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# WELCOME TO FAMILY CAMP

CAMP COLMAN - SPRING 2024



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We hope that you and your family is looking forward to the change to get away and enjoy the outdoors together. Camp provides a unique opportunity for families to enjoy new activities together and grow together in a new space. Your safety and the safety of your family is our top priority while you are at camp.

We believe in the importance of the camp experience, and can't wait to work with you to create memories for your whole family. 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](http://www.campcolman.org), send us an email at [campinfo@seattlemca.org](mailto:campinfo@seattlemca.org), or give us a call at 253.884.3844. We'll see you soon!

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## ABOUT CAMP

### ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

Check-in will be between 3pm-6pm. 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 (253) 514-0068.



## CABINS

Upon arrival, you will receive your cabin assignment. The cabins at Camp Colman are fully enclosed with bunk beds with mattresses. The bathrooms are located in the cabin with hot and cold water in the shower, a toilet and sink.

The cabins have plenty of windows to let in fresh air during the day, and have a gas stove for chilly nights.

Each cabin can accommodate up to 10 individuals.

## MEALTIMES AT CAMP

The first meal is dinner on arrival day and the last meal is breakfast on departure day. Vegetarian options are always available. Please let us know two weeks in advance if you have any special dietary needs. All meals will be served in Anderson Lodge:

Breakfast:	8:30am
Lunch:	12:30pm
Dinner:	5:30pm

## 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

We anticipate offering rock climbing, archery, boating, and arts and crafts. Guests will receive a program schedule upon their arrival, including programs offered during the day as well as evening programs on Friday and Saturday. Please note that due to the popularity of some programs, there may be longer wait times to participate.

In addition to these programs, guests are encouraged to enjoy our property with self-guided activities such as beach and forest exploration, gaga ball, basketball, volleyball, soccer, and kickball.



## PACKING SUGGESTIONS

### EVERYONE SHOULD BRING:

- 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; any personal life jackets will need to be approved by camp staff)

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.
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, 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 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult family member at all times.
- ◆ All challenge course areas are off limits unless escorted by staff.
- ◆ Swimming in the lagoon or Sound is prohibited.
- ◆ Individual campfires are not permitted.
- ◆ 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 their 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

We are offering two reservation options this Spring. You may choose to either reserve the whole cabin for your family, or you may choose to reserve a bed for each person enrolled. Fees vary based on date and the options you choose. Please see our registration page for more details. 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, please let us know and we'll offer you a 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.

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.



## 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