



# WELCOME TO YMCA CAMP DEBOER

## Parent & Camper Handbook 2026 OVERNIGHT & MINI CAMP

WELCOME and thank you for choosing YMCA Camp DeBoer!

We are so excited to welcome your camper(s) to YMCA Camp DeBoer this summer and have them experience the fun, community and adventure of camp. Our community is a place where campers can grow and thrive by truly being themselves. Your camper can make new friends, try new activities, and learn new skills while immersed in the natural beauty at Lake of the Woods.

It is the goal of YMCA Camp DeBoer to provide life-changing outdoor experiences by creating magical moments and opportunities for growth in a welcoming community for all, especially youth. We do this through living our core values, focusing on safety, being intentional in our programming, seeking to inspire others, creating a warm and welcoming environment, and choosing a positive attitude.

Your camper will be guided through this experience by our talented team of cabin counselors and staff who come from a wide variety of backgrounds and experiences, and take pride in helping kids explore, learn and grow.

As you prepare for your camper's summer adventure, please read through this handbook for important information, including specifics about camper drop-off and pick-up, communication with staff, and more.

If you have a question you don't see answered here, feel free to contact our Camp Staff at [ycampdeboer@ashlandymca.org](mailto:ycampdeboer@ashlandymca.org). Thank you for trusting us with your child's summer enrichment. We are honored you have chosen YMCA Camp DeBoer and look forward to seeing your camper(s) this summer!

In the spirit of camp,

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## THE ASHLAND FAMILY YMCA'S MISSION STATEMENT

The Ashland Family YMCA exists to fulfill human potential and to enrich the quality of life of those we serve through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.

## YMCA & YMCA Camp DeBoer CORE VALUES

The Ashland Family YMCA has identified the values of **caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility** as essential in a child's character development. YMCA Camp DeBoer programs incorporate these values into the overall camp experience.

Our approach toward values formation is designed to reinforce the lessons that families strive to teach their children every day. Through staff and camper role modeling and living together at camp, we provide campers with the opportunity to depart from YMCA Camp DeBoer with a better understanding and recognition of these character traits in themselves and in others:

- **Caring:** Considering the needs and feelings of others
- **Honesty:** Being trustworthy and truthful
- **Respect:** Treating yourself and others with dignity
- **Responsibility:** Accepting accountability for your actions

As we live and explore together at camp, in order to create a community of safety and belonging, we also focus on these foundational values:

- **Courage:** Continuing in the face of difficulty or unknown.
- **Optimism:** Choosing to focus on positives and remaining open to opportunities
- **Growth:** Being comfortable with failure in order to learn new things and improve over time
- **Connection:** Building meaningful relationships and supporting others

## IS MY CHILD READY FOR OVERNIGHT CAMP?

In order to ensure your camper is ready for an overnight experience, you should be able to answer "yes" to these questions:

1. Does my child consistently identify when they need to use the restroom?
2. Is my child ready to spend the night away from home?
3. Is my child willing to eat a variety of foods geared toward young campers?
4. Can my child take a shower by themselves?
5. Does my child effectively manage their own behavior around other children?

If the answer to any of these questions is "no," please contact our Camp Staff at [ycampdeboer@ashlandymca.org](mailto:ycampdeboer@ashlandymca.org) to discuss your child's experience. See *last page for contact information*.

## FOR FIRST-TIME CAMPERS

Congratulations on choosing an experience that can be both exciting and maybe a little daunting. Fear not, we're here to help with some pro tips to help both families and campers prepare for a great adventure.

Helping campers prepare ahead of time can help them more easily cope with being away from home and enjoy their week at camp. It is very normal for symptoms of homesickness to occur over the first few days of camp – often during rest period and/or bedtime. With the support of their counselors, new friends and fun activities, the homesickness often dissipates after the first night. If your camper is experiencing homesickness beyond the 2-3 day adjustment period of camp, a member of our leadership staff will contact you, and together you will be part of a plan to help your camper have an emotionally safe and rewarding camp experience.

We are preparing our staff to support your child through challenging moments by spending significant staff training time focusing on the camp experience through the eyes of the children and building skills to meet their unique needs. We especially focus on how campers are welcomed, engaged and included during their stay at camp.

Here are a few things families and campers can do **prior to camp** to prepare for a great first camp experience:

- Model a positive family attitude about time away from home at camp
- "Live out of a suitcase" for a few days, and practice carrying it once it's packed
- Practice taking a shower instead of a bath and washing one's hair
- Mark a calendar with days until camp starts - HOORAY!!!
- Give gentle encouragement that missing home is "ok"
- Don't make a "pick-up promise" that you'll come get them if they are having a hard time (*of course this option will be available to you if they cannot overcome their homesickness, but it helps a new camper build a positive picture in their head knowing the plan is to stay at camp*)
- Practice electronics-free time because there are no electronics at camp (*especially practice those times when your camper most uses electronics such as listening to their phone before bed*)

- Connect with YMCA Camp DeBoer's social media to see positive and exciting camp   content  @ymcacampdeboer  
[www.facebook.com/YMCACampDeBoer](http://www.facebook.com/YMCACampDeBoer)
- Read this handbook with your camper so they feel prepared.
- Make a list of things they are excited about at camp (*new friends, SUP Wars...*)

Here are a few things families can do to help their camper **during camp**:

- When writing letters to your child, ask about camp activities, counselors, specific programs, etc. words of encouragement go a long way. Avoid using phrases such as "we miss you," "wish you were here," or detailed accounts of what the family is doing.
- Pack "surprises" or notes of encouragement amongst your camper's belongings
- At check-in, express your confidence in their ability to be away from home and that the counselors are there to assist them if they need anything.

## LIFE AT CAMP

### MEALS

Campers will enjoy delicious and freshly prepared meals in the lodge, the central hub of camp life. Each meal offers plenty of variety, making every mealtime something to look forward to. Cabin groups rotate responsibilities for setting up the dining area before meals and helping with cleanup afterward, giving everyone a chance to contribute and work together as a team. Each full day at camp includes breakfast, lunch, dinner, an afternoon snack, and sometimes dessert.

### DIETARY NEEDS/RESTRICTIONS

Unless a camper has strict dietary needs that we cannot accommodate in our kitchen, we ask families to leave food at home. This helps ensure that campers aren't accidentally exposed to food allergens and critters don't learn to seek out snacks in our cabins. Any food that is brought to camp will be turned in to the staff for safe storage and returned upon departure. Campers do have access to the camp store each day to purchase snacks that are eaten outside. That being said, we cannot fully control what is or is not brought into camp. **If your child has an airborne allergy of any kind, nuts or otherwise, please notify us at least 2 weeks in advance** so we can implement additional measures and precautions to keep your child safe and comfortable at camp. If your camper has less-common dietary restrictions or food allergies, please feel free to contact us to discuss options available for your camper, including possible supplemental items to send with your camper (to be turned in at check-in and kept in the kitchen). *See the last page for contact information.*

### CABINS

Campers and their counselors live in one of our 10 bunk-style cabins designed with the intent of creating community. Each cabin includes 7 camper bunk beds for a total of 14 campers, 2 private toilets, 1 private shower, 3 sinks and a counselor bunk area with room for two counselors. Cabin groups may also use our shower houses with private

shower and bathroom stalls. Each showerhouse also features a gender-neutral private bathroom.

## **CABIN GROUPS**

Campers are placed in cabins with other campers of the same gender, identity and age group. Counselors live in the cabin with campers and act as a guide, role model, and mentor as they manage the daily living of campers. Cabins can accommodate up to 14 campers with at least 2 counselors.

Cabin placement is arranged prior to the start of each session, and is finalized a few weeks prior to camp. We work hard to ensure there is a variety of campers represented in each cabin group. If your camper has friends attending the same session, you will have the opportunity to request up to 2 cabin mates. While building connections with new people is a fundamentally important part of the camp experience, we also know that experiencing camp with a treasured friend can help a camper feel confident and add fun to the week. **While we do our best to honor cabin mate requests, especially when mutually requested, we cannot guarantee any cabin placements. Cabin mate requests with a 2+ year age difference are not typically possible as cabins are arranged by age.**

## **OUR STAFF**

YMCA Camp DeBoer's staff is a select group of caring and creative individuals who truly enjoy working with children. Camp is a life-changing experience where campers have the opportunity to learn new things and further develop life skills, such as independence, collaboration, communication and resilience. YMCA Camp DeBoer's staff members pride themselves on being the facilitators of these experiences. We are especially thrilled to develop future staff through our Leaders In Training and Junior Counselor programs during which former campers build skills and practice leadership under the supervision and mentorship of our staff.

Staff are selected through an application and interview process as outlined by the Ashland Family YMCA. Every staff member must have current CPR/AED certifications and pass a national background check. Staff working as lifeguards complete additional training and certification. Finally, an in-depth training prior to the start of camp for all staff ensures they are proficient in topics including youth development, inclusion, emergency procedures, teamwork, and the prevention of bullying and child abuse.

## **EXAMPLE DAILY SCHEDULE**

Our daily schedule is designed to provide our campers with opportunities for both structured and free choice activities. Below is a typical daily schedule (subject to change):

<b>7:00</b> Polar Plunge	<b>2:15</b> Cabin Choice Activities/Camp Store
<b>7:30</b> Wake Up	<b>6:00</b> Dinner
<b>8:00</b> Breakfast	<b>7:00</b> All Camp Evening Activity
<b>8:45</b> Cabin Clean Up	<b>8:30</b> Campfire
<b>9:15</b> Camper Choice Activities	<b>9:00</b> Daily Closing & Bedtime Routines
<b>12:45</b> Lunch	<b>9:30-10:00</b> Lights Out (depending on age)
<b>1:30</b> FOB (Feet on Bunk - break)	

## YMCA CAMP DEBOER STORE

Campers will have the opportunity to visit the Camp Store, which offers YMCA Camp DeBoer swag (shirts, hats, hoodies, water bottles, stickers) and snacks. To prevent snack-fueled stomachaches, our store limits the amount of snack food a camper can purchase at each visit. All store purchases are made through a prepaid store credit that families can purchase through the [registration system](#). Details on our store snacks and merchandise will be available to parents prior to camp. Please do not send cash with your camper as we are not responsible for any lost money. Discuss with your camper the amount in their store account. We suggest \$20-50 per week of camp. You may also donate funds to help a low-income camper. At the end of the week, you may choose to have unspent money either donated to our campership fund for the following summer, or refunded to your account at the end of the summer.

## CONNECTING WITH YOUR CAMPER

### MAIL AT CAMP

Campers love receiving mail at camp! We recommend writing one or more letters and bringing them to camp check-in. Letters or packages will be delivered to your child during mail call each day Monday - Wednesday. If sending more than one letter, please include the day of the week you would like each letter delivered. **If sending care packages, please do not send food!** Mail should be **labeled with the camper's full name and cabin** (you will get this at check-in).

### A NOTE ABOUT CELL PHONES & ELECTRONICS

To help campers fully engage in the magic of camp, we do not allow campers to have cell phones or electronics other than digital or disposable cameras with them at camp. If they are brought to camp, they will be collected for safe storage and returned at the end of the session. **Please help us to reach our goals at camp by leaving all cell phones and electronics at home.** Thank you!

### PARENT COMMUNICATION

Please know we will be in contact if there are any concerns regarding your child, so "no news is good news". Staff are trained to handle day-to-day situations that may arise during your camper's stay in a safe and caring manner. Instances when you might expect to hear from camp staff for consultations or to arrange to pick up your camper may include:

- Behavioral issues including bullying or verbal or physical aggression
- Severe homesickness

- Illness, including vomiting, respiratory symptoms and/or a fever over 100\*F
- Discovery of nits or head lice
- Medical care beyond basic first-aid including bee stings, fractures and sprains. If your child requires medical care off-site we will do our best to reach you before we leave camp. A cell phone will accompany the staff person with your child to facilitate communication between you and your child.
- Emergencies or evacuations

## **WHAT TO PACK FOR CAMP**

Each camper should have no more than one suitcase/duffel, backpack, sleeping bag, and pillow. ALL campers must be able to carry their own luggage from the luggage drop point to their cabins, so please plan accordingly.

Here are some things to keep in mind as you help your camper pack:

- Clothing should be able to tolerate water, mud and fun – nothing new or expensive!
- Ensure that your camper's first and last name is on everything. Label anything you want returned!
- In need of something? Contact us about loaner gear, we have limited supplies.

## **RECOMMENDED PACKING LIST FOR A 1 WEEK OVERNIGHT CAMP SESSION. MINI CAMPERS CAN REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF CLOTHING TO 1 SET PER DAY:**

- sleeping bag with pillow/pillow case
- 1 bath towel & washcloth
- 1 beach towel or second bath towel
- 1-2 pairs of pants
- 2-4 pairs of shorts
- 5-6 shirts
- Sweatshirt or jacket
- Raincoat or poncho with hood
- Pajamas or sleepwear
- Sunhat or baseball cap, sunglasses
- Swimsuit
- 7 pairs underwear & socks (OPTIONAL: 1 pair fun socks for "Fun Sock Day")
- 2 pairs of comfortable walking shoes – shoes must have backstraps. **Water shoes are strongly recommended at the waterfront (we do not recommend flip flops).**
- Comb/Hairbrush & Shampoo, Hair ties for long hair
- Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- Soap or Bodywash
- Deodorant
- Sunscreen – SPF 15 or higher
- Insect repellent
- Menstrual products
- Flashlight or headlamp with extra batteries

- Water bottle
- Backpack/CinchSack/Fanny pack to carry belongings around camp or on short hikes

## **HELPFUL EXTRAS**

- Swim goggles
- Shower shoes
- Laundry bag or extra pillow case for dirty clothes
- Book
- Writing paper, pens, self-addressed/stamped envelopes for letters home
- Small comfort item
- Disposable or inexpensive digital camera with name on it
- Lip balm
- Fun socks for fun-sock day
- Extra white t-shirt or bandana for tie-dying (optional Cabin Activity)

## **THINGS TO KEEP AT HOME**

To keep camp fun and safe, we ask that you leave these items at home:

- Electronics: cell phones, smart watches, laptop computers, e-readers, tablets, music players, etc. (anything with a screen). We maintain an unplugged, non-screen environment.
- Food of any kind, including candy and chewing gum (all snacks are provided)
- Money, jewelry, or expensive items
- Any item considered dangerous (knives, guns, weapons, fireworks, matches, lighters, pepper spray etc.)
- Alcohol or illegal drugs of any kind (including marijuana products)
- Tobacco products, in any form (including e-cigarettes & vapes)
- Animals or pets of any kind
- Skateboards, bicycles, scooters, rollerblades, roller skates, and other personal sports equipment

## **LOST & FOUND**

At the end of each session, we will attempt to return lost and found items to campers before they leave camp. The best way to ensure that all of your camper's items find their way home is to label all items with your camper's first AND last name. All lost and found items left at camp will remain at camp. Please call to inquire about lost items. At the end of summer, unclaimed and unlabeled items will be donated to charity. YMCA Camp DeBoer is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen items.

## **PAYMENTS & REFUNDS**

Final payment must be received no later than 14 days prior to your camper's first day of camp. For registrations made within two weeks of camp, full payment is required at

the time of registration. If your family is in need of financial assistance please complete our [application for financial assistance on our website](#) as early as possible.

## **PAYMENT ACCEPTED**

Make checks payable to Ashland Family YMCA, and send to 540 YMCA Way, Ashland OR 97520. We also accept Visa and MasterCard. A \$100 deposit is required at the time of registration; all remaining payments are scheduled at time of registration and will be automatically withdrawn 14 days prior to camp if balance has not been paid.

## **REFUND POLICY**

**Deposits are non-refundable.** If your camper is unable to attend camp, please notify us immediately. To receive a refund, you must notify us prior to 15 days before your camper's time at camp. According to how you originally paid the fees, a check or credit card refund will be issued, less the non-refundable deposit. Please allow 2 weeks for processing refunds. Any cancellations or refund requests received within 14 days before the start of camp will be at the discretion of the YMCA.

## **HEALTH & SAFETY INFORMATION**

The health and safety of our campers and staff is our primary concern. To ensure our camp health care providers have the information necessary in advance, families must provide health history and medical information for each camper during registration. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to provide accident and health insurance. The YMCA does not provide any coverage for members or participants.

## **CAMP HYGIENE STANDARDS**

Cleanliness is a key component to keeping campers healthy. Campers will be required to wash their hands prior to every meal. Camp clean-up takes place each day, when campers, teen leaders and staff assume responsibility for maintaining a specific area of camp and their own cabins. Directors will check cabins for neatness daily. We appreciate family support in discussing the importance of personal hygiene and community caretaking before camp.

## **HEAD LICE**

Head lice can become an issue anytime children gather together at school, afterschool programs, or camp. It is not indicative of cleanliness and anyone can get them. Because lice are easily transmitted and require several steps to eliminate, we cannot keep children at camp who are found to have nits or head lice. To help ensure your camper will have a positive experience at camp, it is your responsibility to check and, if necessary, treat your child for nits or head lice the week before camp begins. If nits or lice are found, you must do a thorough treatment of the hair and all personal belongings to remove all nits and lice before your camper arrives at check-in. Treatment information can be found online or via the health department.

## **HELP KEEP BED BUGS OUT OF YMCA CAMP DEBOER**

Bed bugs can be brought into camp at any time by any guest. We need your help to keep them out! Prior to your campers' arrival at camp, we ask that you wash and dry

(on high heat) all items you are sending to camp, including bedding and duffel bags. If you are concerned that you may have an infestation, please contact YMCA Camp DeBoer to work through how to best prepare your campers' gear and how YMCA Camp DeBoer can help make sure these pests don't come in with your camper. We inspect cabins between each session for evidence of bed bugs. In the unlikely event we discover bed bugs in your camper's cabin during their stay at camp, we will take immediate action to heat treat the cabin and the belongings of the occupants. We will notify all parents of affected campers as soon as we learn of any bed bugs in their cabin. Because we have no way to know when or how bed bugs enter our spaces, we do not assume the responsibility for the cost of eliminating them. However, we will do our best to prevent them from going home with you/your camper if they are discovered while at camp.

## **ILLNESS & ACCIDENTS**

Our camp's infirmary has a limited capacity to keep campers in extended isolation, and keeping ill campers at camp increases the likelihood of other campers or staff becoming ill. In our experience, campers with medical conditions feel more comfortable recuperating at home. Camp staff are not able to transport sick campers home. In such situations, the camp staff will contact families or emergency contacts to pick up an ill child from camp. Please make sure your emergency contacts are aware that they are listed and have adequate transportation to pick up your camper.

Please do NOT bring your child to YMCA Camp DeBoer if they are experiencing:

- An unusual cough
- New loss of taste or smell
- A runny nose with green discharge
- A fever of 100.4°F (must be symptom free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicine)
- Diarrhea (must be symptom-free for 48 hours)
- Vomiting (must be symptom-free for 48 hours)
- Lice and/or nits
- Contagious conditions such as chickenpox

If your camper is sent home from camp sick early in the week and their symptoms subside, you must coordinate with the camp staff before they are able to return to camp.

## **MEDICATIONS**

If you will be sending any over-the-counter or prescription medications or vitamins, please follow the instructions below:

1. Regulations require us to dispense all medication only from the original container. Over-the-counter medications, prescribed medications and vitamins must be sent in their original containers with the original label. (Containers will be returned at the end of your camper's session)
2. Prescription medication must be prescribed to the camper. No exceptions.

**3. Please carefully review and complete the Medical Information in the online "Child Profile" during registration.** Indicate your approval to dispense any medications listed on the formulary in the "Waiver" during registration.

4. If any medical/health or medication changes occur between completion of the "Child Profile" and camp attendance please update the "Child Profile" in your Daxko account and notify our camp staff at the Y drop-off during check-in.

5. Deliver **all medications** to the Camp Health Officer in the Infirmary during check-in if dropping off your child at camp. If dropping off at the Y, we will have a designated staff collecting them. The Camp Health Officer/staff member will ensure that they understand all medications, conditions and doctors orders. The Camp Health Officer/staff member will ensure that medications such as asthma inhalers and epi pens remain with the camper.

### **"MEDICATION HOLIDAYS"**

We strongly discourage campers from taking a "medication holiday" while they are at camp. It is not always in the child's best interest to take time off from their medication they regularly take as it requires the child to independently adjust to new feelings while away from their support systems and familiar circumstances. It can be unsettling for the camper and create challenges for them, making it harder to simply enjoy camp. We will be as accommodating as possible with your physician's recommendation.

### **IMMUNIZATIONS**

When campers and staff are camping in close quarters, they share stories, laughs, and life lessons. Unfortunately, they may also share microbes. We strongly encourage all campers to have up-to-date MMR, Tdap and Varicella vaccinations as this will help your child stay healthy at camp. It is required that you write the actual dates of vaccinations on the YMCA Camp DeBoer Camper Medical Form. If your child does not have a vaccination, please write "not vaccinated."

### **EMERGENCIES**

YMCA Camp DeBoer employs experienced Camp Health Officers and all staff are CPR/AED certified. The nearest Emergency Response Team is located in Keno, while Urgent Care Clinics can be found in Klamath Falls, Medford, or Ashland. A designated emergency vehicle is on site at all times. Camp staff use two-way radios for activities when campers are away from the main lodge. Safety measures and drills, including fire, "lost camper," thunderstorms, and active shooter are in place and practiced during staff training.

### **EVACUATION PROCEDURES**

In the unlikely event that the YMCA would need to evacuate YMCA Camp DeBoer, we will send emergency communication such as our action plan and reunification locations through our text system. **Families are required to opt into this system with at least one text capable phone number prior to the start of their child's week at camp.** Evacuations are based on the type of emergency, the YMCA will decide on the most prudent way to return campers safely to their families or emergency contacts. An emergency with prior notice such as a local fire that places camp on a Level 2

evacuation notice may require parents or authorized emergency contacts to pick up their child at camp.

## **BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS**

At YMCA Camp DeBoer we expect staff and campers to behave in ways that are safe, considerate of others and allow programs to run smoothly. We also know that everyone has tough moments and may make mistakes. We believe that behavior is communication; campers are trying to tell us something with their actions. At YMCA Camp DeBoer we employ trauma-informed practices to help campers understand and communicate their needs, and behave in ways that are safe for themselves and others. Camp staff are skilled at helping campers meet our community agreements or make repairs after a mistake, and will make every reasonable effort to support a child remaining at camp. However, when the welfare of the camper, other campers, staff, or camp property/equipment is at risk or jeopardized, the family or emergency contact will be notified to pick up their camper immediately at their own expense. The serious and rare decision to send a camper home is made by our lead camp staff and is not open to appeal. Program fees will be forfeited.

### **BULLYING DESCRIPTION**

Bullying is repeated aggressive or intimidating behavior that results in another person feeling unsafe. It can take the form of physical or verbal harassment, and involves an imbalance of power. Bullying behavior can include teasing, insulting someone (particularly about their weight, height, race, sexuality, religion or other personal traits), shoving, hitting, excluding someone, or gossiping about someone. Bullying can cause a child to feel upset, afraid, ashamed, embarrassed, and anxious. It can involve children of any age, including younger elementary grade-schoolers. Bullying behavior is frequently repeated unless there is intervention.

### **BULLYING POLICY**

YMCA Camp DeBoer must be a safe and welcoming space for all. To ensure the emotional and physical well-being of all campers and staff at camp, parents or guardians will be contacted immediately to assist with any bullying issues. We ask that parents talk to their campers about bullying before camp begins. Encourage your camper to be kind to and respectful of others, and direct them to tell a staff member if they are having, or witness, any problems. Speaking up in the interest of others is a great example of living our core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

## **GETTING TO & FROM CAMP**

### **NEW DROP-OFF AND BUSSING OPTION FROM THE ASHLAND FAMILY YMCA**

YMCA Camp DeBoer is happy to announce that we now have a bussing option. *All that choose to drive to camp to drop off instead of ride the bus will be charged an additional \$20 fee.* Our goal is to lessen the environmental impact to our ecosystem and provide guardians with a simpler drop-off procedure more conducive to working families.

If you choose to drop your child off at the Ashland Family YMCA on Sunday, you will also need to pick them up there on Thursday.

Email [ycampdeboer@ashlandymca.org](mailto:ycampdeboer@ashlandymca.org) with any questions

**Check-In AT ASHLAND YMCA:**      **Overnight Camp** - Sundays from 12pm-2pm  
**Mini Overnight Camp** – Sunday 12pm-2pm

**Pick-Up AT ASHLAND YMCA:**      **Overnight Camp** - Thursdays from 5pm-6pm  
**Mini Overnight Camp** – Tuesday from 5pm-6pm

## **FOR DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP AT YMCA CAMP DEBOER**

### **NO LATE ARRIVALS/EARLY PICK-UPS**

To create a sense of belonging, uphold the quality of our programming, and for the safety and security of all, we need to limit late arrivals and early pick-ups only to completely necessary circumstances with prior permission from lead camp staff. Otherwise, campers not at camp within one hour of check-in time will not be permitted to attend the session. No-shows are not eligible for refunds. Early arrivals to camp before check-in time are also NOT permitted. *We do not have time in our set-up schedule to monitor campers/parents that arrive early. Our safety protocols include constant supervision of all visitors to our camp.*

**Check-In Time:**    **Overnight Camp** - Sundays from 2pm-4pm  
                          **Mini Overnight Camp** – Sunday 2pm-4pm

**Pick-Up Time:**    **Overnight Camp** - Thursdays from 5pm-6pm  
                          **Mini Camp** – Tuesday from 5pm-6pm

## **DROP-OFF AND PICK UP AT YMCA CAMP DEBOER**

### **CHECK-IN DAY**

1. Leave your pet at home. Pets are not allowed at Camp DeBoer.
2. Park in the gravel parking lots and accompany your camper to the check-in table at the nearby open-air Pavilion where you will:
  - o Learn your camper's cabin assignment
  - o Ensure all information is up to date and a guardian is opted in to emergency texts
  - o Let us know who will pick up your camper at the end of their session.
3. First aid kits are available at check-in if needed.
4. Turn in all medication(s) in the original container(s) to the nurse. (do not pack in camper's luggage). The Camp Health Officer will send any medications like inhalers and epi pens with the camper after meds check-in.
5. Drop off camper(s) at their cabins. Once campers arrive at their cabin, they remain under the supervision of camp staff.
6. Visit the camp store to drop off camper mail.

## **PICK-UP**

1. Park in the gravel lot and find camp staff at the entrance gate. **PLEASE BRING A PHOTO ID TO SHOW STAFF FOR PICK-UP.** Your camper will be released to only those listed as an authorized pick-up person who can show a picture ID.
2. Counselors will bring your camper and their gear to you at the parking lot.
3. Visit the Camp Health Officer by the entrance gate to pick up any medications you turned in
4. For the safety of your camper and the smooth operation of camp, PLAN TO BE ON TIME FOR PICK-UPS! WE CANNOT OFFER AFTER-HOURS CHILDCARE.

## **DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO CAMP**

### **FROM ASHLAND**

From town, take OR 66 towards Emigrant Lake (0.3 mi). Turn left onto Dead Indian Memorial Road. Follow Dead Indian Memorial Road for 32.3 miles. YMCA Camp DeBoer will be on the left side of the road (between mile marker 32 and 33), and can be seen from Dead Indian Memorial Road. There is a US Forest Service sign on Dead Indian Memorial Road marking the entrance to camp.

### **FROM MEDFORD**

Take OR-140 east for 48.8 miles. Turn right (south) onto Dead Indian Memorial Road (**beyond** turn for Lake of the Woods Resort). Follow Dead Indian Memorial Road for 3.7 miles. YMCA Camp DeBoer will be on the right side of the road (between mile marker 32 and 33), and can be seen from Dead Indian Memorial Road. There is a US Forest Service sign on Dead Indian Memorial Road marking the entrance to camp.

### **FROM KLAMATH FALLS**

Take OR-140 west for 31 miles. Turn left (south) onto Dead Indian Memorial Road. Follow Dead Indian Memorial Road for 3.7 miles. YMCA Camp DeBoer will be on the right side of the road (between mile marker 32 and 33), and can be seen from Dead Indian Memorial Road. There is a US Forest Service sign on Dead Indian Memorial Road marking the entrance to camp.

## **CONTACT US**

As you register and prepare for camp, please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns. If you need help registering for camp you can ask for help at the Front Desk of the Ashland Family YMCA or contact our camp staff at [ycampdeboer@ashlandymca.org](mailto:ycampdeboer@ashlandymca.org). All questions or concerns during the camp season should be directed to [ycampdeboer@ashlandymca.org](mailto:ycampdeboer@ashlandymca.org) or at 541-622-2455.

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