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YOUR CAMP, YOUR MEMORIES

UNPLUG, BOND, & TAKE ON A NEW ADVENTURE
AT YMCA FAMILY CAMP PINWOOD

SUMMER 2024
FAMILY CAMP GUIDE

ABOUT CAMP PINEWOOD

Camp Pinewood is at the southern tip of the Manistee National Forest and is situated on 200 acres of Pine and Oak forest on the shoreline of Echo Lake. It was purchased by the YMCA in 1925 for the sum of \$10.00. The vision of the YMCA of Metro Chicago at that time was to bring inner-city youth to a wonderful outdoor facility to give campers a different perspective and cultural experience other than life in the city.

In 1929 Camp Pinewood's Niles Lodge was built as the first Outdoor Center of its kind in North America. Camp Pinewood operated as a summer-only operation for most of its first 86 years but in 2001 Camp Pinewood moved from a 4-month season to operating as a year-round facility by launching Outdoor Environmental Education programs, Group Rentals, and Weddings.

As the years have gone on, Camp Pinewood has continued to evolve and change based on community needs. 2019 marked the addition of a state of the art climbing tower, zip line, and high ropes course. Most recently, Camp Pinewood expanded its family camp offerings. Every family deserves the Y Camp experience!

MISSION STATEMENT

The YMCA of Metro Chicago is committed to strengthening community by connecting all people to their purpose, potential, and each other.

VISION STATEMENT

YMCA Family Camp Pinewood fosters a system of personal growth through the facilities, environment and staff, developing friendships, strengthening family bonds, and making memories to keep the flame of camp burning bright.



LOCATION & CONTACT INFORMATION

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WHAT IS FAMILY CAMP?

For years Camp Pinewood operated primarily as a summer camp for youth and teens. Countless times we heard families ask the same question - "Can I go to summer camp?" With the expansion of our family camp programs, the answer is now "YES!"

We'll take care of the food (and the dishes), get you a comfy cabin, and provide programs for all ages.

Gather the family and head out for a hike on one of our beautiful trails, plunge into the lake, conquer the 40-foot climbing tower, hit your mark at archery, or fly down the zip line. Or, if your idea of fun is relaxation, you can take a leisurely stroll among the oaks and pines, float around on a canoe, or just enjoy the quiet beauty of the Manistee National Forest.

Families also have access to the ball field for games with friends, old and new. In the evenings gather around the table for game night with your whole family, take a night hike led by our friendly staff, lay out in the field and gaze through lightyears of stars, or end the day with campfire performances by fellow campers.

TEENS

We want your teens to participate with your family. We also understand their need for independence. We provide several programs just for teens based on registration.

FAMILY CAMP

A DAY IN THE LIFE...

Time spent at YMCA Family Camp Pinewood will be the highlight of your family's summer. Your family will try new activities and meet other families from the Chicago area. Some activities will be scheduled, while others you can drop in whenever is best for you. Evening activities include things like campfires and s'mores, ice cream social, talent show/skit night, canoe races, and camp-wide capture the flag.

Our dining hall serves three well-balanced meals each day. Vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free options are available. Please let us know of your dietary needs at the time of registration. You can also visit our camp store where we stock drinks and snacks as well as Camp Pinewood souvenirs such as t-shirts, hoodies, stuffed animals, and more! Forget something at home? We also carry some camping necessities such as toothbrushes and headlamps.



FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Canoeing	Talent Shows
Archery	Sling Shot Range
Fishing	Gaga Ball
Swimming	Nature Hikes
Zip Line	Group Sports
40' Climbing Tower	Arts & Crafts
High Ropes Course	Campfires & S'mores

INCLUSION & DIVERSITY

The YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago believes that everyone, regardless of ability, race, gender, income, faith, sexual orientation, and gender identity has the right to live life to the fullest and enjoy the Y's programs and facilities. Moreover, the principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion inform every aspect of our Association - including staff hiring and training, strategic planning, program offerings, and more. We are committed to deepening our work in this area to ensure that every segment of society feels welcome and supported by the Y. If you require a modification to participate in any of our programs, please inform staff at the time of enrollment, and make sure to select the request on your enrollment paperwork so that a member of our inclusion team can reach out to you.

Questions? Email inclusion@ymcachicago.org.

A TYPICAL DAY AT CAMP

8:00	Breakfast
9:30	Activity Session 1
10:45	Activity Session 2
12:00	Lunch
1:00	Open Lakefront Swim
2:00	Activity Session 3
3:15	Activity Session 4
4:30	Activity Session 5
6:00	Dinner
7:15	Evening Activities

FAMILY CAMP DATES & RATES

Memorial Day, 3 Night Stay

Session Date - 5/24-5/27

Available Cabins (Per cabin up to capacity):

Cedar Creek Lodge (10): \$950

Maple Cabin (8): \$500

Great Lakes Lodge (15): \$1000

Standard Cabin (6): \$400

Memorial Day Camp Meal Plan (per guest): (kids under 3, no charge)

Long Weekend, 3-night, Friday Dinner – Monday Breakfast (8 meals): \$80pp

Weekend, 2 Night Stay

Session 2.1 - 5/31-6/2

Session 2.2 - 6/7-6/9

Session 2.3 - 6/14-6/16

Session 2.4 - 6/21-6/23

Session 2.5 - 6/28-6/30

Session 2.6 - 7/5-7/7

Session 2.7 - 7/12-7/14

Session 2.8 - 7/19-7/21

Session 2.9 - 7/26-7/28

Available Cabins (Per cabin up to capacity):

Cedar Creek Lodge (10): \$800

Maple Cabin (8): \$425

Great Lakes Lodge (15): \$1000

Standard Cabin (6): \$350

Weekend Meal Plan (per guest): (kids under 3, no charge)

Weekend, 2-night, Friday Dinner – Sunday Breakfast (5 meals): \$50pp

Full Week, 5 Night Stay

Session 5.1 - 6/16-6/21

Session 5.2 - 6/30-7/5

Session 5.3 - 7/7-7/12

Session 5.4 - 7/14-7/19

Session 5.5 - 7/21-7/26

Session 5.6 - 8/4-8/9

Available Cabins (Per cabin up to capacity):

Cedar Creek Lodge (10): \$1800

Maple Cabin (8): \$950

Great Lakes Lodge (15): \$2,100

Standard Cabin (6): \$800

Full Week Meal Plan (per guest): (kids under 3, no charge)

Full Week, 5-night, Sunday Dinner – Friday Breakfast (14 meals): \$140pp

*Registration Example: Family of 5, (Ages 45, 44, 12, 9, 3)

Registers for a Standard Cabin (up to 6 people) for Session 5.2 - \$800

Registers for a Meal Plan for 4 (under 3 is free) - \$560 (\$140pp)

\$1360 all-inclusive for the week!

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, IS MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE GENEROSITY OF OUR DONORS.

Awards are based on the number of people in your household and your total household income. If interested, fill out the Financial Assistance Application and submit it with your camper's registration form. The minimum deposit payment for the chosen program is required.

LODGING

STANDARD CABINS

MAPLE CABIN



Our Standard Cabins sleep up to 6 people and offer the most traditional camp experience. A wall of windows overlooks our pristine property, many of which overlook beautiful Echo Lake. Sit on the porch and soak in the refreshing pine air of western Michigan. Standard cabins have twin-sized beds and storage for all of your things! These cabins utilize a nearby bathhouse that is cleaned and sanitized multiple times each day.



Our Maple Cabin is a short step up from the traditional camp experience. You'll get all the benefits of the standard cabin plus ensuite bathrooms.



LODGING

CEDAR CREEK LODGE

Cedar Creek Lodge sleeps up to 10 people and gives a true vintage camp feel with knotty pine from floor to ceiling. There are five rooms with twin beds in each and ensuite bathrooms. The Cedar Creek Lodge is central to the main camp area and includes a kitchenette, a relaxing enclosed porch, AC, and a private fire ring. While we want you to disconnect, if you absolutely need it, the Cedar Creek Lodge also has Wi-Fi! Just a stone's throw from the main lodge and most activities, this is a perfect location for multiple families, larger families, or friend families!



Bedroom 1



Bedrooms 2 & 3



Bedrooms 4 & 5

LODGING

GREAT LAKES LODGE

Great Lakes Lodge gives an upgraded feel to the traditional camp feeling. There are five rooms with twin and full beds in each as well as ensuite bathrooms. Great Lakes Lodge is central to the main camp area and includes a kitchen*, a relaxing front porch, AC, and a private fire ring. There is a great community space downstairs with couches and a television for a rainy-day movie. While we want you to disconnect, if you absolutely need it, Great Lakes also has Wi-Fi! Just a stone's throw from the main lodge and most activities, this is a perfect location for multiple families, larger families, or friend families!

*Meal Plan is still required.



ACTIVITIES

Camp Pinewood has a climbing tower, mid-ropes course, high ropes course, zipline, canoeing, swimming in the lake, fishing from the dock, archery, hiking and nature walks, slingshot range, tie dying, leatherworking, volleyball, gaga ball, and a large athletic field for ball games. We also have a Rec Room where you can play board games, ping pong, or carpet ball.





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