



YMCA Family Camp Nawakwa
13400 Camp Nawakwa Ln.
Lac Du Flambeau, WI 54538

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Thank you for choosing YMCA Family Camp Nawakwa ("Camp Nawakwa"), one of five overnight and family camps within the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago!

Mission

In line with the YMCA of Metro Chicago's mission of strengthening communities by connecting all people to their purpose, potential, and each other, Camp Nawakwa believes that family — in whatever form that takes for each of our guests — is the most important foundation upon which we build our lives. We're committed to providing a safe and friendly environment to create lifelong memories and to offering opportunities that foster families' growth and strength. Our Family Camp programs have the following objectives: strengthen family relationships; encourage positive values in an outdoor setting; build awareness of the environment and an appreciation of wilderness; and provide an atmosphere of fun and relaxation.

With the great outdoors as our backdrop, families can spend quality time with each other and friends alike with the ability to opt-in to staff-designed activities for all ages. Each year, families and groups look forward to reuniting with friends — and that's what keeps our retention rates so high!

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Access

Whenever anyone walks through the doors — or forests! — of a YMCA of Metro Chicago property, facility, or space, we want them to feel like they belong. Creating an environment and an atmosphere that welcomes all people is one of our highest priorities, and we extend that priority to our employees and our company culture. At the Y, we are committed to fostering a culture that reflects our entire community — a rich, diverse, and inclusive environment for all. Learn more at ymcachicago.org/inclusion.

Location and Guidance

Please see the map at the end of this document!

YMCA Family Camp Nawakwa's official address is **13400 Camp Nawakwa Lane, Lac du Flambeau, WI 54538**. Please note that if you enter this address in a map app, you may be directed to our South Camp Lodge. We recommend that guests first visit the Welcome Center, if arriving during traditional business hours.

The Welcome Center is the headquarters of Camp Nawakwa. As you drive down Camp Nawakwa Lane, look for a sign on your left, next to a bear carving (see photo below). Turn into the parking lot, and the Welcome Center will be directly in front of you. The office hours are generally 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Welcome Center's Great Room overlooks the North Camp Beach and is open for use 24/7 and offers complimentary high-speed internet access.



South Camp Lodge is located at the end of Camp Nawakwa Lane. This building was the former dining hall and now serves as a gathering place for various activities during the summer. It also has a large screened-in porch that is a popular gathering place for morning coffee, reading your favorite book, or listening to the calls of our loon population. Internet access is also available.

The back part of South Camp Lodge is used for staff housing, and we request that you respect their ability to get some rest by keeping the noise down after 10 p.m.

South Camp Lodge is a seasonal building and is only open for use from May 15 through October 15.

Camp Nawakwa Staff Phone Numbers

If you have an important facility issue or need assistance, please contact a Camp Nawakwa staff member listed below:

Camp Office: 715-588-7422
Alex Tyms, Jr., Executive Director: 608-573-2920
Gracie Paul, Program Director: 715-539-6326
Ellie Wood, Program Director: 630-402-5555
Doug Kohl, Maintenance Director: 701-260-7174

For immediate emergencies related to your cabin, please contact our Maintenance Director. For immediate emergencies related to medical or onsite concerns, please call 911 (see emergency instructions including your cabin's physical address that is mounted near your cabin door), and then contact our Program Director.

Arrival & Departure

During the Summer season, which runs from Memorial Day through Labor Day, campers can arrive any time after 5 p.m. on Saturdays. Campers must check out by 10 a.m. on the Saturday of their departure date. Check-in is at the Camp Store, located within the Welcome Center. There will be direction signage to guide you to the Camp Store where you will receive

your cabin key and welcome packet. If you arrive after 8:30 p.m., please proceed directly to your cabin. It will be unlocked, with the key and welcome packet inside.

During the Fall, Winter, and Spring seasons, running from after Labor Day through Memorial Day, campers can arrive any time after 4 p.m. unless otherwise agreed upon. Campers must check out by 10 a.m. on their departure date. Check-in is at the Welcome Center, where you will receive your cabin key and Welcome Packet. If you arrive after 5 p.m., please proceed directly to your cabin. It will be unlocked, with your key and Welcome Packet inside.

When it's time to depart, cabin keys should be dropped in the Key Dropbox located in the Welcome Center. If you depart before 9 a.m., you may leave the key in the Key Dropbox at the Welcome Center or on the kitchen counter with the door locked when you leave.

To facilitate seamless turnover of our cabins and maximize campers' time at camp, we ask guests to spend a few minutes sweeping their cabin floors and tidying up the cabin before departure. Instructions and cleaning supplies are provided.

Cabins & Amenities

Cabins are equipped with smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, fire extinguishers, beds, mattresses, running hot water, and electricity. Be sure to locate the fire extinguisher and review the instructions located on it. Please note that we do not provide linens.

Kitchen and Bathroom

A four-burner gas or electric stovetop and oven, microwave, refrigerator, drip coffee pot, toaster, pots and pans, utensils, cutlery, and dishes are provided. Hand soap, dish soap, one roll of paper towels, toilet paper, and two garbage bags are also provided. Additionally, camp provides a charcoal outdoor grill.

What to Bring

- All towels (including dish towels), pillows, and bedding
- Toiletries, including sunscreen and bug repellent
- First aid kit and flashlights

Groceries

Food service is not provided by camp. Groceries and other items can be bought at stores in Minocqua, Woodruff, and Lac du Flambeau.

Clothing & Laundry

Northern Wisconsin weather can vary during all seasons. Please pack appropriate clothing for the changing weather. In the Summer, walking shoes, hiking boots, layers, long sleeves, pants, and rain gear are suggested. In colder weather, warm boots, hats, and gloves are needed.

During the Summer season, on-site, coin-operated washers and dryers are available at the North Camp Laundry (building adjacent to North Camp shower house). Laundry detergent is available free of charge.

Camp Store

The Camp Store is in the lower level of the Welcome Center. It has a limited supply of grocery items, toiletries, and first aid supplies for purchase. Ice cream, pizza, ice, sweatshirts, t-shirts, fish bait, charcoal, firewood, souvenirs, and letter and postcard stamps are also available for sale. During the Summer season, store hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. We also open the store for about 20 minutes after the Opening & Closing Campfire programs.

Programs & Activities

Camp provides canoes, kayaks, row boats, paddleboards, life vests, oars and paddles. A basketball court, pickleball court, playground, gaga ball pit, volleyball court, and tetherball are available at North Camp near the Welcome Center.

Mail

Incoming mail can be addressed to 13400 Camp Nawakwa Ln., Lac Du Flambeau, WI 54538. Please come to the Welcome Center if you are expecting mail.

Parking

There are designated parking areas in North Camp and South Camp. Most cabins have a driveway in front of their cabin for your personal vehicles. Driveways around and between cabins need to be kept clear for emergency access.

If you are bringing your personal boat, we have a designated area to park your boat trailer. We ask that you do not leave your trailer at your cabin. Camp staff can direct you to the parking area.

Maintenance Requests

If you have a non-emergency cabin or building maintenance request, please complete the maintenance slip included in your Welcome Packet and drop it off in the office or Camp Store. If you have a maintenance emergency, please contact the camp staff immediately.

Internet & Cell Phones

Please note that cellular phone coverage in the Northwoods can be quite limited, allowing and empowering campers to enjoy uninterrupted quality time with their group.

Complimentary wireless internet is available in the Welcome Center and the South Camp Lodge. Instructions to access our wireless internet can be found at each location.

Boat Rental Program

Campers can rent pontoon, fishing, and motorboats at a discounted rate from camp. Boats are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Reserving boats prior to arrival is recommended.

Policies & Procedures

All campers and guests must sign the **YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago Facility User/Visitor Agreement** (click on the text) before being on-site. This agreement is part of the registration process. If this agreement is not completed before arriving at camp, all campers and guests must sign it upon arrival at the Welcome Center.

Waterfront Policy

All campers and guests of campers must abide by the **Family Camp Nawakwa Waterfront Policy** (click on the text). Please read and sign the document.

Pets

Camp Nawakwa welcomes dogs, cats, and birds as companions for their human campers. Please note that pets are prohibited on the two beaches and inside the Welcome Center, Camp Store, and South Camp Lodge.

All campers intending to bring pets for their visit must sign and comply with the **Pet Registration and Waiver** (click on the text). Breed restrictions apply; please see Pet Registration and Waiver document below for details.

Emergency Information

Emergency numbers are posted in each cabin and next to the phones in the Welcome Center and South Camp Lodge. Each cabin has a specific fire code number. Please provide this number to emergency services.

Rescue, Fire, Police:	911
Lac du Flambeau Non-Emergency Line:	715-588-7717
Animal Control:	715-614-0034
Poison Control:	800-222-1222

If emergency services are called to camp, please immediately contact Gracie at 715-539-6326 or Ellie at 630-402-5555. Staff will help direct you to the next steps. Staff members will be stationed at each road intersection to direct emergency services to the location.

The nearest hospital is Howard Young Medical Center in Woodruff: 715-356-800.

Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) are in the North Camp Welcome Center and the South Camp Lodge near the coffee maker. Please ask camp staff if you have questions.

In an emergency, please call 911. Please refer to the red, laminated sheet in your cabin. Give the dispatcher the cabin number and then contact the camp staff so they can help direct first responders to the proper location.

Reporting Injuries, Accidents & Emergencies

Camp does not carry medical, accident, or loss of personal property insurance for any campers or guests of campers. All injuries, accidents, and emergencies must be reported to camp staff promptly. Campers must provide camp with all copies of reports generated by accidents, incidents, injuries, or property damage involving campers, volunteers, and staff.

First Aid Kits

First Aid Kits are in the Welcome Center, South Camp Lodge, camp vehicles, and at various program areas.

Inclement Weather, Fire & Missing Persons

The health, safety, and wellbeing of our campers, guests, and staff is our highest priority. In the event of severe weather, forest fire, or a missing person, camp staff will communicate and provide directions and instructions to all guests.

In severe weather conditions, such as a tornado, South Campers should move to the South Camp bathhouse, and the North Campers should move to the Welcome Center basement or the North Camp bathhouse.

If power is lost, camp staff will immediately call our utility provider. It may take several hours for electricity to be restored. In this interim period, automatic generators will provide power to the Welcome Center and North and South Camp bathhouses for camper use.

Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking

Illegal drugs are prohibited. Alcohol may be consumed and stored in cabins. Smoking for adult campers is prohibited in all buildings, cabins, beaches, and boat-in-breakfast sites.

Wisconsin law prohibits the possession and use of marijuana.

Firearms, Weapons & Fireworks

Fireworks, firearms, and other weapons are not allowed on camp property. The camp Executive Director is the sole decider as to whether an item is considered a weapon.

Supervision of Children

At all times while at camp, adults are responsible for the supervision of their children under the age of 18. Programs are designed for group participation. Adults must supervise children while swimming and boating, even if a lifeguard is on duty.

Quiet Hours

For the comfort and consideration of all campers, quiet hours begin at 10:30 p.m. and end at 8 a.m. Any loud music, conversations, games, and other loud sounds should cease.

Campfires & Grills

Fires are only allowed in pre-made campfire rings/areas or in grills. Campers are not allowed to create new firepits. Campers must use proper safety protocols, including adult supervision, water supply available, no horseplay, and proper extinguishing of the fire.

Fires should never be left unattended. Camp staff reserve the right to extinguish a fire if safety protocols are not followed. Please do not burn trash, and remember to leave your fire ring ready for the next guest. Camp reserves the right to charge additional fees for firepit clean-up as needed.

Respecting Nature & Wildlife

Camp is made beautiful by everyone respecting the natural wonders found here. Trees and other plants should be viewed and not touched. Carving, breaking branches, peeling bark, driving nails and other materials into trees, and cutting or hacking at trees are prohibited.

The animals found on camp are wild. Do not approach or touch them. Do not leave trash or pet food outside of your cabin. Please avoid any and all nesting site(s). It is best to enjoy observing them from a distance.

Cabin Cleaning

Cabins must be left in a respectable condition at check out. All personal items should be removed, dishes cleaned and put away, trash and recycling removed, the refrigerator emptied, and floors swept. A complete list of cleaning directions is posted in each cabin. The camp reserves the right to assess a cleaning fee of up to \$250.00 plus damages for cabins that are left in poor condition.

Trash Removal

Dumpsters for garbage and recycling are between North Camp and South Camp. Please deposit all garbage and recycling in the applicable dumpsters during daylight hours to avoid encountering wild animals, including black bears. Once garbage and recycling are deposited in their respective dumpsters, please make sure that the lids are closed completely. If dumpsters are full or overflowing, please contact camp staff immediately.

We look forward to hosting you at YMCA Family Camp Nawakwa!

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