About Us

Camp MacLean was founded in 1940 and began operation in the summer of 1941. MacLean is owned and operated by the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago, one of the largest YMCA entities in the world, serving a half million people through more than 30 centers and 4 resident camps.

Camp MacLean strives to provide the best possible setting for your camp experience. Our 147 acres of natural woods, lakefront and fields offers every guest and camper the opportunity to explore and get back in touch with nature.

YMCA Camp MacLean has exceptional year-round facilities and programs to accommodate your group. Our professional program and food service staff take great pride in being able to offer personalized and friendly service for all types of groups. Because each group we serve is different, we are happy to work with you to create a unique program for your needs including:

- Overnight weekend programs to fit all types of groups from churches to scouting
- Adventure Guide Campouts
- Dedicated camp staff to host your campout and run activities
- Activities provided include: Mt. MacLean skyway, zip lines, pedal boats, crafts, archery, boating, campfires, sing-a-longs
- Ga ga ball courts
- Friday through Sunday availability
- One night or two night trips available
- Trips designed to fit all budgets
- Great food service
- Beautiful facility

Beyond weekend rental group camping, YMCA Camp MacLean offers a co-ed summer camp for children ages 6 to 16, family camping opportunities and outdoor education programs for schools.
Facility Description:

YMCA Camp MacLean's property of 147 acres borders Rockland Lake, a 40-acre, 26 feet deep glacial lake, one mile east of Burlington, WI. Much of the property is covered by beautiful, mature oak hickory forest. MacLean also has a pine forest, remnant prairie and wetlands.

Accommodations:

Main Camp Cabins: Our 12 heated cabins offer comfort year round. With a rustic cedar-sided exterior our cabins are at home in Wisconsin's woodlands. These cabins include: Cheyenne, Apache, Sioux, Mohawk, Boone, Young, Crockett, Bridger, Carson, Hickock, Cody and Houston.

Iodine Inn: This conference-style, winterized cabin sleeps 14 people, includes three bathrooms with showers, a refrigerator, and three separate bedrooms.

Nature Cabin: This conference-style, winterized cabin sleeps 14 people, includes two bathrooms and showers, handicap accessibility and a separate meeting/lounge room with a fireplace.

Pioneer Cabins: We have 9 conference-style cabins built in 2000. Each cabin houses 10 people and has one bathroom and one shower. Six of the cabins are in close proximity, and 3 are located near Red Cross Beach. In order to guarantee you have these bathrooms there is an additional fee and we ask that they are reserved for two nights. These cabins include Oakley, Pocahontas, Ken Sorensen, Glenn, Bernie Sorensen, Hensen, Northern Lights, Shooting Star and Anderson.

Shared Facilities:

William L. Rust Lodge: Our handsome, spacious lodge is where meals and snacks are served. The building is also available for indoor programs. If special arrangements need to be made to accommodate your group's activities, please let us know. The Lodge is divided into two areas: the largest is our main dining hall; the second is a smaller room, which can be used for indoor games, meetings, registration or crafts. Both areas have a beautiful flagstone fireplace.

Kelsey's Place: Winterized and heated, this building is available upon request for your group. This building has a fireplace as well as two bathrooms. This building is used during the winter months as a warming hut for the toboggan slide and sledding hill. The building capacity is 50.

Johnson's Chapel: The open-air chapel seats approximately 250 people and is available for your group's use. This area includes a stage, electrical access and wooden benches. A large cross and an altar are also present.

Bathroom-KYBO: MacLean has a main washhouse facility, the KYBO, centrally located to our 12 main cabins. The KYBO is fully winterized and has separate showers, sinks and toilets for men and women. Separate bathroom facilities are also available in the Lodge.

Flagpole: The flagpole is centrally located between all camp cabins. Camp does provide an American Flag for your group to do flag raising ceremonies.
Activity Areas:

**Waterfront:**
With our beautiful lake and waterfront we offer an ideal setting for activities year round. Activities may include: canoeing, row boats, pedal boats, fishing, ice skating, and broomball. (Groups provide their own fishing poles and ice skates.)

**Trails:**
MacLean offers you the opportunity to explore camp on several trails. This is a fun activity that can be enjoyed any season.

**Athletic Field:**
We have an open field approximately 150 yards in length by 50 yards in width. This is a perfect setting for outdoor games. Tetherball and a volleyball court are located near the Skyway.

**Toboggan Field:**
A large open field 200 yards in width and approximately 1/4 mile in length. Complete with a baseball backstop it is a great area for softball/baseball as well as kite flying, large group games Olympic type activities, or rocket launching. This area is also the location of a full-size soccer field.

**Campfire Sites:**
MacLean has two designated outdoor campfire areas for your group to use. Red Cross Beach is a large site that has seating for up to 250 people with a beautiful view of the lake and is located near the soccer field, a walking distance of 7 minutes away from the main part of camp. The Guthrie Campfire ring seats 250 – 300 people and is nestled in the woods over-looking Rockland Lake near the Skyway course.

**Firewood:**
YMCA Camp MacLean will provide wood for each group’s main campfire. Anyone planning on having an individual fire near their cabin should be prepared to find their own wood or purchase some from a local store. Wood vendors contact information is available upon request. Wood that is delivered to camp should be delivered on Friday between 3:00 and 7:00 pm and will be dropped in one main location near the groups cabins. Camp MacLean and its staff are not responsible for wood delivered by outside vendors. Including moving, covering, labeling, or monitoring the wood in general.
Camp Orientation:
The following is basic information to help you safely enjoy your stay at camp. Please adhere to the guidelines listed below for your safety and the safety of others.

After Hours:
Throughout your entire trip YMCA Camp MacLean will have a director available to your group. If you need to contact a camp director see your group leader.

Camp Grounds:
Cars should be parked in the designated parking lots only. Motorized recreational vehicles are not allowed on campgrounds: snowmobiles, mini-bikes etc. Please do not pound nails or staples into exterior or interiors of buildings to post signs, hang things or put up decorations. Please leave the grounds as you found them.

Alcohol /Smoking /Gambling:
Having and/or drinking alcohol and gambling is not allowed on our facility or in our buildings, including the cabins. Smoking is not allowed inside MacLean facilities.

Camp Staff Support:
Camp MacLean will provide your group with qualified staff to run the camp activity areas. Our full-time YMCA Director lives on site and is always available to your group.
Our Program Director will work with you prior to your outing to help plan a schedule that works for your group. Schedules should be flexible to account for bad weather, late arrivals, or any change in plans.

Camp has a P.A. system in the dining hall for any announcements you may have. MacLean staff will announce meal procedures and an orientation to camp prior to your first meal.

Schedule:
Camp MacLean will run off of a basic schedule for the majority of the weekends. However, the Program Director will need to know what special activities your group is planning to do outside of the Camp’s activities. This will ensure that you will have the time and space to do the activities you need to do. On the next page you will find sample schedules.

Saturday night is the most popular time for groups wanting to use the Lodge for large group activities. Please plan ahead and keep the Program Director informed as to what you would like to do. The Program Director will work with group leaders to ensure each group gets the time and space for their Saturday night activities but will look to the group leaders for flexibility in making that happen.
Health and Safety:

YMCA Camp MacLean does not provide medical staff, medical treatment, or medical advice. First aid kits are available at the office, kitchen, and program areas. Each group needs to provide at least one adult who is certified in first aid and CPR. Aurora Memorial Hospital of Burlington is located 6 minutes from camp and has a 24 hour emergency department. Camp is connected to 911. If you require emergency medical services please inform a camp staff member as soon as possible. Groups need to provide their own transportation for doctor’s visits and other errands.

Emergency Procedures:

In case of fire, police, or medical emergency:

1.) CALL 911 - phones are located in the office and kitchen.
2.) Address: YMCA Camp MacLean 31401 Durand Ave. (County Rd. E)
3.) Notify camp staff.
4.) Meet camp staff and emergency vehicles in the parking lot to direct them to the problem.
5.) Have someone stay with the injured.
6.) Keep area free of other group members.

The camp staff will keep you notified of severe weather warnings. It is the policy of YMCA Camp MacLean that outdoor program areas including the Skyway and waterfront will close at the first sound of thunder or first sight of lightning.

YMCA Camp MacLean Rental Group Guidelines:

- The group is responsible for the supervision of its members.
- The camp kitchen cannot be used by group participants.
- There may be other groups in camp during your visit. We ask that all groups respect the others right to enjoy camp.
- The camp may close activities or areas if the safety of the participants is jeopardized.
- The waterfront is closed for swimming. Boats will be opened only when the camp certified lifeguard is present.
- Camp staff must be present during all climbing activities.