

FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT® FOR HEALTHY LIVING FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

# YMCA CAMP COLLINS WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER. CHANGING LIVES, ONE CAMPER AT A TIME.

We offer Overnight Camps, Day Camps, Teen Camps, Family Camps, Conferences & Retreats and YMCA Camp Duncan's Woods Teen Adventure Camp

Register online at ymcacw.org



## **DRIVEN BY VALUES**

Our camps are driven by our five Christian principles

**LOVE**—choosing to be at your best when others are not, even when it is not easy

**RESPECT**—treating yourself and others how they want to be treated

**HONESTY**—being trustworthy and truthful

**RESPONSIBILITY**—accepting accountability for your actions and role in the community

**SERVICE**—learning the importance of giving back to your community through acts of selflessness

Each day campers learn about one of these Christian principles through our Chapel program and are given opportunities to incorporate them throughout their time at camp.

### **At YMCA Camp Collins**

- We believe camp is one of the best positive-impact activities in which a child can participate.
- We are responsive and inclusive to the diverse needs of our community.
- We provide a climate for growth, new friendships and self-discovery within safe boundaries.

"My son went to his first year of camp this summer and came back a different person! He came back with great problem solving skills and mature attitude—it was awesome he really matured over the week at YMCA Camp Collins. I also wanted to give a shout out to the folks that made it possible for my son to go to camp because without their generosity I wouldn't have been able to afford it on my own, so thank you for making it happen!"

-Heather, YMCA Camp Collins Parent





### **STAFF EXCELLENCE**

Many of our staff have graduated from our Counselor in Training (CIT) program and return back from previous summers. Each year, staff complete an extensive two week-long trainings that include child abuse and bullying prevention, behavior management and job specific program safety.

#### **CAMP ACTIVITIES MAY INCLUDE**

Throughout a session of camp, our campers will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of age appropriate activities. Throughout our camp units we design our programs to have an activity sequence. As the camper grows, so does the activity. Horse corral rides turn into trail rides which then turns into a week-long horse specialty. This creates successful camp experiences and our campers wanting to come back to camp, year after year. Some of these activities include, archery, high ropes, aquatics in our pool and the Sandy River, arts and crafts, capture the flag and camp fires.

### **TRUSTED TRADITION**

YMCA Camp Collins is accredited by the American Camp Association (ACA). ACA is a nationally recognized community of camp professionals and a leading authority in youth development.



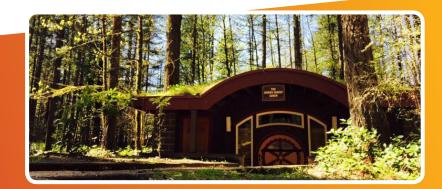
As an ACA accredited camp, YMCA Camp Collins has committed to a thorough review process of every aspect of our operations.

### **CONFERENCES & RETREATS**

YMCA Camp Collins is open year round. Let us host your next retreat, conference, meeting, or learning experience. The camp staff is available to help you plan your event—if it is a day program, a weekend retreat, or a week-long experience.

To inquire about YMCA Camp Collins space availability and rates please contact Brian White, Group Services Director, 503.663.5523, **blwhite@ymcacw.org** or visit our website for more information.







#### **EXPLORER UNIT**

#### ENTERING GRADES 5-6 | One Week Sessions

Explorer Unit campers are ready for the next step in their summer adventures. Not only do they live in the unique Rotary "Hobbit" Village, but they'll get the chance to float in an inner tube trip down the Sandy River, ride a horse on our trails and the opportunity to participate in high ropes activities. Explorer campers get more choice in what their week looks like, as we have planned activities for them to choose from instead of having them assigned to each cabin.



#### **PIONEER UNIT**

#### ENTERING GRADES 2-4 | One Week and Three Night Sessions

Pioneer Unit is where adventure and excitement begins for many of our campers. Living in Adventure Village, Pioneer campers sample a wide array of camp programs, connect within a smaller camp community and increase their own independence. This program includes an overnight camp out, horse corral rides, a splash in the Sandy River and much more of our classic camp activities.

Pioneer Mini Camps are available Sessions 3 and 7 for those campers who may not be ready for a full week away from home.



### QUESTOR UNIT

#### ENTERING GRADES 7-9 | One Week Session

Everything about this camp is special. Questor campers stay in the very special Tree Top Cabins built among the forest canopy. Campers will choose a specialty program which helps them gain knowledge and build unique skills with their peers. They'll also spend special time on our adventure course creating bonds and building relationships within their cabin groups.





#### **TEEN CAMP**

#### ENTERING GRADES 9–11 | Two Week Sessions

Teen camp is for our oldest campers. They'll learn to work successfully with a wide range of people and personalities, practice modeling positivity and take ownership of their camp experience. The second week of the Teen Camp program includes a two day rafting adventure on the Deschutes River, where teens enhance friendships and use new skills.

#### **TEEN SPRINGBREAK CAMP**

#### GRADES 8–12 | Three Day Session | Spring Break

This three-day retreat welcomes both new and experienced campers. Teens enjoy camp fellowship and build relationships through group activities and program trainings.

Spend your Spring Break outdoors, growing and learning fundamental skills.

#### **COUNSELORS IN TRAINING (CITS)**

#### ENTERING GRADES 11-12 | Two or Three Week Sessions

The CIT program is for mature campers who are ready to begin the journey towards becoming an excellent camp counselor. CITs utilize the challenge course to hone in on key facets of leading youth such as clear communication, building trust, positive feedback and asking for help. Our CIT program emphasizes understanding children, respecting diversity, leadership skills and the YMCA Christian principles.

The three-week program includes a nationally recognized CPR/First Aid certification.



### **SUMMER DAY CAMP**

#### ENTERING GRADES 1-6 | Monday–Friday

Day Camp at YMCA Camp Collins is a great way for kids to make new friends, try new things, and have fun in a natural environment under the guidance of positive role models. Whether you are looking for an introduction to summer camp for your camper or a childcare option with a twist—YMCA Camp Collins Day Camp is a great opportunity.

Daily activities may include archery, arts & crafts, capture the flag, rock climbing and much more.

#### **TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS**

- Personal pick up and drop off at YMCA Camp Collins
- Transport to/from Sunnyside Elementary in Clackamas
- Transport to/from East Hill Church Family in Gresham
- Transport to/from Alameda Elementary School in NE PDX



"This camp is the best! The camp leaders really invest in each and every child. It's not overly packed so the kids get a lot of attention. They are very organized—which made the check-in process smooth. I feel so blessed to have had the opportunity to have three kids attend camp here."

---Michelle, YMCA Camp Collins Parent

## FAMILY CAMP

Family Camp is a great opportunity for quality time in a comfortable, natural setting—for any family unit. Kids and adults of all ages will play and relax with staff, who are focused on service and building relationships to take care of your needs. Days fill up with fun and healthy activities such as archery, arts & crafts, campfire, challenge course elements, group games, and rock climbing.

#### **MEMORIAL DAY**

Hosts horseback riding.

#### LABOR DAY

Enjoy tubing on the Sandy River and swimming in the pool.

## **RAGGER & LEATHERS**

The Ragger and Leather programs have been a part of the YMCA for over 100 years. These are goal-setting programs designed to

provide each camper with the opportunity to set goals towards their personal and spiritual growth.

Campers in the program select a mentor who counsels them on their personal goals—based on set challenges represented by a specific Leather (Explorer Unit) or Rag (Questor Unit and older).

At the end of the week, during a special ceremony, campers receive a Leather or Rag as a sign of their inner challenges for growth.

## YMCA CAMP DUNCAN'S WOODS TEEN ADVENTURE CAMP

The YMCA of Columbia-Willamette is pleased to announce our new Teen Adventure Camp, YMCA Camp Duncan's Woods. In 2016, our YMCA expanded our footprint and established YMCA Camp Duncan's Woods.

Located on Mt Hood in Government Camp near Trillium Lake, YMCA Camp Duncan's Woods is 62 miles from Downtown Portland.

This new program is an outdoor adventure camp that will include backpacking, orienteering and outdoor living skills. Campers will sleep in tents, take day hikes, participate in traditional camp activities and leadership development programs. Some activities will include visiting Trillium Lake and providing essential knowledge of the lay and uses of the land.

The program is designed for Middle School and early High School aged youth.

For more information or to register your camper contact Willard Burks at 503.663.7966 or **wburks@ymcacw.org.** 

"YMCA Camp is a amazing place not only for summer camp, but for camps throughout the year. My oldest two who started out as campers are now on staff and have been for the last few years. We love YMCA Camp."

—Yvette, YMCA Camp Parent





### SESSIONS ARE FILLING UP FAST!

Register today to ensure your camper can attend the session of their choice. YMCA Camp Collins offers Financial Assistance to help with your family needs. Any financial assistance does not affect your camper's experience.

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## COME EXPLORE CAMP

Join us for an Open House, to tour camp, meet summer camp staff and climb our outdoor rock wall.

Visit us online for Open House dates.



Visit ymcacw.org to learn more about our Health and Wellness, Child Care and Youth Sports programs.