



YMCA CAMP OCOEE

Wasson Lodge and Family Cabin Camping Guidelines

Listed below are guidelines and rules each guest is asked to comply with while visiting YMCA Camp Ocoee. It is important to us to keep YMCA Camp Ocoee looking beautiful while providing safe programs. To make sure Camp stays beautiful we ask that you relay all these guidelines and rules to everyone in your group. Thank you for helping to keep Camp beautiful and safe.

Alcohol/Tobacco/Drug Policy

- YMCA Camp Ocoee prohibits the use of any alcoholic beverages, tobacco, and all illegal drugs.

Cabin/Lodge/Pavilion

- We wouldn't come to your home and draw on the walls – so please don't do the same in our cabins. Please respect these facilities by leaving them untouched.
- No smoking in any camp building (YMCA Camp Ocoee and the YMCA of Metropolitan Chattanooga are tobacco free zones).
- Please do not use candles inside any camp building. Many of our buildings are rather old and candles are a fire hazard.
- **Please do not move the furniture and/or beds.**
- Your cabin should be appropriately cleaned prior to departing. Cleaning includes sweeping floors, taking trash to dumpster (Wasson Lodge parking area), picking up trash inside and outside cabin, flushing toilets, closing and locking doors and windows, turning off air, set heat to 55° in winter, and turn off all lights/fans.
- Please only enter cabins you are staying in.

Campfires

- Campfires should **only** be built in existing fire pits. Please do not create new fire pits.
- An adult should be present at all campfires.
- Limit of 5-7 logs per fire. Keep the fire small and under control.
- Please use trash cans for trash and keep the fire burning with wood.
- Always have a bucket of water near the fire.
- At the end of the evening/fire please ensure all embers are extinguished prior to leaving the fire.
- Only use dead, down and brown wood for fires.

Canoeing/Boating

- The code to the paddle/lifejacket shed is **2017**.
- Limit the number of people per canoe to 3 people. The 3rd person should be seated on the floor of the canoe. The thwarts (metal/wood crossbars) are not seats.
- While moving the canoe from the canoe rack to the water, please carry it over land.
- All campers, staff, and guests, including adults, must wear a properly fitting, buckled lifejacket while in the canoe.
- Stay within sight of YMCA Camp Ocoee while using camp boats, unless with an Ocoee staff member.
- Please return boats to the canoe rack and lifejackets and paddles to the paddle shack.

Swimming

- All persons, including adults, using canoes or swimming in the lake must wear a properly fitting lifejacket. **The Camp Ocoee waterfront (docks, rope swing, kayaks, stand-up paddleboards, waterslide, etc.) is off limits without prior approval and a YMCA Camp Ocoee Lifeguard present.**

Miscellaneous

- The camp ropes course, climbing tower, waterfront, rope swing, waterslide, and all other activities are off limits unless accompanied by a YMCA Camp Ocoee Staff member.
- Please park in designated parking lots. Visitors may pull to cabins to drop off their luggage and supplies but must re-park in a parking lot after unloading.
- YMCA Camp Ocoee is a Christian environment. Please exhibit Christian principles and values during your stay with us.
- QUIET HOURS: Quiet hours will be enforced from 10pm-7am.

If you have questions or concerns about any of these policies or about Camp Ocoee, please ask any camp staff member.