

FAQ's

YMCA Camp Willson Men's Camp



So Much To Do!

Join in the fun and camaraderie of Willson's longest standing tradition! Leave your cares behind and enjoy the relaxed spirit of Men's Camp. Open to adult men who enjoy swimming, softball, adventure challenge activities, tennis, shuffleboard, fishing, golf, card games, volleyball, interesting speakers and great food. The program is flexible, so come for a day, the weekend or the entire week! This is a great program for fathers, sons, brothers, uncles, nephews, and friends. Whether this is your first or fiftieth time at camp, you are guaranteed a great time!

History

Camping for boys began at YMCA Camp Willson in 1918. After the first successful year of camping, the YMCA Directors decided that "if camp was a good for the young boys, it will also be good for the "older boys". Men's Camp began the following year, in 1919. Each year, since 1919, YMCA Camp Willson has been beckoning adult men of all ages to the banks of Lake Mac-O-Chee for a day, the weekend or a week of good, clean, fun and camaraderie.

Philosophy

No goals, No agenda, no structure, no deadlines, no responsibilities, no wives, kids, bosses or chores...

Who: Adult Men, 18 and older

Bring A Friend!

Men's Camp is so much more fun when you have a friend attending with you. Talk it up among your friends, co-workers, brothers, fathers, sons, in-laws and anyone else you want to claim as friends and family!

When:

Men's Camp begins the Friday Evening the week before Labor Day Weekend, and ends on the Thursday afternoon of Labor Day Weekend. You can attend for a day, the weekend or the whole week - We're flexible to meet your busy schedule.

Rates

Rates are determined by the number of nights and meals you attend. A full listing of rates are available on the website.

Activities & Schedule

Check out the Sample Schedule on the Website for a sampling of great camp activities.

Our 40 acre, 10,000 year old glacial lake provides great fishing! Golfers can enjoy our local golf courses, [Liberty Hills Golf Course](#), [Cherokee Hills Golf Course](#) and [Tree Links Golf Course](#).

Meals

We've got great food for you to enjoy all week long! Man-sized portions, soup and salad bars, breakfast bars, and an evening snack that is the 4th meal of the day keep you fueled for all the great activities. Let us know if you have a special diet. We can usually accommodate your needs.

Tournaments

Get involved in tournaments! During the weekend, Tournaments include: Golf Challenge, Goofy Golf, Tennis, Cornhole, Darts, Basketball Foul Shoot, and card games. During the week, tournaments include those listed above, as well as Table Tennis, C. Howard Johnson Memorial Golf Tournament (Monday)

Accommodations

Men's campers have the choice of cabins throughout the camp. Cabin assignments are not made, but you choose your accommodations upon your arrival...

- Recently constructed *summer cabins* that house a maximum of 10 campers and require a short hike to our modern restrooms
- *winterized cabins*, housing a maximum of 14 campers and have the restroom within the cabin.

Willson Facilities do not have air conditioning.

Tradition

Men's Camp is steeped in Tradition (you have to have lots of tradition if you've been around since 1919!)

- ☺ We play 2 softball games on Saturday. We play the 2nd game first so you won't be as tired. Sunday night is a great game against the local American Legion Post.
- ☺ Rules? We have 'em...No gambling, no booze, no women...no fun
- ☺ Communication: The Columbus Dispatch & USA Today is delivered daily, the Men's Camp Newspaper is printed Saturday through Monday and WiFi is available in our dining hall.
- ☺ Awards? We have them. Each year, we present the Harold R Matthews Award, the Louis Berliner Award and the Pizzle Tree Award

YMCA Camp Willson is an alcohol free facility.

Ready to Register?

Please click on Men's Camp Registration form and follow the instructions.

Need More Information?

Give us a call at 800-423-0427 or email us at director@ymcacampwillson.org.

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