

YMCA CAMP PINEWOOD

Greetings from Camp Pinewood!

With your Family Camp vacation just around the corner we wanted to be certain that you have all the information you need to enjoy your stay. Hopefully this letter and the information on the forms that follow can help you prepare for the wonderful weekend you will be spending with your family in the Pineywood Hills!

Camp Pinewood's Family Camps are designed to allow your family the flexibility to engage in a large variety of activities of your own choosing, while also being able to rest and enjoy the relaxing atmosphere around Lake Echo. Many of our activity options are available for all ages, while some are age specific. This should provide a perfect balance of time spent together, and time to engage in personal interests.

For your convenience, along with this letter you will find a packing list, risk waiver form, and family information sheet. You may wish to use the camp map, located on our website, to find where your cabin is located. Within a couple weeks of your Family Camp you will also receive a schedule of events for that weekend. Please also refer to the following list of details for your visit:

- The waterfront will be open for boating and fishing from sunrise to sunset, as long as all minors are accompanied by an adult, and all boaters wear life jackets. Fishing equipment and bait will also be provided throughout the day (the camp maintains a dozen fishing rods).
- Activities on the schedule listed as "sign-up" refer to those activities with a limitation on participants and a scheduled start time. The sign-ups for these activities are located in the dining hall. Please let us know if there is an activity you were not able to sign-up for, as we have time on the schedule Monday morning to accommodate those needs.
- Meals begin precisely at the time listed on the schedule. Food will be put away approximately ½ hour following the start of each meal in order for our kitchen staff to complete dishwashing.
- In order to reduce the amount of insects/animals attracted to our cabins we discourage our guests from bringing food and flavored drinks into them. The camp will provide snacks all day, each day during the weekend, and you are more than welcome to store any specific snacks/food that your family needs in our dining hall.
- Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult at all times (during activities this could be a staff member, depending on the nature of the activity)
- All other minors (under 18) must be accompanied by a buddy/friend at all times
- Alcohol is prohibited on Camp Pinewood's property
- There is only one designated smoking area at Camp Pinewood. Please see any staff member to be pointed to this area.
- Pets are not allowed at Camp Pinewood during Family Camp.
- If your family brings bicycles to ride at camp, all riders must wear helmets and appropriate footwear (closed-toes) while riding on camp property. Bicycle usage is restricted to trails only.
- During Family Camps we will typically have a fun project that your family has the option of working on over the course of the weekend. Find out more details about this year's project at check in!

Thank you again for choosing to spend your family weekend with us at YMCA Camp Pinewood! We look forward to seeing you very soon, and invite you to call or email with any questions you may have prior to your visit.

Warmest Regards,

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