



JOHNSON RETREAT CENTER AT YMCA CAMP OCOEE

Wasson Lodge and Family Cabin Guidelines

Welcome to the Johnson Retreat Center and the Cherokee National Forest. We are glad you chose to stay with us on your visit to the Ocoee region. The Ocoee region offers guests a number of outdoor and indoor activities. From the best whitewater rafting east of the Mississippi, to mountain biking, hiking to the top of Big Frog, or hiking to one of the many waterfalls in the area, guests will never run out of things to do.

Listed below are guidelines and rules each guest is asked to comply with while visiting the Johnson Retreat Center. It is important to us to keep the retreat center looking beautiful while providing safe programs. To make sure camp stays beautiful, we ask that you relay all of these guidelines and rules to everyone in your group. Thank you for helping to keep camp beautiful and safe!

Alcohol/Tobacco/Drug Policy

- The Johnson Retreat Center prohibits the use of any alcoholic beverages, tobacco, and all illegal drugs.
- The local authorities will be called for groups who persistently ignore this policy.

Cabin

- We will provide you with a starter pack of toilet paper and garbage bags along with a few extra during your stay.
- We provide bed linens and towels. If you choose not to utilize this resource, please place the clean and folded items in a neat pile for the duration of your stay.
- Please return any and all items provided back to the cabin(s) they originated – i.e. plates, silverware, towels, pillows, etc.
- 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.**
- Please only enter cabins you are staying in.

Check-Out

- 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 50° and turn off all lights/fans.
- Please strip your bed at the end of your stay and leave the sheets at the foot of the bed. Leave all used towels in the bathroom.
- If you did happen to move any furniture, please move it back to the original place.

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Campfires

- Campfires should **only** be built in existing fire pits. Please do not create new fire pits. The ground under a fire pit never recovers from the scorching from the fire.
- 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.
- 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 shed is **2018**.
- 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, guests, adults, and staff must wear a properly fitting, buckled lifejacket while in the canoe.
- Please return boats to the canoe rack and lifejackets and paddles to the paddle shed.

Swimming

- All persons, including adults using canoes or swimming in the lake, must wear a properly fitting lifejacket. **The YMCA Camp Ocoee waterfront (rope swing, dock, kayaks, SUP boards, floating docks, 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 an 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 influenced environment. Please exhibit Christian principles and values during your stay with us.
- **QUIET HOURS:** Quiet hours will be enforced from 11pm-7am.

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