



GROUP CAMPING GUIDELINES

*Listed below are guidelines and rules each group needs to comply with while visiting YMCA Camp Ocoee. It is important to us to keep YMCA Camp Ocoee looking beautiful while providing safe programs. To make sure camp stays beautiful and to keep all visitors safe we ask that you **relay all guidelines and rules to your group prior to your arrival** and as a reminder upon arrival on camp property. YMCA Camp Ocoee has the right to fine and/or dismiss any group/individual who does not comply with these guidelines. Thank you for helping to keep camp beautiful and safe.*

ALCOHOL/TOBACCO/DRUG POLICY

- YMCA Camp Ocoee prohibits the use of any alcoholic beverages, tobacco, and all illegal drugs. Any alcoholic beverages, tobacco substances, and/or illegal drugs found at Ocoee will result in immediate dismissal from Ocoee grounds and/or a fine.
- The local police department will be contacted for groups who persistently ignore this policy.

CABIN

- No writing on walls, floors, furniture, or any building structure. A fine will be placed on the individuals and group who has made any marks on camp property. (cleaning/defamation fee)
- Absolutely no smoking in any camp building.
- No candles are permitted in cabins. Candles are a fire hazard.
- Each cabin should be appropriately cleaned before group departs facility. Cleaning includes: Sweeping floor, taking out trash, picking up trash around cabin, flushing toilets, closing doors and windows, and turning off all lights.
- Please only enter cabins you are staying in.

CAMPFIRES

- Campfires are only to be held *in pre-existing campfire circles* that are located on camp maps. Do **not** create or build new fire circles or use fire circles that are not marked on the camp map.
- All fires must have an adult present.
- Limit of 5-8 logs per fire.
- Please limit the amount of lighter fluid used on campfire (if any).
- Do not throw trash/litter into fire.
- All fires must have a bucket of water/sand before fire is ignited.
- Fires must be completely extinguished before group may leave fire circle. Make sure there are no red or white ambers remaining in fire.
- Please use only "dead, down, and brown" wood in fire.
- If cooking over fire, please do not cut off living branches from any trees.

DINING HALL

- Please pick up all trash from floor and wipe off tables and chairs after using them.
- Please do not handle or touch the large canoe hanging in dining hall. It is very old and is a major part of camp history.
- Please make sure to turn off all lights if you are the last person out of the dining hall.

CANOES/BOATING

- No more than three people may be in one canoe at a time.
- Please do not sit on thwarts (metal crossbars) in canoe.
- Please do not drag canoe on the ground.
- All camp visitors **must** wear life jackets.
- Please return all boating equipment to canoe/waterfront sheds and return canoes to canoe racks.
- Do not ram canoes.
- Please stay within sight of camp facilities while using camp boats, unless with an Ocoee staff member.
- Obey YMCA Camp Ocoee boat safety flag procedures (green=okay to be on water, red=lake closed for water vessels)
- Do not take boats into the swimming area.

OFF LIMIT AREAS

- Waterfront unless accompanied by an adult. **No swimming** unless a YMCA Camp Ocoee lifeguard is on duty.
- Ropes courses and all climbing walls/towers, unless accompanied by an Ocoee staff member.
- Other people's cabins and staff housing.
- Program supply areas (including the waterfront shed) and all areas marked as "Staff Only"

SWIMMING

- No swimming (including use of waterslide) allowed unless a YMCA Camp Ocoee lifeguard is on duty. Please adhere to this guideline. If you have any questions concerning this guideline specifically, please call our office at (423)338-5588.
- Only swim in designated, marked swimming area. Swimming in non-marked area may lead to injury. Boats come by our property all the time and may not see someone swimming in the lake.

MISCELLANEOUS

- QUIET HOURS: Quiet hours will be enforced from 10:00pm to 8:00am. No loud music or games will be permitted during this time to respect those who wish to sleep and those with small children.
- PARKING: Please park in designated parking lots. Visitors may pull up to cabins to drop off their luggage and supplies, but must re-park in a parking lot after unloading.
- WEAPONS & FIREARMS: All approved firearms must be checked in at the office. No knives and guns will be allowed in cabins.
- ACTIVITY SUPPLIES: Bocce, horseshoe set, Frisbees, board games and sports balls may be signed out at our office and used in appropriate areas.
- CAMP STORE: The YMCA Camp Ocoee store is open during our regular office hours. The store has several items for purchase, including camp shirts, visors, hats, toys, candy, soda, water bottles and more.
- YMCA Camp Ocoee is a Christian influenced environment. Please exhibit Christian principles and values during your stay with us.

Thank you for adhering to the policies listed above!