



# 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
- Please arrive on time for meals

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

## Program Options

YMCA Camp Ocoee offer 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 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.

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.

Internet Access: Internet access is only at the Camp Office and Dining Hall over WiFi. These access points can be password protected if you prefer. Please let the Assistant 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.

Outfitter Store: The camp store, known as the Outfitter, can be opened for your group. Please let the Assistant Camp 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. Flip Flops/Crocs are not appropriate camp shoes.

### 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 limited 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
- 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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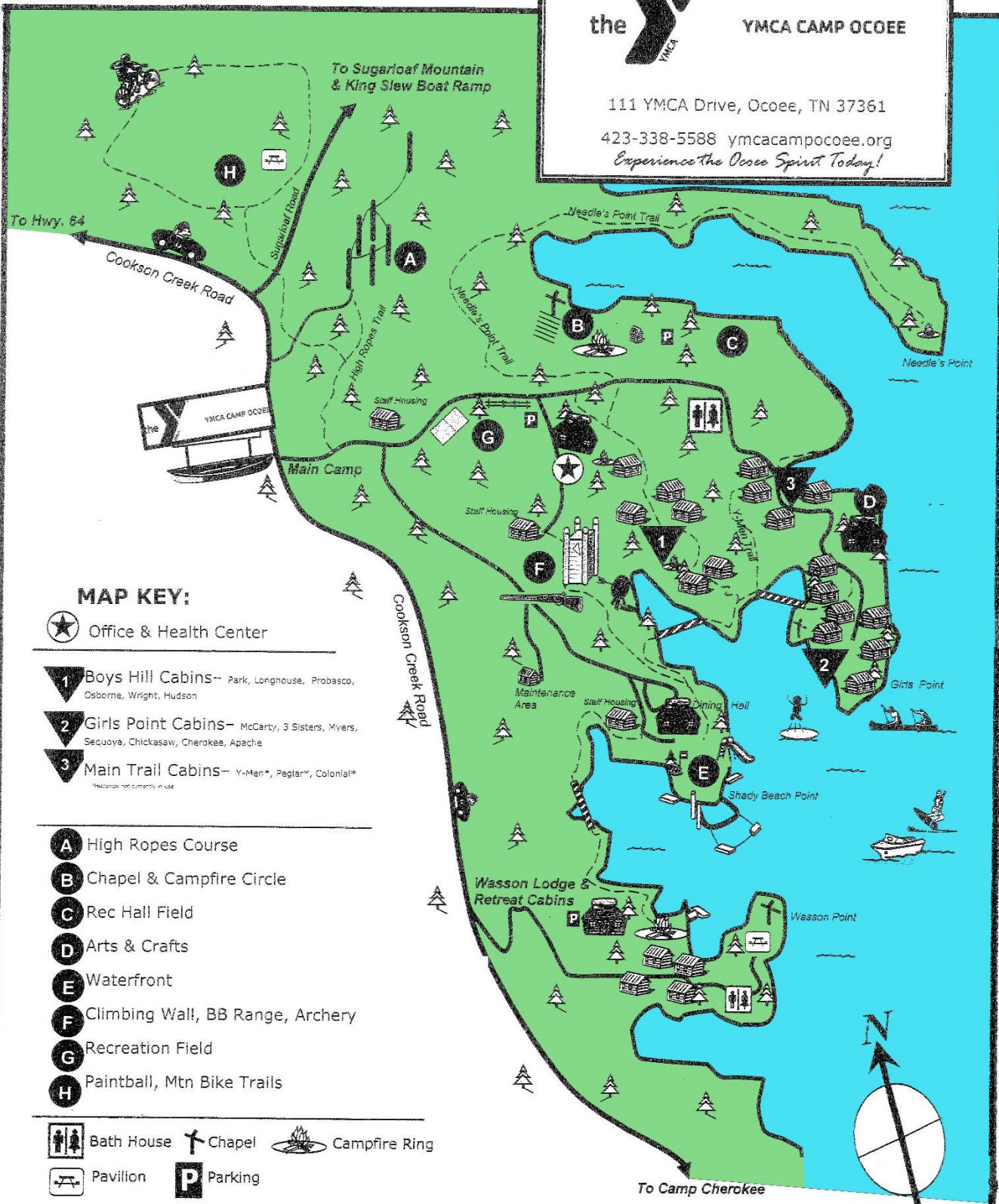


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**MAP KEY:**

Office & Health Center

**1** Boys Hill Cabins-- Park, Longhouse, Probasco, Osborne, Wright, Hudson

**2** Girls Point Cabins-- McCarty, 3 Sisters, Myers, Sequoia, Chickasaw, Cherokee, Apache

**3** Main Trail Cabins-- Y-Man®, Peglar®, Colonial®  
\*National not currently in use

- A** High Ropes Course
- B** Chapel & Campfire Circle
- C** Rec Hall Field
- D** Arts & Crafts
- E** Waterfront
- F** Climbing Wall, BB Range, Archery
- G** Recreation Field
- H** Paintball, Mtn Bike Trails

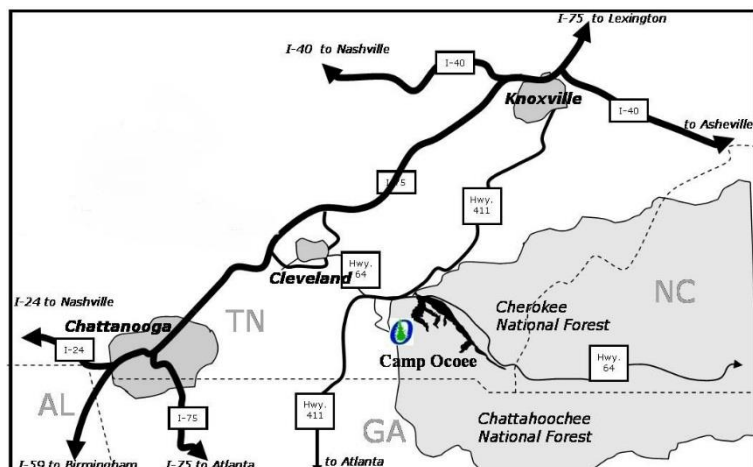
- Bath House
- Chapel
- Campfire Ring
- Pavilion
- P** Parking

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## 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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