



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

WELCOME TO FAMILY CAMP

Colman Family Camp – Fall 2021



WELCOME TO FALL FAMILY CAMP!

We hope that you, your family and friends are all safe and healthy and that your family is looking forward to a chance to get away and enjoy the outdoors together. Your health and safety are our top priorities. We will continue to follow guidelines from national and local agencies to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19. Families and staff will complete daily health screenings, including temperature checks. Most activities will be prescheduled to facilitate physical distancing and structured cleaning of multitouch surfaces. Families will have their own cabin for the duration of their stay. Cabins will be cleaned and disinfected between each use. Meals will either be grab and go or follow procedures related to Washington State's Phased Reopening Approach. 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 and look forward to welcoming campers back to camp. The contents of this packet explain further details and we ask you to please review it thoroughly to be best prepared. For additional information, please visit our website at www.campcolman.org, send us an email, campinfo@seattlemca.org or give us a call at 253.884.3844. We'll see you soon!

Bria "Disney" Cartwright
Executive Director



ABOUT CAMP

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

Because we have to screen all individuals upon arrival, all members of your family must be checked in by 6pm.

Dinner is served at 5:30 and we will hold your dinner until 6:00 if you are arriving on the later end of the window. We ask all guests to check out by 11am. As parking is limited, please follow parking directional signs and staff directions.

COMMUNICATION

Cell phone reception can be spotty at Camp Colman but generally most carriers work. 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 will be relayed at meal times. The camp number is (253) 884 3844. For emergencies only, the Program Director on Duty can be contacted via cell phone at (206) 390 9838.



CABINS

Upon arrival, you will receive your cabin assignment. The cabins at Camp Colman 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. For the health & safety of all, campers will be asked to use the restroom in their cabin for all restroom needs.

The cabins have plenty of windows to let in fresh air during the day, and have a gas stove for chilly nights. The cabin will be designated for your family group only and other participants may not enter your cabin during your stay.

MEALTIMES AT CAMP

The first meal is dinner on arrival day and the last meal is breakfast on departure day. To meet physical distancing and health requirements, most meals will be served grab-and-go style to be eaten in cabins or at areas outdoors. Mealtimes will be assigned by cabin and we'll ask families to please be on time to pick up your meals. Vegetarian options are always available. Please let us know two weeks in advance if you have any special dietary needs. We may have some limitations in these grab and go meals, so please communicate your needs to us asap. Please bring a water bottle or cups for all family members as we do not provide drinks with meals. Cabin sink water is safe for drinking.

PERSONAL FOOD

We recommend bringing a cooler as there is often extra food you may wish to bring home with you. We will provide ice at lunch and dinner. If you plan to do any of your own cooking, please let us know 2 weeks prior so we do not plan for food for those meals for your family. We will have designated areas for personal BBQs. Please let staff know during check-in and they will show you that area.

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

SIGNING UP

Due to physical distancing and cleaning mandates, most activities at Camp Colman will be pre-assigned. You'll receive an electronic interest survey in the near future. We anticipate 1-3 scheduled activities per family, depending on number of families in camps. There will also be options for some drop-in and do-it-yourself activities.

We will offer activities in which we can best ensure the health and safety of participants, which may change based on COVID-related requirements. We anticipate the following activities will be available: arts & crafts, boating, sports and games, teambuilding challenges and nature activities.

Unfortunately we will be unable to offer high challenge course elements like our giant swing and climbing tower as we will be unable to ensure they are kept clean and sanitary for all users.

We are unable to have full campfire programs at this time but your family will be assigned one evening to enjoy the campfire area. We'll provide s'mores for you to enjoy that evening as well.



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, and a majority of our camp activities require closed-toe shoes
- 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
- Life jacket for baby/toddler (we have a few small PFDs)

Rain or shine, we will have fun in the outdoors. Please come prepared for the weather.



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.

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.
- ◆ Well-fitting facemasks covering mouth and nose must be worn by anyone over the age of 2 in most activities and when walking around the main camp area at all times. Facemasks with vents, bandanas and scarfs, are not permitted. We will have disposable masks available for anyone who needs them.
- ◆ Participants must remain with their family group and may not intermingle with other groups.
- ◆ Due to physical distancing and cleaning requirements, use of areas outside your cabin need to be scheduled. If you'd like to use an area, please contact Y staff to see whether that area is clean and available for use.
- ◆ All challenge course areas are off limits unless escorted by staff.

- ◆ Swimming in the lagoon or Sound is prohibited.
- ◆ Individual campfires are not permitted unless scheduled. If you reserve a fire you'll be assigned a start time. Staff will come to start your fire and coordinate an end time with you at that time.
- ◆ 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 may not accompany you for the weekend. Only service animals are allowed at Family Camp. Please let us know if one will accompany you.
- ◆ Please keep your cabin noise to a minimum before 8am and after 10pm.
- ◆ Vehicles may not be driven beyond the designated parking areas.
- ◆ 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.

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 5 family members. There will be an additional fee of \$55/per person per night for each additional family member staying in your cabin. There is no fee for children ages 4 and under. If you have a family member who visits at any time during your stay at camp, you will be responsible for this fee for the full session, even if they only stay one night. You may not swap out people on different nights. Meals, programs, and lodging are included in these fees.

If you or any of your family members have COVID-19-like symptoms, or come in contact with anyone who has a confirmed case of COVID-19, 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: 206 390 9838

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.**