – they are prohibited from use as transportation within camp property.
- Weapons of any kind are prohibited.
- Alcohol and illegal drugs are not permitted.
- Smoking is not permitted anywhere on YMCA property.
- Failure to comply with guidelines and policies will carry penalties that may include fines, dismissal from camp or prosecution.

## PAYMENTS

Final payment is due two weeks prior to your session. Scheduled payments may be made online. If payment is not received, your registration will be cancelled and your payments forfeited. If you have extenuating circumstances or if you would like to apply for financial assistance, please contact the Camp Registrar at 208.344.5502 x250

## CANCELLATIONS

Full refunds minus the deposit can be issued for cancellations made in writing at least two weeks prior to the session beginning. No refund will be issued for cancellations made 13 days or less prior to the session beginning.

## LOST AND FOUND

The YMCA is not responsible for lost or stolen items. It is a good idea to at least label your valuable items or not bring them at all. Prudent attempts will be made to reunite forgotten, labeled items with their owners after your visit but, due to limited space, all unclaimed lost and found items will be donated 2 weeks after the end of the camp session. If you are looking for a lost item, be sure to contact the Camp Registrar at 208.344.5502 x250 no later than 2 weeks after your visit.

## CAMP STORE

Our camp store includes a variety of camp shirts, hats, and other items available for purchase. Cash, check, or credit card payments are accepted.



## CHECK IN

- Check-in is between 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM on the first day of your camp session. If you expect to be late, please notify us in advance, or as soon as you can.
- You may check in at the lodge where you will be given directions to your lodging assignment, camp guidelines, a schedule, and a map of camp.
- All vehicles will be allowed to drive to their living unit/area to unpack.
- Once settled, all vehicles must be moved to lodge parking area.
- Dinner will be served the first night between 6–7 PM.– If you will be arriving late, please have dinner on your way to camp.
- There will be an opening/welcome campfire at after dinner.



## CHECK OUT

Because family camp is open for folks to come and go as they please, the check-out process is very informal. We simply ask that you do the following before you depart:

- Clean your living unit/area. Specific cleaning procedures will be provided but primarily we wish for you to be certain you have all your belongings, put all trash in a proper container, sweep or vacuum cabins and yurts, and return any items you checked out for use.
- You must depart camp by 12PM.
- Say goodbye! Although we don't need to check you out formally, we do like to know when folks are leaving and to wish you well! Plus it helps us know when we can get our team in to sanitize for the next group.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

Participants are responsible for their own medications, first aid, health management, and transportation to emergency facilities, if necessary, while at Y camp. There is no medical staff on duty during family camp, although all staff are trained in First Aid and CPR. Please notify a staff person if you have a medical concern, incident, or close call, while at camp.

There is a full service, 24-hour emergency medical clinic in Cascade (approximately 20 minutes from camp) where we refer medical emergencies.

## MEALS

Meals are served cafeteria style at camp and last for one hour. We provide appropriate portions of a variety of healthy, family-friendly foods. Fruit is always available, and our beverage area is open in between meals.

Vegetarian options are offered with every meal and soy milk is provided. Dietary restrictions/allergies are taken very seriously and are accommodated. Please contact us prior to your camp session to discuss any specific dietary concerns you may have by emailing [campkitchen@ymcatvidaho.org](mailto:campkitchen@ymcatvidaho.org).

Personal food items and non-alcoholic beverages may be stored either in our dining hall or in the bear boxes located near your accommodation. We ask that you do not store or consume food in your accommodation so that we can continue to avoid unwanted visits from rodents, ants and other pests. Ice is available if needed.

We are a nut-free facility. Please do not bring any food or drinks that contain nuts of any kind to camp



## ACTIVITY INFORMATION

The daily schedule includes breakfast from 8-9 AM, lunch from 12:30-1:30 PM, and dinner from 5:30-6:30 PM. Two activity periods are offered from 9:15 AM-12:15 PM and 2:30-5:30 PM.

During each of the daytime activity periods, selected areas will be staffed by our camp counselors for you and your family to try. Please note that some activities do have age and/or weight requirements. All activities offered include the required equipment, you do not need to bring anything to participate. Some activities are "self-guided" and may be done at any time.

## STAFF-GUIDED ACTIVITIES

**ROCK CLIMBING:** on our climbing tower

**ARCHERY:** under age 7 with parental assistance only

**SWIMMING:** PFDs must be worn at all times by children and adults swimming or standing on the dock. Camp provides PFDs for all campers in attendance

**CANOEING:** 10 or older or with an adult in the canoe and a properly fitted PFD

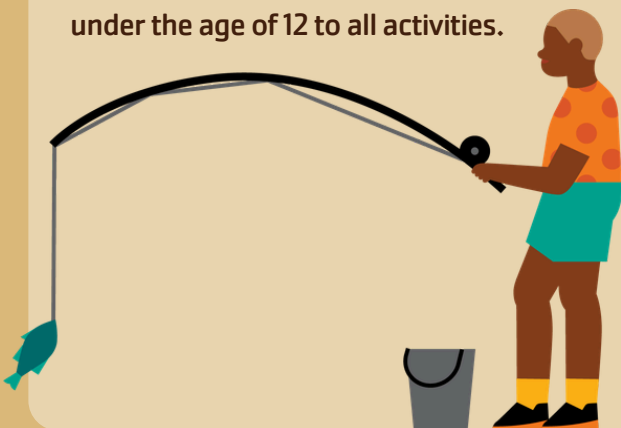
**KAYAKING:** 12 or older or with an adult in the kayak and properly fitted PFD

**PADDLE BOARDS:** properly fitted PFD required

**ARTS & CRAFTS:** specific craft projects will be offered and simple coloring or painting is always an option

**ZIP LINE:** (65 lbs. and up) participants are asked to assist with operation to help expedite the process

You can visit one activity each period, several during one period, or just sit on the beach and relax, it's all up to you! Parents must accompany any children under the age of 12 to all activities.



## SELF-GUIDED ACTIVITIES

These activities are open for use at any time.

Equipment is readily available.

**FISHING:** you are welcome to bring your own rods and reels. Fishing is only allowed from the shore-line unless the waterfront is open, and then only the fishing dock may be used - swim area docks may not be used for fishing. You must have a valid Idaho Fishing License.

**COURT SPORTS:** basketball, pickleball, gaga

**FRISBEE GOLF:** a 9-hole course weaves through trees and other fun challenges

**FIELD SPORTS:** soccer, lacrosse, wiffle ball, croquet, bocce ball

**OTHER GAMES:** Corn hole, and other games are located in the villages for use as desired

**BOARD GAMES & BOOKS:** we have a variety of games and great kids books that can be checked out or used in the dining hall for some relaxing family fun



## EVENING ACTIVITIES

Each evening of family camp will have its own special flair, but campfires will be a part of all three. Our first night includes an opening campfire with a show put on by our fabulous camp counselors. The second night we will have campfires in the villages and our counselors will once again play host to help make some delicious s'mores! On your final night with us, we welcome everyone to participate in our traditional closing campfire ceremony. This event is treasured by our campers and staff and solidifies your place in the Y Camp family.

## WHAT TO PACK

See packing list for details. Average daytime highs are 75–95 degrees, while evening lows can be as low as 35 degrees. Please be certain you have warm clothing. Long sleeves and pants are recommended for evenings at camp, as they help protect against the cold as well as insect bites. Remember that you will be spending most of the day outdoors, and you will get dirty.

Camp provides all the equipment needed for fun and a great time. We also check it regularly for safety and quality. Please leave your personal sports equipment at home. (Example: Archery bows, climbing harness, etc.)

You are encouraged to bring your own mountain bike. Please bring a helmet and lock!

### NOT ALLOWED AT CAMP

Alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, firearms, ATVs, and pets

### UNPLUGGED AT CAMP

Camp is a great time to unplug and reconnect with the family in the outdoors.

We ask that you try your best to promote this ethic at camp. We realize that stepping away from electronics is not always possible, though. For your convenience, there is Wi-Fi in The Lodge, and it is open early and late so you can grab a cup of coffee and get necessary communications done. Then you can put the electronics away and enjoy camp!

Cell service is unreliable at camp. In case of an emergency, you can use the Associate Executive Director's cell number at 510.673.6326, or you may try the registrar during business hours at 208.344.5502 x 250. The camp office is not always staffed, but messages are checked regularly, and we will deliver the message as soon as possible.

### STAY UP TO DATE

Keep up to date on photos, information, and other Y Camp events. Like us on Facebook or follow us on Instagram @ycampidaho.

In the event of an emergency, we will use Facebook as a way to communicate to parents immediately, and follow up with an email.

### WHO DO I CONTACT?

For questions about the program or the schedule contact:

**DANIEL ALPERS** | Associate Executive Director,  
daniel.alpers@ymcatvidaho.org

**NICOLE PRATT** | Program Director  
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For questions about registration,  
payments and booking contact:

**AMY HINES** | Camp Registrar  
camp.registrar@ymcatvidaho.org

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P.O. BOX 87, Cascade, ID 83611

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