

YMCA CAMP OCOEE FACT SHEET



- The mission of YMCA Camp Ocoee is to provide experiences under a strong Christian emphasis that will strengthen the spirit, mind and body of all its participants.
- Goals for our campers are: Summer Fun, Lifetime Memories, and Eternal Values.
- YMCA Camp Ocoee was founded on our current property in 1923 by Glenn Ellis Jr.
- The property includes 147 acres with over two miles of shoreline on Lake Ocoee.
- Main Camp facilities are rustic with 12 open air camper cabins (bathrooms attached to each cabin), Infirmary, Camp Office, Dining Hall, and three staff residences on the property.
- Our focal point is the summer camp program. In 2017, Camp Ocoee served 1120 campers through our summer camp program from 20 different states, 146 different cities and 3 foreign countries (France, Bermuda, & China).
- Through the annual Community Support Campaign we are able to provide scholarships to 23% or 249 campers in 2017. The average scholarship is 69% of the tuition.
- The summer program offers one week sessions to campers ages 7-15 and two week leadership development sessions for campers 16 & 17.
- Our caring summer staff (comprised of mostly college students who want to make an impact on the lives of youth) provides an unsurpassed adventure and life-experience for the campers.
- Activities Include: Banana Boat, SUP, Canoeing, Swimming, Kayaking, Water Slide, Archery, Arts & Crafts, Climbing Tower, High Ropes Course, Hiking, Mountain Biking, Pottery, BB's, Team Sports, Fishing, campouts, and much more.
- Campers come from all over the region. Our top ten cities include: Chattanooga, Atlanta, Knoxville, Decatur, Cleveland, Marietta, Ringgold, Hixson, Ooltewah, Cumming, Signal Mtn, and Franklin.
- Through the YMCA Camp Ocoee Retreat Center we serve an average of 4200 guests annually. The facilities that are open year round include Wasson lodge (sleep up to 32), 4 Family Cabins (sleep up to 8 in each cabin) and the Kelley Pavilion.
- Our Main Camp facility is available to groups late August-October and April-mid May (Sleep up to 164)
- Camp Ocoee serves families through our annual family camps Alumni weekend, Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day weekend.
- Camp Ocoee is lead by Executive Director B.J. Davis- a veteran Camp Ocoee staff, camp professional and a strong Christian leader and Assistant Camp Director Michael Kendig.

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