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Family Camp Guide

YMCA CAMP AT HORSETHIEF RESERVOIR

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In here you will find information on:

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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 summer! 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 care free vacation.

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

DIRECTIONS TO Y CAMP

From Boise:

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*



Y CAMP AT HORSETHIEF RESERVOIR

301 Horsethief Rd

P.O Box 87

Cascade, ID 83611

(208) 344-5502

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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 it's 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 (refrigeration or cooking) in cabins or yurts
- Food preparation is not allowed in Y camp accommodations, with personal grills, or in camp fire rings
- Specific cabin, yurt, platform tent, or tent site requests may be accommodated with advance notice, but cannot be guaranteed
- Linens are towels are provided up request at \$7.50 (pillow, sheets, and a blanket), \$1.75 (2 towels = 1 small & 1 large)
- 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 while children under the age of 12 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 YMCA Camp: Horsethief Reservoir - canine assistance is allowed with proper documentation
- 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 344-5502 x250.

CANCELLATIONS

Full refunds minus the deposit will only be issued for cancellations made in writing at least 14 days prior to camp. No refund will be issued for cancellations made 13 days or less prior to camp.



LOST AND FOUND

The YMCA is not responsible for lost or stolen items. It is a good idea to label at least your valuable items. 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 to charity 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 344-5502 x250 no later than 2 weeks after your visit.

CAMP STORE

Our camp store includes simple personal items such as toothbrushes, tooth paste, insect repellent, and batteries. We also have 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 4:30pm and 6:00 pm on the first day of your camp session - if you expect to be late please notify us in advance
- You may check in at the cabin road entrance where you will be given 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 from 6:15 pm - 7:15 pm on check in day - please have dinner on your way to camp if you will be arriving late.
- There will be an opening/welcome campfire at 8pm on check in day

CHECK OUT

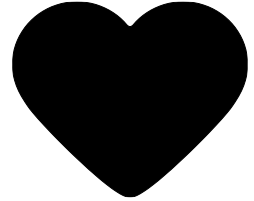
Because family camp is open for folks to come and go as they please, the check out process is very informal. We simply ask that you do the following before you depart:

- 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 1pm on the last day of your session
- 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!

HEALTH AND SAFETY

You are responsible for your own medications and health management while at Y camp. There is no medical staff on duty during family camp but our staff are trained in CPR and basic first aid. Please notify a staff person if you have a medical concern while at camp and we will assist as we are able.

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

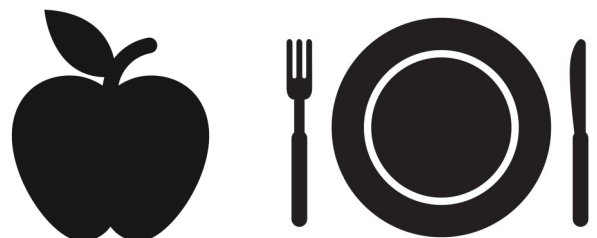


MEALS

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 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.

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.



ACTIVITY INFORMATION

The daily schedule includes breakfast from 8-9, lunch from 12:30-1:30, and dinner from 5:30-6:30. Two activity periods are offered from 10am-12pm and 2-4 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 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 one of a kind climbing tower

Archery - under age 7 with parental assistance only

BB Riflery - under age 7 with parental assistance only

Swimming - anyone under the age of 18 must pass a swim test in order to participate w/out a PFD. PFD's available at all times

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 (11 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 shoreline 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, street hockey and more

Frisbee Golf - a 9 hole course weaves through trees and other fun challenges

Field Sports - soccer, lacrosse, wiffle ball, croquet, bocce ball

Other Games - Cornhole, GAGA, and other games are located in the villages for use as desired

Board Games and Books - we have a variety of games and great kids books that can be checked out or used at the dining hall for some relaxing family fun



EVENING ACTIVITIES

Each evening of family camp will have its own special flair, but camp fires will be a part of all three. Our first night includes opening campfire with a show put on by our fabulous camp counselors. The second night we will have camp fires 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

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.

Not Allowed at Camp

Alcohol, Tobacco, or Illegal Drugs, Firearms, AT-V's, Pets

COMMUNICATION

Cell service is unreliable at camp. In case of an emergency, you can use the camp office phone (208) 389-2267 or you may try the registrar during business hours at 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.

Internet is available if needed.

STAY UP TO DATE

Keep up to date on photos, information, and other Y Camp events. Like us on Facebook.

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

www.facebook.com/ycampidaho



WHO DO I CONTACT?

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Financial Assistance

WELCOME TO ALL

THE ESSENCE OF THE Y

With a commitment to nurturing the potential of kids, promoting healthy living and fostering a sense of social responsibility, the Treasure Valley Family YMCA ensures that every individual has access to the essentials needed to learn, grow and thrive.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

The YMCA welcomes all who wish to participate and believes that no one should be denied access because of an inability to pay. Through our Financial Assistance Program, the Y provides assistance to youth, adults, and families based on individual needs and circumstances.

COMMITTED TO OUR COMMUNITY

Determining assistance amounts is handled by all Y branches in a fair and consistent manner. Every Y member receives the same membership benefits, regardless of whether or not they receive assistance. Y members can feel confident knowing they are a part of an organization that cares greatly for the well-being of all people. We're committed to youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility.

Financial Assistance reduces membership fees on a sliding scale; it does not eliminate them. All members pay something.

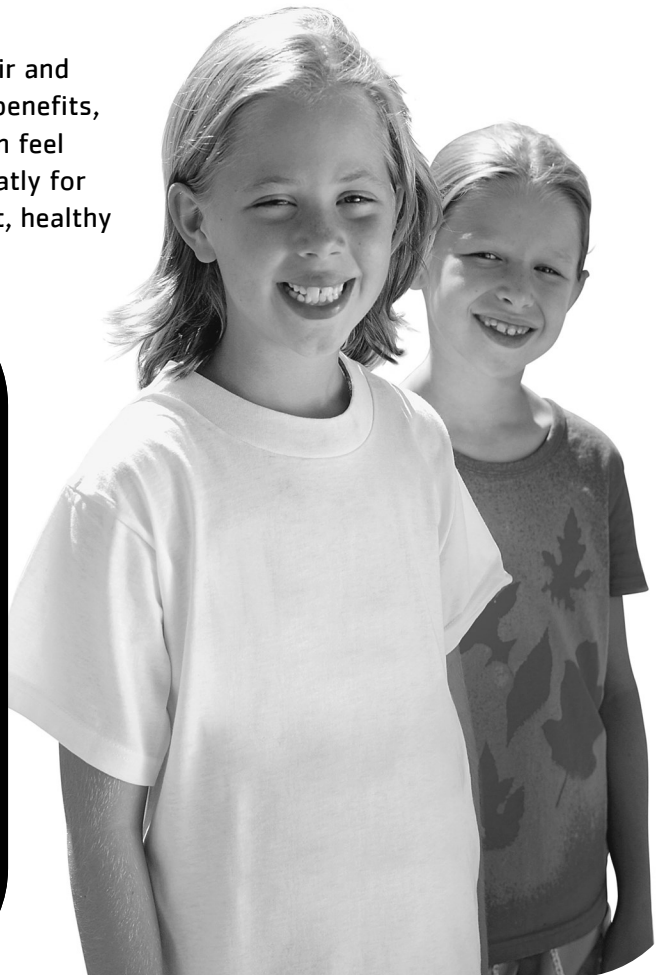
Program fees are also reduced by financial assistance. Occasionally the program fee minimum exceeds the amount of assistance.

Register for programs in person to receive assistance; online registration does not give financial assistance discounts.

Treasure Valley Family YMCA's require that individuals and families reapply every 12 months with updated documentation unless otherwise specified.

If you do not reapply, your membership will increase by 10% of our regular fee. We send a courtesy letter as a reminder, but it is each participating member's responsibility to reapply.

Please contact us if you have any questions:



~MEMBERSHIP WILL REMAIN ACTIVE UNLESS WRITTEN CANCELLATION IS RECEIVED~

Caldwell YMCA
208.454.9622

Downtown YMCA
208.344.5501

South Meridian YMCA
208.331.9622

West YMCA
208.377.9622

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Name _____
Mailing Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip Code _____
Home Phone (____) _____
Cell Phone (____) _____
Email _____
Date of Birth _____

2

I AM APPLYING FOR:

- Family Membership
- Family Membership w/ Child Watch
- 2 Person Family Membership
- Individual Membership (Young Adult/Adult/Senior)
- Youth Membership
- YMCA Programming Only

I can afford \$ _____ per month

Adults in Household: _____
Dependent Children in Household: _____

CURRENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE STATUS:

- First time applying or not currently receiving assistance
- Currently receiving assistance (Renewing)

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A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE REQUIRED WHEN APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

A WORKING CURRENTLY
or SELF EMPLOYED

- Most Recent Tax Return*

AND
 - 30 Day Proof of Income
For Entire Household
\$ _____
30 Day Gross Income
- * Visit IRS.gov and search "Get Transcript"

B RECEIVING OTHER ASSISTANCE

- If applicable, documentation of SSI, SSD, Food Stamps/Notice of Action, AFDC, unemployment, child support, etc.
- Monthly SSI / SSD \$ _____
Monthly Unemployment \$ _____
Monthly Food Stamps \$ _____
Monthly Child Support \$ _____
Other Monthly Assistance \$ _____
Total Monthly Assistance \$ _____

C LETTER OF SPECIAL
CIRCUMSTANCES

- We understand that numbers don't show everything. If there are any special circumstances please include a written explanation (note/letter) so that consideration may be given.
- Special/Unusual Expenses:**
_____ \$ _____
_____ \$ _____

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THIS APPLICATION MUST BE RENEWED EVERY 12 MONTHS UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED

I certify that the above information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge, and that I do not have additional income or assistance not represented above. I agree, if necessary, to send additional information and documentation to support the above statements. I understand that assistance is based on need. In the event that I or my family must cancel our participation, I will contact the YMCA immediately. I understand that if I falsify any of the above information, I will not be eligible for assistance now and/or in the future.

Print Name _____

Signature _____

Date of Signature _____

Front Desk Staff: _____ Date Received: _____
FA Reviewer: _____ Date Reviewed: _____
_____ Verification of Income (Initials)
Assistance %: _____
Date to reapply: _____

Monthly Fees:
Bank/Card Draft: \$ _____
Joining Fee: \$ _____
Short-Term Fee: \$ _____
Child Watch (1): \$ _____
Child Watch (2+): \$ _____

Amenities:
Towels: \$ _____
Locker Rental: \$ _____
_____ : \$ _____
_____ : \$ _____

Member Notification:

- In Person
- E-Mail
- Mail
- Phone

Notified By (Initials):

Additional Notes:

SHARE YOUR STORY

At Y Camp at Horsethief Reservoir we believe children discover themselves through interactions with others and having the freedom to explore. Y Camp immerses children in a community where making friends is natural, exploring new interests is encouraged, and discovering inner strength is guaranteed. YCamp teaches self-reliance, instills a love for nature and the outdoors, and builds character and leadership—all amidst the fun of camp fires, canoeing, archery, friends, zip-lining, paddle boarding, mentorships, ropes course, and so much more. YMCA Camp at Horsethief Reservoir is positively the best way to change a child's life.

Our Financial Assistance program is made possible by the generous support of our members and other donors in the community.

In the space below, please share your thoughts on why you chose Y Camp at Horsethief Reservoir for your camper and how you believe it will impact their life. (If you wish to remain anonymous, please check the box at the bottom of the form)

Name: _____

Date: _____

{ } Please do not include my personal information when sharing my story

CAMPER: Please share a short story about yourself and why you would like to come to Y Camp.

Name: _____

Date: _____

{ } Please do not include my personal information when sharing my story