THE SUMMER OF MEMORIES

LAKE WENATCHEE YMCA CAMP 2025

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THE SUMMER OF DEVELOPMENT

At the Wenatchee Valley YMCA we have believed for over 110 years that character counts, that character development starts at an early age and continues throughout our lives, and that the development of character begins with teaching Christian values. The values we emphasize are those shared by people from many cultures, faiths, and belief systems. They are the values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. We believe that Lake Wenatchee YMCA Camp offers unique opportunities for the development of character in youth. Since 1927, our 26 acre camp has made its home on the north shore of beautiful Lake Wenatchee, just off Highway 2 in North Central Washington State. We are 21 miles west of Leavenworth and 25 miles east of Stevens Pass. We currently serve over 1,500 youth, teens, adults and families each year with seasonal camping operations May-September.

THE SUMMER OF BELONGING

TWO WAYS TO REGISTER

Camp registration begins December 2024. All registrations require a $100 non-refundable deposit for each session ($150 for LDP and CLDP camps). Register early to secure your spot!

Enroll in person for the session of your choice at the Wenatchee Valley YMCA.

Log on and register online at www.lwycamp.org. It's fast, it's easy and best of all, you can do it from the comfort of your own home!

Financial Assistance

No child is ever denied participation at the Wenatchee Valley YMCA because of an inability to pay.

We understand that summers are a continuum of successful youth development, therefore we want to ensure children have access to our summer camps like Lake Wenatchee YMCA Resident Camp! If you are unable to pay the full cost of the program fee we have summer scholarships designed to help!

1) Register for your week(s) of camp in advance to secure your spot.

2) You will then fill out and submit the scholarship application. Hard copies are available at Membership Services or online at wenymca.org.

3) A 30% scholarship will be awarded. If you need additional financial assistance, please indicate that on your scholarship application. You will be asked to submit additional information based on Washington's Subsidy Guidelines for additional support.

THE SUMMER OF CONNECTION

PARTICIPATION AND INCLUSION

Rules for acceptance and participation are the same for everyone regardless of age, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, religious affiliation, immigration status, ability or national origin. We believe that all kids deserve a camp experience, and will make every reasonable effort to meet the individual needs of all our campers. If you have questions about whether Lake Wenatchee YMCA Camp is the right fit for your child due to unique behavior needs, or any other special need, please contact us at 509.763.9622.

LAKE WENATCHEE YMCA CAMP STAFF

Well-trained, enthusiastic staff is the key to a positive camping experience for your child. Camp staff are dedicated to providing a safe and wholesome environment for each camper. Camp counselors are chosen for their maturity, strong values, enthusiasm and ability to be positive role models for children. All staff undergo an extensive training prior to the camp season. We emphasize safety, child growth and development, group dynamics and much more. Criminal history and reference checks are completed on all staff and volunteers. The entire staff is certified in First Aid/CPR/AED. Certified lifeguards supervise all aquatic activities. Our Camp Nurse resides at camp and is available 24 hours a day.

MEET THE DIRECTOR!

Tim McElravy

Tim brings over 30 years of YMCA experience to the Lake Wenatchee YMCA Camp and is responsible for the overall programming and operation of the camp. Tim has been with the Wenatchee Valley YMCA since March of 2002 and previously held numerous positions at the YMCA of Snohomish County. Tim is a purple ragger and a mesmerizing storyteller around the campfire. In his spare time, Tim is a member of the Leavenworth Rotary Club, and teaches First Aid/CPR classes. When he's not running around camp, Tim enjoys camping, hiking, fishing and traveling.

THE SUMMER OF FUN!!

WEEK 1

JUNE 29 - JULY 4

FANTASY WEEK

A magical adventure awaits, where every day is a spellbinding journey into a world of MAGIC! Each day you'll become knights, wizards, and explorers and embark on epic quests, solve ancient riddles, and encounter mythical creatures. Get ready for an unforgettable adventure where every day brings a new fantasy to life!

WEEK 2

JULY 6-11

SURVIVOR WEEK

Get ready for the ultimate adventure! In Survivor Week, you'll tackle daily challenges, search for the hidden camp idol, and perform your best songs and skit at the nightly tribal counsel. Outwit, outplay, and outlast your fellow campers to earn points and claim victory! No one gets voted off—but will your tribe be the ultimate survivors?

WEEK 4

JULY 20-25

WESTERN WEEK

Step right into the Wild West, where the open range calls and adventure awaits. Dust off your boots and tip your hat as you learn the ways of the cowboy—whether it's crafting your own gear, telling tall tales around the campfire, or singing tunes under a blanket of stars. By week's end, you'll be living life like a true wrangler. Saddle up for a rip-roarin' good time!

WEEK 5

JULY 27 - AUGUST 1

STAR WARS WEEK

Join us for an epic week in a galaxy not so far away! At Camp Jedi, you'll train like a Padawan, mastering lightsaber duels, and navigating thrilling missions. Our Jedi Training Academy is run by only the best Jedi Masters. Together we will lead you in an action packed week. Will you bring balance to the Force? The galaxy awaits—may the Force be with you!

WEEK 6

AUGUST 3-8

UNDER THE SEA WEEK

Grab your scuba gear! We are diving deep under water this week! Get ready to explore the mysteries of the deep, from colorful coral reefs to friendly sea creatures. Campers will embark on daily "underwater" quests, compete in ocean-themed games, and create sea-inspired crafts. It's going to be a splash-tastic week!

THE SUMMER OF ADVENTURE

MINI CAMP **(Grades K-2 as of May 2025)**

$540 YMCA Members, $560 Community Members

This four day program is designed with extra special care for younger campers. Children who are not ready for six days away at camp will enjoy this special four day/three night program. This program gives each child a preview of what camp has to offer in a nurturing and caring environment. Each cabin group of no more than six campers participates in campfires, crafts, waterfront activities, cabin devotions, hikes, evening activities and a whole lot more. This is a great program to introduce first time campers to camp.

DISCOVERY CAMP **(Grades 2-4 as of May 2025)**

$780 YMCA Members, $800 Community Members

Building on past experience, or for a first time camper who is ready for a week away from home, Discovery Camp has something for everyone. Activities will include archery, swimming, canoeing, kayaking, hiking local trails, roasting marshmallows over a campfire, daily chapels, and zany campfire skits and songs. Discovery campers may also spend one day and night out of camp, cook their own dinner and breakfast, and sleep under the stars! This will be a week to remember!

DISCOVERY HORSE CAMP **(Grades 2-4 as of May 2025)**

$1,080 YMCA Members, $1,110 Community Members

During their week at camp, campers will head to Lake Wenatchee State Park for two days of horseback riding. Each Horse Camper will get two hours of trail rides and horsemanship instruction. Back at camp each camper will get to take part in all the traditional camp activities like, chapel, archery, swimming, canoeing, and campfires.

THE SUMMER OF EXPLORING

EXPLORER CAMP (Grades 5-7 as of May 2025)

$780 YMCA Members, $800 Community Members

Teens need a break from the ordinary. They need an experience that provides a time of reflection, fun, and challenge. During each Explorer session, campers will engage in all the traditional camp activities like, chapel, archery, swimming, canoeing and campfires. The highlight of the week is an overnight excursion off camp property. Participants will sleep under the stars or in a tent and learn to cook a meal over a campfire. Other activities may include going on a day hike up Dirty Face mountain, exploring Twin Lakes or camping at the Lake Wenatchee State Park.

EXPLORER FISHING CAMP (Grades 5-7 as of May 2025)

$1,080 YMCA Members, $1,110 Community Members

Come spend a week making new friends while fishing for Rainbow Trout, Perch and the elusive German Brown Trout. The week will consist of a three day, two night fishing trip at Fish Lake. Campers will learn basic fishing skills like tying their own lines, baiting hooks, casting, reeling in the "big one" and coming up with their own whopper of a fish story! While in camp, campers will take part in all the traditional camp activities like chapel, archery, swimming, canoeing, and campfires.

EXPLORER SUP CAMP (Grades 5-7 as of May 2025)

$1,080 YMCA Members, $1,110 Community Members

Come learn the basics of Stand Up Paddle Boarding (SUP Boarding), while making new friends and experiencing life at camp. Campers will spend their mornings paddling around Lake Wenatchee starting in camp's swim area. As their skill and confidence grow we'll eventually venture out onto the lake exploring Emerald Island and the south shore. Certified Lifeguards will accompany every trip and we'll have canoes and/or kayaks ready in case campers get tired. When in camp, campers will take part in all the fun and exciting traditional camp activities.

THE SUMMER OF LEADERSHIP

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (LDP)

(Grades 8-9 as of May 2025)

$1,515 YMCA Members, $1,575 Community Members

This is a two week camp where our most experienced staff members direct this leadership program. Their role is to guide each participant's personal development and instill positive leadership values. Program participants receive an evaluation after each practical experience. LDP campers take part in team building activities, overnight trips, leadership workshops and a hike to the top of Dirty Face Mountain. They will work with the younger campers, help to organize camp activities, work with camp staff, and complete service projects. Over the course of two weeks, campers will receive training and practical experience in all areas of camp operations and programming. LDP campers will learn new skills and apply them around camp, in the kitchen, dining hall, maintenance area, program areas, and in cabin groups. LDP campers will go home between weeks from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon.

CABIN LEADER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (CLDP)

(Grades 10-11 as of May 2025)

$1,515 YMCA Members, $1,575 Community Members

CLDP is a three week residential experience designed to provide leadership opportunities that prepare teens to become staff members at camp, as well as productive members of their home community. The CLDP program includes: internship in all aspects of a cabin leader's job at camp, participation in service projects, training sessions on such topics as basic child development and behavior management, youth development programming and best practices, communication and leadership, environmental stewardship, and community service.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A CAMPER!

7:00 am – Polar Bear Plunge into Lake Wenatchee!

7:30 – Wake Up!

8:00 – Breakfast!

9:00 – Chapel (Non-Denominational)

9:30 – Cabin Clean-Up

10:00 - 12:00 – Camper's Choice (campers choose between archery, boating, arts & crafts or sports field)

12:00 – Cabin Activities (Cabin Groups attend educational activities such as Outdoor Living Skills, Fire building, and Low Risk Team Building)

1:00 - Lunch!

2:00-3:30 – All Camp Waterfront

3:30-4:30 – Cabin Bonding Time, Camp Fire Prep and Theme Activity Prep

4:30-5:30 – All Camp Game

5:30 – Mail Call, Flag Lowering

6:00 – Dinner!

7:00 – Dog Patch (Cabin vs. Cabin Games)

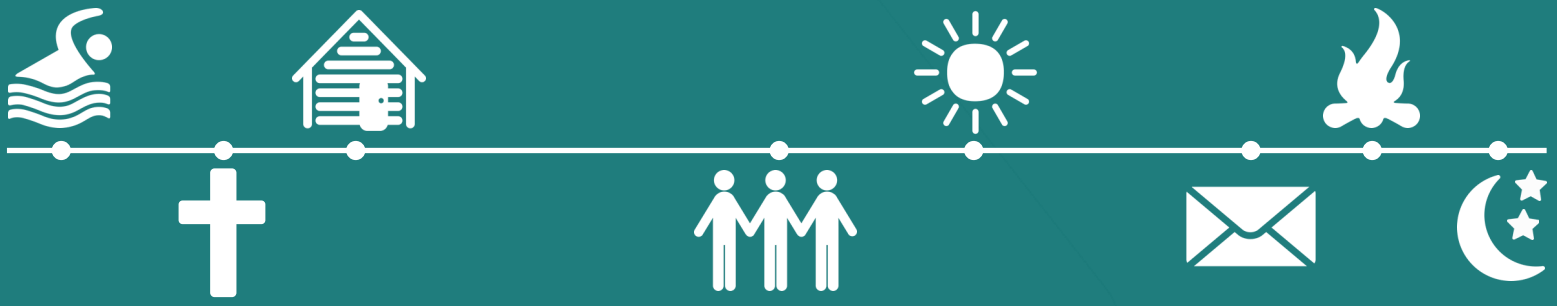
8:00 – Campfire!!!

9:30 – LIGHTS OUT for Mini Campers

10:00 - LIGHTS OUT for Discovery & Explorer Campers

10:30 - LIGHTS OUT for LDPs/CLDP's

(Thursday night we play a game called "Night Patrol." Lights out for everyone will be 10:30)



THE SUMMER OF BONDING

FAMILY CAMP 2025

LABOR DAY WEEKEND: August 30th – September 1st

AFFORDABLE FAMILY TIME, TOGETHER!

In keeping with our commitment to serve the whole family, the Lake Wenatchee YMCA Camp will once again offer an opportunity for families to spend quality vacation time together. Join us Labor Day weekend for an old fashioned Family Camp experience. The price includes a rustic cabin, with a fireplace or wood stove, meals, programming, and family campfire activities for 5 guests. Additional people may be added at an extra cost. Cabins sleep up to 8 people. Relax for the weekend and enjoy! For more information visit www.lwycamp.org.

A LOOK INTO OUR FACILITY

Our thoughtfully developed site features 22 buildings, 10 main program areas, and access to acres of hiking trails. Special site features include one half mile of waterfront that looks out across the lake into the Glacier Peak Wilderness area. Our rustic camp setting offers programs that develop spirit, mind and body in the YMCA tradition. We are far more than a summer resident for youth. We offer annual family camps, Outdoor and Environmental Education Programs, and conference and retreat facilities for Group Rentals.

The Cabins

The Waterfront

The Lodge

JOIN US FOR THE SUMMER OF CAMP MAGIC!

Questions?

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