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WELCOME TO FAMILY CAMPOUTS

Camp Colman - FALL 2020



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Dear Families,

We hope that you, your family, friends, and all those around you are safe and healthy. This summer, due to the impacts of COVID-19, rather than operate our traditional youth overnight program we provided family camp programs to household groups. For many, camp provided an important opportunity to explore nature and connect with love ones.

This fall we will offer cabin rentals or “family campouts.” Guests can relax and recharge in a private cabin with a gorgeous view of the lagoon or tall trees, explore camp with self-guided walks and scavenger hunts, enjoy some arts and crafts and enjoy the gorgeous setting that is Camp Colman.

At Camp, your health and safety are our top priorities. We will continue to work with national and local agencies to enact measures to reduce the risk of spread of COVID-19. Families and staff will complete health screenings, including temperature checks for each day at camp. A group will reserve their own cabin for the duration of their stay. Cabins will be cleaned and disinfected between each use. Registration includes grab & go meals from our lodge that you can enjoy in your cabin. In addition, we will observe federal, state, and county orders around reopening business and physical distancing measures.

We believe in the importance of the camp experience, now as much as ever. We hope you take this unique opportunity to explore a beautiful place, strengthen connection and create memories together. The contents of this packet explain in greater detail arrival information, accommodations and health and safety information. Please review it thoroughly. For additional information, please visit our website at www.campcolman.org, send us an email, campinfo@seattlemca.org or give us a call 206.382.5009. We'll see you soon!

Bria “Disney” Cartwright
Executive Director



Current state guidelines require that household cohort group camping where members of a single household occupy a sleeping cabin with a maximum of 10 people per household group, all members of that group must reside at the same address.

ABOUT CAMP

CHECK-IN & CHECK-OUT

For the safety of all, check-in times will be scheduled between 3pm and 6pm. Check out is by 11am. As parking space is limited, please follow parking directional signs and staff directions. For most cabins you will park in a designated lot which may be a few minutes walk to your cabin. Freeman cabins have room for 1 car to park beside the cabin.

COMMUNICATION

Cell phone reception can be spotty at Camp Colman. Generally Verizon & AT&T have good coverage, while other carriers are not typically very strong. Our camp staff can provide you with a phone to use for emergency calls if necessary. Important incoming messages for participants may be left on the camp voicemail and staff will relay the message to you. The camp number is (253) 884 3844. For emergencies only, the Director on Duty can be contacted via cell phone at (253) 514 0068.

CABINS

We have two different cabins at Camp Colman. Our **traditional cabins** are fully enclosed with 14 beds with mattresses. The bathrooms are located in the cabin with hot and cold water in the shower, a toilet and sink.

Our 3 **Freeman cabins** are newer, offer a more spacious layout, 2 full bathrooms, 16 beds - 2 that are extra wide for a little more space. They have front porches and back decks and are in a secluded area in camp near the sport court, ball field and forest area and feature parking at the cabin.

All cabins have plenty of windows to let in fresh air during the day, and have a gas stove for chilly nights. Your cabin will be designated for your family group only and other participants may not enter your cabin during your stay. For the health & safety of all, participants will be asked to use the restroom in their cabin for all restroom needs.

Cabins will be assigned at registration.



Traditional Cabin Interior



Traditional Cabin Bathroom



Freeman Cabin Interior



Freeman Cabin Bathrooms

MEALTIMES AT CAMP

We'll provide meals from Friday dinner through Sunday breakfast. A member of your family will need to come to the lodge to pick up your meal at 8:15am, 12:30pm and 5:30pm (6pm on arrival day). We can accommodate vegetarian, vegan, lactose free or gluten free diets if noticed in advance. Please also alert us of any food allergies.

You are welcome to bring snacks and a cooler for cold drinks and to keep leftover food. Please make sure any food in your cabin is kept in sealed containers like coolers or Rubbermaid-type bins to reduce the risk of inviting critters in to your cabin.

NUT-FREE CAMP

Due to the prevalence of nut allergies, we strive to make camp a nut-free zone. Please do not bring nut products or anything containing nut oil to camp. Thank you!

CAMP ACTIVITIES

Upon arrival at your cabin you'll find a variety of fun things to do at camp. We'll provide you a forest guide and a beach guide to explore around camp. You'll also find craft activities and a scavenger hunt to enjoy at your leisure. You're welcome to bring your own sports equipment like basketballs, frisbees or soccer balls to enjoy our ballfield, sport court and volleyball/badminton court. Unfortunately we won't be able to provide equipment. With proper permits, you're welcome to fish on the beach. Provided we are not under a county burn ban, you are welcome to build a fire on the beach as well. We will have firewood available at our beach firepit. Please note it is against the law to burn driftwood. Please make sure to bring any trash back up to camp and do not leave food on the beach as it can be dangerous to the wildlife.



PACKING SUGGESTIONS

EVERYONE SHOULD BRING:

- Thermometer for health screenings
- Face coverings for use when needed
- Hand sanitizer
- Clothes for warm, wet and cool weather
- Raincoat or poncho with hood
- Sweatshirt or jacket
- Comfortable shoes - shoes are worn at all times at camp
- Toiletries
- Sunscreen
- Long pants
- Flashlight or head lamp
- Water bottle
- Towel & washcloth
- Pillow
- Sleeping bag/linens for twin-sized bedding

OPTIONAL ITEMS:

- Camera
- Bug spray
- Shower shoes
- Musical instruments
- Good book
- Swimsuit
- Backpack or small bag to carry items around with you
- Portable crib/pack-and-play for your little one
- Lighter or matches if you plan to make a campfire
- Camp chairs to enjoy your cabin porch or deck
- Cooler and any snacks or drinks you might like



DRIVING DIRECTIONS

FROM SEATTLE, TACOMA & OLYMPIA

1. Follow I-5 into Tacoma, take the Gig Harbor/Bremerton exit (#132) onto Hwy 16.
2. Go over the Tacoma Narrows Bridge and through Gig Harbor. Be prepared to pay a toll heading eastbound over the Tacoma Narrows Bridge. Take the Purdy/Key Center (Hwy 302) exit into Purdy.
3. Turn left at the first stop-light to cross over the Purdy Spit.
4. Cross the water and make no turns. You will be on this road for approximately 20 minutes. The Joemma State Beach signs along the way will aid you in getting to Camp since Camp is adjacent to this park. NOTE: Hwy 302-Shelton exit will veer to the right, continue to travel straight into the town of Key Center.
5. Travel through the town of Key Center (you are now 10 miles from camp). Continue on and through the towns of Home and Lakebay.
6. In Home/Lakebay, you will pass a gas station. Go over the bridge and turn right on the second road past the bridge, Whiteman Road. Whiteman road is approximately one mile past the gas station and has signs indicating Camp Colman and Joemma State Park.
7. Whiteman Road bears to the left as you pass Lake Road. Do not follow Lake Road. Instead, continue on Whiteman to Bay Road (the next road), approximately one mile from the Lake Road junction.
8. Make a sharp right on Bay Road and follow it until you come to a gravel road on the left. This gravel road is the entrance to camp and is indicated by a Camp Colman sign.
9. Follow the gravel road along the beach and into camp. Check the notice board at the first parking lot for check-in information.

***Please note, on your return trip, if you cross the Tacoma Narrows Bridge heading east, there is a toll.**

FROM BREMERTON

1. Follow Hwy 3 east past Bremerton. Take Hwy 16 east towards Tacoma.
2. Take the Purdy/Key Center exit into Purdy.
3. Turn right at the stop-light.
4. See numbers 4-8 to the left (from Seattle directions)

FROM SOUTHWORTH (via ferry from Fauntleroy)

1. From the ferry landing, take a left onto Sedgewick Road and follow to Hwy 16.
2. Make a left on Hwy 16 heading east towards Tacoma.
3. See numbers 2-4 above (from Bremerton)

YMCA CAMP POLICIES

HEALTH & SAFETY

If anyone in your family is experiencing COVID-like symptoms (fever, persistent cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat or new loss of taste or smell) please do not come to camp. Please call to let us know and we can look at rescheduling you or issuing a credit or refund.

In most cases, due to physical distancing requirements, families will be required to address any first aid or illness needs. Please contact Y staff if you need support. Participants are required to notify Y staff immediately if any COVID-like symptoms present in any family members during your stay.

Camp Colman staff have the authority to enforce all Camp Colman rules. Participants refusing to follow camp rules will be asked to leave without refund of program fees.

CAMP POLICIES

- ◆ Youth must be accompanied by an adult family member at all times.
- ◆ Participants must remain with their family group and may not intermingle with other groups
- ◆ All challenge course areas are off limits unless escorted by staff.
- ◆ Swimming in the lagoon or Sound is prohibited.
- ◆ Families may enjoy a safe campfire with their family group on the beach using the existing pit or creating one of their own. (One fire per family group please) Please use only the provided firewood, it is unlawful to burn driftwood, and make sure to fully extinguish your fire with water when you are done. A bucket will be provided to bring water from the Sound to douse your fire. Please bring all trash and/or food remnants back up to camp.

- ◆ The following items are prohibited at Camp Colman and possession or use of them at camp may result in immediate dismissal:
 - ⇒ Alcohol, tobacco, marijuana or illegal drugs
 - ⇒ Knives, guns, weapons of any kind
 - ⇒ Dangerous items (i.e. fireworks)
- ◆ Smoking is not allowed in camp. Please notify staff if you are smoker and they can show you the nearby smoking area.
- ◆ Pets, no matter how cute, may not accompany you for the weekend. Only service animals are allowed at Family Camp. Please let us know if one will accompany you.
- ◆ The cabins are somewhat close to each other in camp and noise can travel. Please keep your cabin noise to a minimum before 8am and after 10pm.
- ◆ Vehicles may not be driven beyond the designated parking areas, to designated smoking areas or beach.
- ◆ Camp Colman is not responsible for personal property, personal sports equipment or vehicles.
- ◆ Please make sure your cabin is tidied and all belongings removed upon departure. This will help facilitate our deep cleaning process between guests.

CAMP ENVIRONMENT

Live plants, animals and sea life are an important part of the Camp Colman environment and should not be collected or damaged in any way.

INSURANCE

It is the participant's responsibility to provide his or her own accident and health insurance. The YMCA does not provide any such coverage for participants.

Thank you for helping keep Camp Colman a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone!

FEES

The base rate for a cabin is inclusive of up to 10 family members, which is the maximum occupancy per Washington State Safe Start requirements.

If you or any of your family members have COVID-19-like symptoms during the two weeks before you come to camp, please let us know and we'll offer you a credit. If you call us 24 hours before you come and you cancel, you'll get a full credit. If someone in your family's cabin develops symptoms after you check in, we will ask that you return home and remain in quarantine. We will offer you a pro-rated credit for the remaining days of your camp session.

If you choose to leave early at your own discretion, you will not be eligible for a refund or credit.

CONTACT US!

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EMERGENCY CAMP COLMAN CELL PHONE

For emergencies only, please! This phone is carried by the Director-on-Duty. If you do not get an answer, please leave a detailed message with your name and number. The Director-on-Duty will get back to you as soon as possible.
P: 253 514 0068



Everyone is welcome. The **YMCA of Greater Seattle** strengthens communities in King and south Snohomish counties through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. **Financial assistance is available.**