

# YMCA Camp DeBoer Group Rental Information (Updated 11.4.2024)



## Welcome to YMCA Camp DeBoer

Nestled on the shores of scenic Lake of the Woods, YMCA Camp DeBoer is an ideal location for camps and retreats. Just 36 miles from Ashland, 48 miles from Medford and 38 miles from Klamath Falls, you'll find this location near the crest of the Cascade Mountains (nearly 5,000 ft.) an idyllic place to unwind, relax and enjoy the natural world around you. ( [Google map location](#) )

## Compatibility

All groups interested in renting YMCA Camp DeBoer must be willing to support and adhere to the principles as outlined in the Ashland YMCA mission statement. Any group or individual whose behavior is contrary to our mission or commitment to equity may be asked to leave the YMCA Camp DeBoer property immediately.

**Our Mission:** 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.

**Our Commitment to Equity:** The Ashland Family YMCA is committed to creating a diverse, inclusive, and safe space for all. We are dedicated to building bridges, increasing our knowledge, understanding, and bringing people together to advance equity and create positive change at our YMCA. All are welcome here.

## Facilities

Primarily an overnight camp for youth and families, YMCA Camp DeBoer may also be the perfect location for your group, conference, reunion, or wedding. Opened in 2021, you'll find our facilities meet a wide range of needs and include accessible buildings, restrooms, and pathways.

**Lodge & Lounges:** This stunning space is excellent for meetings or meals with tables that can be flexibly configured, gas fireplaces, commercial kitchen, cozy lounges at each end of the building.



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**Outdoor covered Pavilion & Sport Court:** Open air space ideal for gathering and activities even in wet weather. There are stainless steel counters and a sink at one end.



**Outdoor Amphitheater:** Excellent option for a ceremony, orientation or other gathering. Open platform at the front and bench seating.



## **5 Cabinettes with Mini Kitchens**

Cabins that sleep up to 6, including a microwave, coffee maker, sink and minifridge. Private bathroom/shower. Seasonally available.

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## **10 Bunk Cabins with bathroom**

Cabins that sleep 18 people on 9 bunks, with separated “counselor” area. Includes private bathroom with 3 sinks, 2 toilets, and an ADA shower.



## **2 shower houses:**

Each cabin village has one shower house with 7 showers and 7 toilets, including one gender neutral / family bathroom & shower.

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**Program Areas: Arts & Crafts / Nature Lab / Archery / Campfire**



**Waterfront**



**BandAid (Infirmary)**



## Getting Started

To begin the process of bringing your group to YMCA Camp DeBoer, if you have not already done so please complete the [YMCA Camp DeBoer Rental Request form](#). This will give our staff some basic information such as dates, number of people and facilities and programs areas requested. Once we receive this information, one of our YMCA staff members will contact you.

## Activities

Many of the activities at camp will require the involvement of additional YMCA and/or camp staff at an additional cost to the rental and some activities are only seasonally

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available. Please be sure that you have requested the use of those activities areas your group may enjoy, and that these activities have been confirmed on your group rental agreement. Seasonally available activities may include archery, waterfront (swimming & boating), campfire, arts & crafts, and nature activities.

## Supervision

Each group is responsible for the actions of its participants to ensure safety of your participants and appropriate use of facilities. The individual who signed the group rental contact who is at least **21 years of age** must accompany the group to YMCA Camp DeBoer. Youth groups require an adult supervisor for **each** cabin that is rented. A general minimum supervision of adults to youth ratio of 1 to 10 is strongly suggested. We strongly suggest housing at least two adults with each cabin of youth.

## Sleeping Cabins

Our camp includes 10 traditional cabins with full bathrooms. (In addition, there are 2 shower houses.) Each cabin can sleep up to 18 guests in bunk beds with quality mattresses. Participants need to bring their own bedding and towels. Bunk mattresses fit twin sized linen.

Additionally, there are 4 cabinettes. Cabinettes also have full bathrooms, and are also outfitted with a mini fridge, kitchen sink, microwave, and coffee maker. Cabinettes sleep up to 5 people depending on the cabin, and may include one full sized bed. Camp staff can confirm the sleeping arrangements in a specific cabinette prior to arrival so that participants can bring appropriate linens.

## Meals

Our Lodge and Dining Hall has a capacity of 130 people and a full commercial kitchen that may also be rented. Groups who rent the kitchen must provide all of their own food/beverages and may not access any Camp DeBoer food or kitchen consumables, but may use all cookware and dishes in the kitchen. Camp staff may be seasonally available to prepare a variety of meals for guests with advanced notice as part of the group rental agreement. Menus are agreed upon ahead of group arrival and may influence the cost of meals. All groups at camp eat together from a single menu at a single time. Groups are expected to eat at the times agreed prior to arrival. Because our kitchen staff have a variety of duties, meals can not be held for late arrivers or major adjustments to schedules. All groups should expect to assist in clearing and cleaning their dining area after each meal. Meals may be served either “Buffet-style” or “Family-Style” at the kitchen staff’s discretion to best fit the meal or schedule.

## Alcohol

*Individuals or groups may not bring alcohol onto the camp property without prior exemption on a limited basis for a special event.*

The group leader may request an exemption in advance to provide alcohol on a limited basis for a special event under the following conditions:

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1. Drinks may only be served by an individual(s) with a current OLCC Server Permit. (Copy of permit must be provided upon arrival)
2. All alcohol must be stored securely away from participants until it is time to be served, and must be monitored by a sober adult over age 21 to ensure that no alcohol is accessible to participants under the age of 21.
3. The YMCA Camp DeBoer Host has the authority to discontinue service of alcohol at any time upon their sole discretion.

### **Illegal Drugs**

Illegal drugs, by Oregon law, are prohibited on YMCA property. The YMCA strictly enforces a ZERO tolerance policy. If an illegal substance, or knowledge of an illegal substance, is discovered law enforcement authorities will be notified immediately.

### **No Smoking / Vaping / Tobacco**

All YMCA facilities and properties enforce a strict non-smoking policy. This includes e-cigarettes and the chewing of tobacco. Smoking is prohibited in all buildings by state law as well as all outdoor areas on camp property.

### **Weapons**

Weapons of any kind, including personal firearms, concealed or not, are prohibited on YMCA property and will be confiscated and secured for the duration of your stay. Hunting on YMCA property is prohibited.

### **Animals**

In accordance with state and federal laws, service animals who are trained for specific tasks to assist with a disability have public access rights at camp. Service animals must remain leashed and with the person they serve at all times, and must maintain safe behavior that does not disrupt the function or harm facilities of YMCA Camp DeBoer. A service animal that cannot meet these standards may be required to leave the camp property. Prior notice of service animals must be provided to camp for all rentals, and owners of service animals must check in at the office to make their presence known at camp. All other animals are prohibited at camp, including pets, therapy or emotional support animals. It is not acceptable to leave animals in vehicles at camp.

### **Insurance**

All groups are responsible for their own accident insurance. If the group is not covered by group insurance, individuals of the group take responsibility for their own insurance and must sign a release form at the beginning of their stay. The user organization will obtain a policy of comprehensive general liability insurance, with limits of \$1,000,000 personal injury, sickness, or death per any one occurrence and one \$1,000,000 for loss or property damage per any one occurrence. It is further represented that YMCA Camp DeBoer shall be named as an additional insured on

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that policy and that the user group's policy shall be deemed primary insurance to both the user organization and the YMCA.

## **Reservation Policies**

Once YMCA Staff have received the [Rental Request form](#), a written quote will be sent to the Group Leader. The Group Leader must sign the document and return it with the indicated deposit within 14 days upon receipt of the agreement to confirm the rental and secure the selected dates and services. The deposit can be paid with check or major credit card. The deposit will be deducted from the total amount due at the end of the rental.

## **Payments**

All rental fees noted on the signed Rental Agreement are due at least 14 days prior to the event. Actual attendance of the number of participants at camp and other variables, such as any damages or cleaning fees, will determine the final cost of the rental. YMCA staff will review the final bill with the Group Leader before departure. Final payment will be due no less than 14 days after departure from camp and can be paid with check or major credit card.

## **Changes to Rental Agreements**

We understand that plans change and we will do our best to meet those changing needs and adjust your rental contract. To ensure we can provide the best service possible, groups must confirm final numbers 14 days prior to the rental. The Group has contracted with YMCA Camp DeBoer for a specific number of participants and services provided by the Camp as indicated in the Reservation Agreement. No reductions in fees will be made less than 14 days before the event; groups will be accountable for a minimum of the rental fees assessed based on any adjustments confirmed 14+ days prior to the event.

## **Rental Cancellation**

If a group cancels their reservation within 7 days of making a deposit the entire deposit can be refunded. If a reservation is canceled more than 90 days prior to the event, the paid deposit may be transferred to another event. If a group cancels less than 90 days but more than 30 days prior to the rental start date, YMCA Camp DeBoer will retain the deposit only. If a group cancels less than 30 days prior to rental start date, YMCA Camp DeBoer will retain the full deposit, plus 50% of the remaining balance as shown on the signed rental agreement.

## **Medical / Emergency Assistance**

Groups are responsible for bringing and administering their own first aid and supplies, emergency care, and emergency transportation if an ambulance is unavailable. In case of medical emergencies, the YMCA Camp DeBoer staff should be notified and will do their best to provide support until emergency medical services arrive on the scene.

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The YMCA does not provide health or accident insurance to guests or program participants. Information on area hospitals and emergency medical services are available at the camp office. Group leaders should have in their possession a written authorization of consent for treatment of a minor who is temporarily separated from his/her parents or legal guardian. It is advisable that group leaders obtain known allergies or health conditions requiring treatment, restriction, or other accommodation while on site.

## Appropriate Facility Use

We love our facilities, and we think you will too. To ensure excellent accommodations for the next group we expect all groups to use our facilities safely and appropriately for their intended use. YMCA furnishings and equipment must remain inside the proper building/location at all times. Any items moved from their original location within a building must be returned to their original location before the end of a rental. Any building or furnishings damaged by participants during your visit will require appropriate restitution, which may exceed the amount of the damage deposit. **Graffiti or defacement in any form is not tolerated.** Your group will be billed a minimum of \$50.00 plus \$1.00 per square inch of graffiti found to be caused by a member of your group.

## Directions to YMCA Camp DeBoer

### FROM ASHLAND

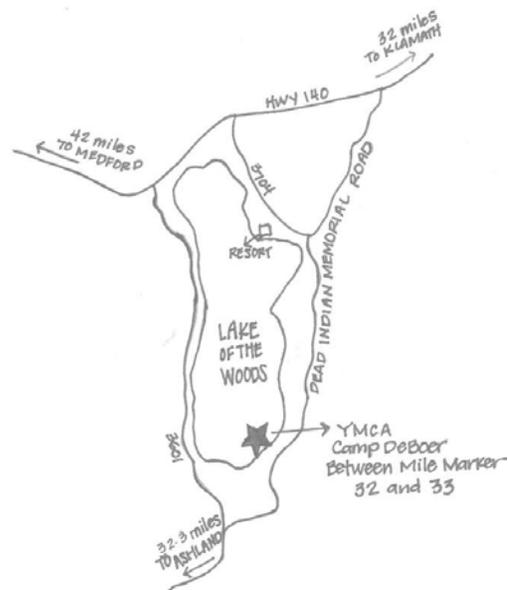
From town, get onto OR 66 towards Emigrant Lake (0.3 mi). Turn left onto Dead Indian Memorial Road. Follow Dead Indian Memorial Road for 32.3 miles. YMCA Camp DeBoer will be on the left side of the road (between mile marker 32 and 33), and can be seen from Dead Indian Memorial Road. There is a US Forest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



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seen from Dead Indian Memorial Road. There is a US Forest Service sign on Dead Indian Memorial Road marking the entrance to camp.

### **Waterfront Access**

Swimming and boating with YMCA equipment are allowed only when designated YMCA lifeguards are on duty and only during the times arranged in advance by your group. A \$100 fine per person will be incurred for anyone disregarding this policy. Guests may be on the shoreline and beach, but not on the docks or water without a designated YMCA lifeguard present. Lifejackets, which are provided, are required to be worn in all boating activities and in some swimming situations at the discretion of the YMCA lifeguard on duty.

### **Store**

The camp store is located right outside the Sid and Karen Lodge. It can be opened for guests if desired. Arrangements must be made in advance with camp staff. The store carries reusable water bottles, sweatshirts, and other Y Camp souvenirs. The store accepts check, Visa, and MasterCard.

### **Lost Items**

YMCA Camp DeBoer is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged personal belongings while guests are on YMCA property. Please contact the camp office to report lost or found items. Unclaimed items are kept for 14 days and then are donated to local charities. Guests are urged to keep valuable items at home or locked in their vehicle.

### **Fishing**

Fishing is permitted on Lake of the Woods. No license is needed for participants 12 and under; those 13 and older need an individual Oregon fishing license. To ensure the safety of all visitors to camp fishing is only permitted off the designated fishing dock. Abandoned fishing gear can put wildlife, staff and other visitors at risk of injury so any person choosing to fish must ensure that all equipment, including all tackle (hooks, line, etc.) is removed from the lake and dock.

### **Lightning/Thunder**

We use and enforce the 30min rule with regards to thunder and lightning. If lightning is seen or thunder is heard, all swimming and boating activities will be immediately ended for 30 minutes. If there is another instance of lightning or thunder, the 30min window is restarted.

Appropriate shelter: Lodge or a cabin. Stay in approved shelter for 30 minutes *beyond* the time when you last see lightning or hear thunder.

### **Quiet Hours**

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Courtesy (quiet) hours are observed from 10 p.m. to 8 a.m. and are enforced. Disregarding courtesy hours will initially result in a warning from Y Camp staff. Should the disturbance continue, individuals involved may be asked to leave camp.

## **Firewood and Fire Restrictions**

The YMCA Camp DeBoer can provide wood and water buckets at all designated fire rings as part of your rental agreement. Please refrain from leaving glass or garbage in fire rings, and ensure that all fires are doused and cold to the touch before being left unattended by an adult. Fires built in undesignated areas will result in a \$1000 fine. Open flames, including candles, are not permitted indoors. Fireworks in any form are not allowed on YMCA Camp DeBoer property. Please ask Camp staff before using any open flame. Local fire restrictions will be enforced when necessary.

## **Stewardship**

YMCA Camp DeBoer is honored to be the steward of this beautiful land, and rental groups are incredibly important in this work.

- Leave natural objects where you find them so that they may be enjoyed by all. Do not feed the wildlife and keep a respectful distance.
- Ensure that all food waste and trash are secured in the provided trash cans or bins so that wildlife is not encouraged to scavenge on camp property. Do not store food in cabins.
- Stay on designated trails and do not go on any adjoining private property. Ensure all garbage finds its way to a receptacle. Do not store food in cabins. At camp we like to recycle and would appreciate group members' participation in this effort. There are separate receptacles for deposit cans/bottles.

## **Conserve Resources**

Close doors and windows when the heat is on. Refrain from propping doors open unless you are actively loading in or out of a building to keep rodents and insects out of buildings. Turn off lights and fans when leaving a facility. We ask groups to refrain from using any flying objects such as drones and model airplanes to ensure that we don't disturb our neighbors and wildlife.

## **Parking**

Parking is limited and permitted in designated areas only. We strongly encourage carpooling to get to camp as our gravel lots will hold 50-70 vehicles depending on the size and required access to vehicles.

## **Cleaning**

Groups are responsible for cleaning cabins and meeting spaces unless other arrangements have been made. Cleaning expectations include

- Remove all items belonging to the group participants
- Return all YMCA Camp DeBoer items to their original location
- Sweep and spot mop and spills

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- Empty trash and replace bags
- Wipe down counters/mirrors/sinks
- Vacuum rugs (lounges, cabinettes)
- Kitchen Rental:
  - Clean/sanitize all work surfaces
  - Clean all used appliances
  - Wash all used dishes and return to the appropriate places
  - Sweep the floor and spot mop and spills
  - Drain the service line bins and the dish washer
  - Empty trash and replace trash bags

A cleaning service may be seasonally available for cabins, the lodge and lounges at an additional charge to reduce the cleaning required by groups. However all groups are expected to remove all group items, return camp items to their original locations, ensure all trash is in a provided trash bin, and notify the camp host of any major spill or issue immediately. Group leaders are responsible for arranging a time with camp staff to view all facilities used by the group prior to departure. Group cleaning responsibilities not performed may be subject to a cleaning fee.