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Family Camp Handbook September 1-4, 2017

PAYMENT POLICY:

A \$100 deposit is due at registration to hold your spot. Your final payment and waivers are due 30 days prior to camp. Please make your check or money order payable to Camp Chief Ouray. Call the camp office to pay with a credit card. Your camp fee includes your rustic cabin, meals, t-shirts and camp activities.

REFUND POLICY

If you should need to cancel your reservation, please contact the office as soon as possible. The \$100.00 deposit is non-refundable. You will receive a 75% refund of your balance paid if we receive notice of cancellation more than thirty days prior to your arrival.

FORMS

A waiver is required for each family member; please submit these to the Camp Office at least 30 days prior to your arrival.

ARRIVING AT CAMP

Please arrive at camp on the first day **BETWEEN 6:00 P.M. AND 8:00 P.M.** DINNER WILL NOT BE PROVIDED, SO PLEASE EAT BEFORE YOU ARRIVE. We can recommend several family-friendly places in Winter Park. Please go to the main Camp Chief Ouray dining hall building at the south end of Snow Mountain Ranch for check-in.

Check-in will include:

- 1) Registration (collecting your waivers)
- 2) Receive cabin assignment
- 3) Locate cabin and unload luggage
- 4) Evening program

POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES

- Campfires
- Canoeing
- Climbing Wall
- Tie Dye
- Swimming
- Archery
- Hiking
- Gaga ball

- High Ropes Course
- Mini-Golf
- Horseback Riding (Sombrero Stables 970-887-1999)
- Fishing
- Family Game Night

PACKING LIST

Essential Items:

- **Sleeping bag** (lightweight but warm with a rating of 15-20 degrees; filled with synthetic fibers or down, cotton is **not** advised).
- **Day pack** (book/school pack size) with the following items in it:
 - 2 water bottles (screw top lids that don't leak-such as Nalgene brand)
 - rain gear (poncho or coat/pants combination)
 - sweat pants or wind pants
 - medium weight jacket (warm-long sleeved fleece works best)
 - stocking cap, gloves
 - sunscreen
 - lip balm with SPF
 - baseball cap or bandana
 - sunglasses with UV protection
 - flashlight with extra batteries

Recommended Items:

- Pillow
- Towels
- Bathing suit
- Tennis shoes, hiking shoes, flip-flops (for pool)
- Winter coat, hat and gloves, warm layers
- Toiletries

Optional Items:

- Tennis stuff (courts on grounds)
- Cards, games, books
- Camera/binoculars
- Flashlight
- Musical instruments (for campfires)

Remember, our fall days are generally warm and sunny, averaging 60 to 70 degrees with occasional rain showers. But the weather can do anything in the mountains. Our nights are cool and crisp with temperatures around 20 to 35 degrees.

Please do not bring:

*alcohol *tobacco *drugs *weapons *pets *power tools *accelerants
*food/snacks/gum (you don't want critters in your cabin!)

LODGING

There are three types of lodging at camp. "Rustic" Cabins are our traditional West Village camper cabins with centrally located bath houses. These cabins have electricity, but no heat or running water. There are a few cabins with bathrooms

located inside the cabin. Cabins with bathroom facilities will be reserved for families with special needs. You will receive your cabin assignment upon arrival at camp.

Snow Mountain Ranch lodge rooms are available at an additional cost. They are hotel style rooms with a combination of queen & bunk beds, full bathroom, wireless internet and telephone. Your linens are provided. If you have arranged to stay in one of the lodge rooms at Snow Mountain Ranch you will still need to check in at Camp Chief Ouray in order to pick up your room keys.

FACILITY

We are located in the heart of the Rockies at 8,750 feet elevation. Our mountain scenery is spectacular and our weather unpredictable! Summertime weather generally offers temperatures of 70 to 80°F with occasional afternoon showers and cool, crisp evenings with temperatures of 25 to 45°F. Our weather conditions can change quickly. Be prepared!

Camp Chief Ouray is located on the 5,100 acre Snow Mountain Ranch, YMCA of the Rockies. Your activities will take place in several different buildings and areas on the ranch. You may use the indoor pool, summer tubing hill, roller skating rink, craft shop, hiking and mountain biking trails, tennis and volleyball courts.

There is a coin-operated laundry next to the swimming pool for your use as a guest. There is also a gift shop and grille/grocery located in the Administration Building.

We are located between the towns of Winter Park and Granby. Both towns have medical, pharmacy, grocery, and post office facilities. We are 25 miles from the scenic village of Grand Lake and Rocky Mountain National Park.

HEALTH CARE

Middle Park Medical Center is 10 minutes away for any medical needs that arise.

MEALS

Three tasty and nutritious meals will be served each day. Snacks are also available.

T-SHIRT

Make sure you put your t-shirt size on your registration. Because shirts must be ordered 30 days prior to camp, if you omitted this information or register late you will have to choose from the sizes we have on hand.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

Camp Chief Ouray is 80 miles or approximately 1 ½ hours northwest of Denver, Colorado. Directions to camp from the Denver area: Take I-70 West to Exit 232 (sign will read Winter Park, Granby, Rocky Mountain National Park). Take Exit 232 onto Highway 40 over Berthoud Pass.

After you have driven over Berthoud Pass, you will enter the town of Winter Park. You will continue west on Highway 40 through Winter Park AND through Fraser and Tabernash. Four miles west of Tabernash you will turn left off of Highway 40 onto YMCA Snow Mountain Ranch. You will then drive approximately 1 ½ miles to the south end of the ranch grounds and turn right at the Camp Chief Ouray sign. This road will lead you to the center of camp.

ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION

If you are flying into Denver, consider renting a car due to the size and high altitude of the property.

If you don't want to drive up the mountain pass, we recommend a local transportation service that shuttles from Denver International Airport:

Home James Transportation Services
800-359-7503
info@ridehj.com
PO Box 279
Winter Park, CO 80482

LEAVING CAMP

Check-out is on the last day and will be at approximately 10:00 a.m. Breakfast will be the last meal served.