



# YMCA CAMP OCOEE

## Main Camp Retreat Handbook

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# Welcome to Camp Ocoee!

Our mission is: To provide experiences, under a strong Christian emphasis, that will strengthen the spirit, mind and body of all its participants. During your stay we will provide an engaging program while fostering the physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being of our participants. We will promote character development and encourage learning.

We welcome you to an extraordinary place where the combination of beautiful surroundings, creative staff, and a strong spirit of community create a rejuvenating and unforgettable experience for your group.

Whether you're a veteran or first timer, we are very excited to have you at YMCA Camp Ocoee. This handbook is filled with useful information to help you prepare for your retreat, have an enjoyable trip, and gain a better understanding of the Camp Ocoee experience. Please read through this handbook to ensure an enjoyable, safe, and fun experience.

## Meals at Camp Ocoee

Our cooks and kitchen staff prepare delicious meals. All meals are served buffet style. At breakfast each morning fresh fruit and cereal will be available along with the hot breakfast. Each lunch and dinner a salad bar and sandwich bar are available in addition to the main entrée.

- Standard meal times 8am Breakfast, 12:30 Lunch, 6pm Dinner/meal times can be adjusted to meet group needs prior to your retreat
- Please arrive on time for meals, as we run them for an hour.

Our foodservice staff will need to know about special dietary restrictions (Vegetarians, Vegans, food allergies) at least two weeks prior to arrival. Please email the Assistant Camp Director or Program Director to share these needs.

## Program Options

YMCA Camp Ocoee offers several program options for groups. Visit [www.ymcacampocoe.org/program-options](http://www.ymcacampocoe.org/program-options) to view the list of available programs. Contact the Assistant Camp Director or Program Director if you would like to customize a program for your group.

## Nuts and Bolts

Housing: All buildings on camp have electricity and bathroom facilities. The Camper Cabins are open air screen buildings which house up to 14 people in single bunk beds.

Healthcare: The group leader is responsible for the healthcare needs and should bring over the counter medications and first aid supplies. Group leader should designate one adult as the Healthcare provider for the group and collect and keep medicines locked while not in use for youth groups.

Internet Access: Internet access is limited to the Camp Office and Dining Hall over WiFi. These access points can be password protected if you prefer. Please let the Assistant Director or Program Director know if you prefer the wifi to be password protected.

Cellular Service: Cellular service on camp is spotty. The only service that gets a signal is Verizon. If you need to make a call please see one of the Camp Ocoee staff to use a land line. A land line is available in the Group Leader Cabin (Infirmary).

Outfitter Store: The camp store, known as the Outfitter, can be opened for your group. Please let the Assistant Camp Director or Program Director know when we can add this to your schedule. Cash, credit card, and checks are accepted at the store.

## **What to Pack for Camp Ocoee**

Please label everything with your first and last name.

### Bedding

- Sleeping bag
- Blanket
- Sheets (single bed)
- Pillow

### Clothing-

- Undergarments
- T-Shirts
- Raincoat/Poncho
- Hat/ Bandana
- Sweatshirt
- Sandals\*
- Pants
- Shorts
- Socks
- Pajamas
- Shoes (athletic)
- Swim Wear

\* Sandals with a tight back strap are the perfect shoes for camp.

### Personal Hygiene

- Shower Caddy
- Wash Cloth
- Shampoo
- Tooth Paste
- Sunscreen
- Insect Repellant (non-aerosol)
- Towels
- Soap
- Toothbrush
- Comb/Brush
- Deodorant

### Other Items (optional)

- Bible
- Camera
- Musical instrument
- Camp Chair
- Water Bottle
- Notebook
- Day Pack
- Small Clip Fan for bed
- Flashlight

## **What to Leave at Home**

- Alcoholic beverages
- Tobacco products
- Knives, guns, or other weapons
- PETS!

## **Camp Guidelines**

- The camp ropes course, climbing tower, waterfront, rope swing, waterslide, archery and BB's are off limits unless accompanied by a YMCA Camp Ocoee Staff member.
- Help us keep camp clean of trash by using the garbage cans found all around camp
- No Smoking anywhere on the property
- If you hear a siren sounding continuously, come to the Dining Lodge
- Campfires should only be built in existing fire pits and an adult must be present at all campfires
- Once you have unloaded your vehicles please move them to one of the parking areas. (Camp office and by the Campfire Circle)
- Adequate adult leadership is required with all youth under the age of 18. One adult for each 8 youth is required.
- Everyone wears a lifejacket when in a boat. While canoeing 2 staff from group must be present.

# Main Camp Cabin Template

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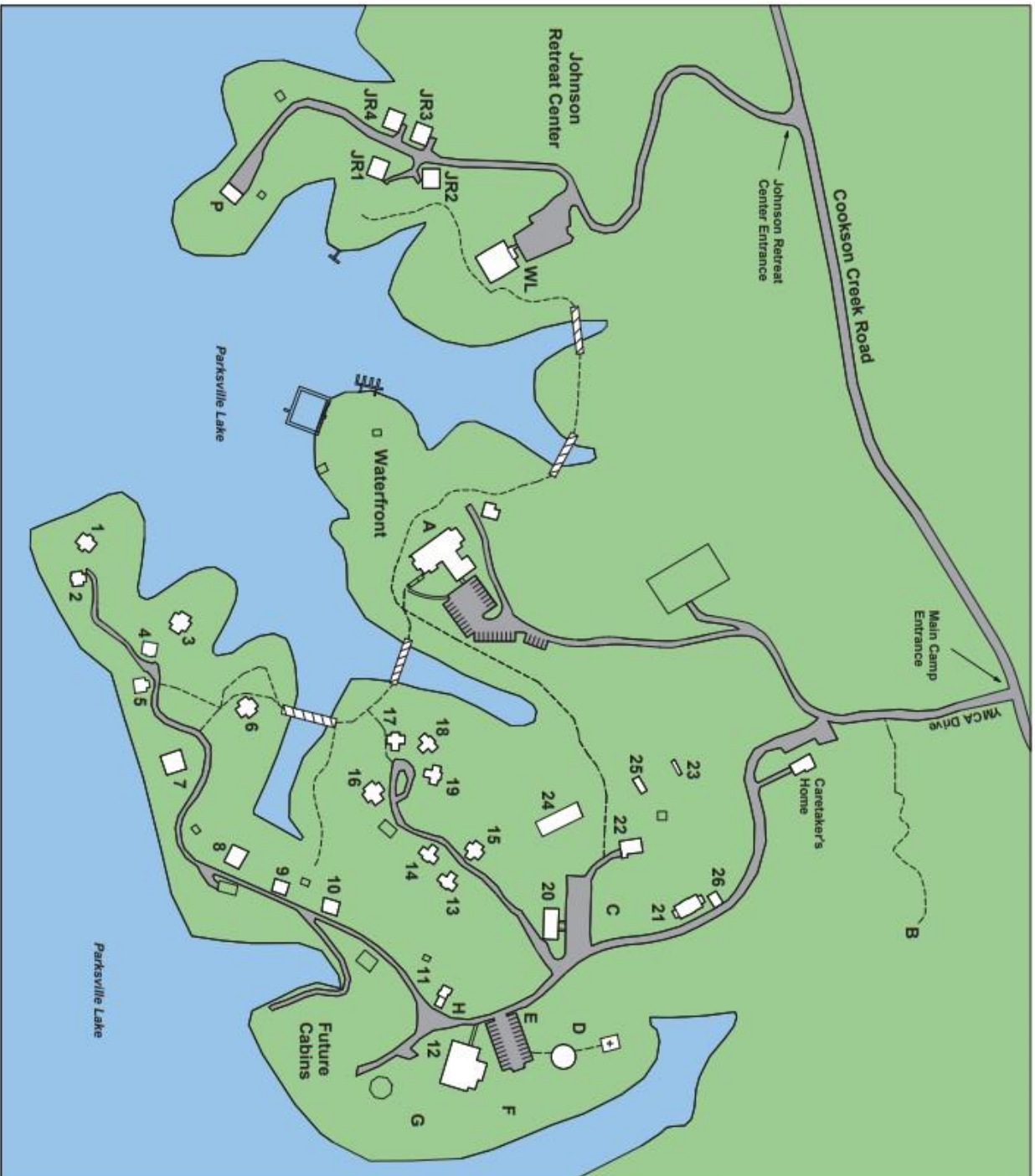
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## MAP KEY

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10. PARK
11. BATHHOUSE
12. PROGRAM CENTER
13. ELLIS
14. OSBORNE
15. PROBASCO
16. WRIGHT
17. HUDSON
18. WIGGINS
19. JABEZ
20. OFFICE/INFIRMARY
21. STAFF WELLNESS CENTER
22. DIRECTOR'S HOME
23. BB RANGE
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25. CLIMBING WALL
26. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S HOME

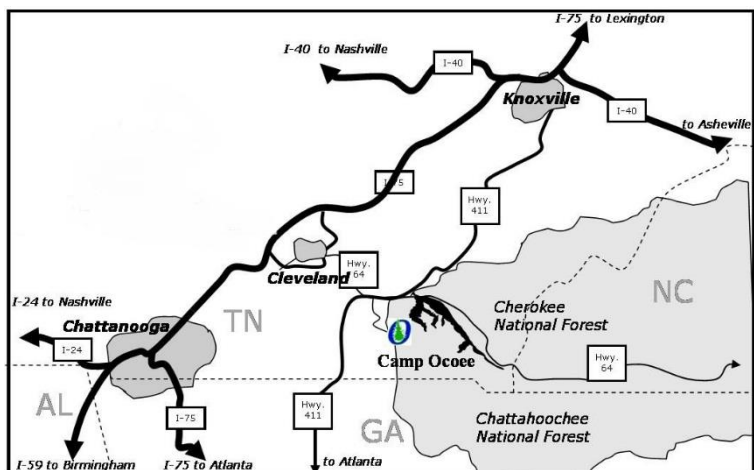
- JOHNSON RETREAT CENTER**
- JR1-JR4 JOHNSON FAMILY CABINS
  - WL WASSON LODGE
  - P KELLEY PAVILION

- BRIDGE
- ROAD
- TRAIL



## Directions to YMCA Camp Ocoee

For directions from your location, go to [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) and type in YMCA Camp Ocoee.



DO NOT USE A GPS TO FIND CAMP OCOEE. PLEASE USE THE DIRECTIONS BELOW.

### To Camp Ocoee from Chattanooga:

Take I-24 East toward Knoxville/Atlanta

Take I-75 North toward Knoxville

Take first Cleveland exit (Exit 20) - Highway 64/74E

Turn right off of exit ramp toward Cherokee National Forest

Travel approximately 6.5 miles.

Take Highway 64 EAST to Ocoee River/Cherokee National Forest toward Murphy, North Carolina

Travel approximately 10 miles.

Highway 64 will go from a 4 lane to 2 lane highway just before Cookson Creek Rd.

Turn RIGHT onto Cookson Creek Road

Travel on Cookson Creek road for approximately 3.8 miles. \*Very curvy road"

Turn left into the Camp Ocoee entrance

### To Camp Ocoee from Nashville:

Take I-24 East toward Chattanooga

Follow steps 1-11 above

### To Camp Ocoee from Knoxville:

Take I-75 South toward Chattanooga

Take Exit 25- Highway 60 toward Cleveland/Dayton

Turn right onto Georgetown Rd. NW—this becomes Hwy. 60

Follow Steps 6-11 above

### To Camp Ocoee from Atlanta:

Take I-75 North toward Dalton

Take Highway 411 North at Exit 293

Travel on Highway 411 North toward Cleveland, TN and Chatsworth travel approximately 65 miles

Take Highway 64 East to Ocoee River/Cherokee National Forest toward Murphy, North Carolina

Follow Steps 8-11 above

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