

YMCA CAMP SANTA MARIA

YMCA OF NORTHERN COLORADO



Greetings Parents!

We are so happy that you chose YMCA Camp Santa Maria as your child's destination for overnight summer camp! We have worked hard in the off season to hire and train talented, dedicated staff who will serve as your camper's guide during their adventure here at camp.

This summer — more than ever — camp is needed. We have been working hard to make a safe environment that still foster connection, friendship through fun and engaging activities in the beautiful Rocky Mountains.

What a joy and honor that you have chosen to entrust your camper to us. We take this responsibility very seriously. Our staff is filled with a passion for working with children and youth development. They get the added bonus of sharing their love for nature with our campers by being their guide around our beautiful camp based in the Rocky Mountains.

At YMCA Camp Santa Maria, we strive to create an environment where campers feel like they are a part of our small camp community. While camp is always about escaping from the hustle and bustle of the everyday world and having fun, we dedicate ourselves to helping them learn new skills, make new friends and, overall, have an unforgettable summer experience.

Any time you have questions or concerns about the program, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to seeing you at camp this summer!

Sincerely,

Camp Santa Maria Leadership Team

santamaria@ymcanoco.org

(303) 443-4474 ext. 4450 **Office in Lafayette, CO**

(303) 838-7900 **Camp Office in Grant, CO**

www.ymcacampsantamaria.org

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Contact Information

Email: santamaria@ymcanoco.org *

*You may email your campers daily. All email correspondence may be read by the camp director and distributed with the evening mail call. Campers will not have the opportunity to email back. Please put your camper name and cabin in the subject line.

Camp Physical Address: UPS/FedEx packages ONLY

51321 US Highway 285, Grant, CO 80448

Camp P.O. Box: U.S. Mail ONLY

P.O. Box 1369, Bailey, CO 80421

Arapahoe YMCA Camp Office:

YMCA of Northern Colorado

Headquarters

2800 Dagny Way

Lafayette, CO 80026

Care Packages and Letters

Camp care packages are welcome and a good way to make a camper feel comfortable at camp. In order not to attract animals to the cabin areas, food items including gum and candy are prohibited. If you do mail a care package, comic books, toys and small games are permitted. Letters are a great way of keeping in touch with your camper.

Please keep all letters upbeat and stay away from topics that may cause your camper stress or anxiety. Mailing a letter or package before the start of your camper's session will ensure that they will receive it while they are at camp.

Please keep in mind that FedEx and UPS do not deliver to P.O. boxes and packages sent to the P.O. box above will be returned to the sender.

Telephone

Parent/guardians may contact the camp administration at any time to discuss their camper's experience. Our experience is that camper telephone conversations with friends or family from home tend to exacerbate homesickness. Therefore, campers do not have access to a telephone. In the event that a camper requests to call home, permission to do so is granted by the Camp Director after staff makes advance contact with the parent/guardian to discuss the situation. **Campers may not bring cell phones to camp.** A YMCA Camp Santa Maria staff member will contact you in the event of an emergency or other situation. Please do not hesitate to contact us while your child is at camp.

Visiting Camp

We ask that parents and relatives refrain from visiting their child during camp as it may be distracting to other campers. Please contact us if you would like to schedule a visit to the camp prior to the summer season to tour the facility.

About YMCA Camp Santa Maria

Mission

The YMCA of Northern Colorado is an association of people of all ages, abilities, ethnic groups, and religious affiliations who are united in a common effort with a worldwide fellowship, putting Judeo-Christian principles into practice and enriching the quality of spiritual, mental, and physical life for all. We build strong kids, strong families, and strong communities.

Our Vision

Get Outside
Build Character Through YMCA Core Values,
Foster Friendships; New and Old
Have Fun

History

The YMCA of Northern Colorado has offered residential camp experiences to campers since 2007. The YMCA of Northern Colorado has worked with the Mary M. Dower Benevolent Corporation, a nonprofit family foundation, to create a partnership to allow the YMCA to manage the Camp Santa Maria, and YMCA Camp Santa Maria opened in the spring of 2007. The YMCA of Northern Colorado and the Mary M. Dower Benevolent Corporation share the common goal of providing camp and recreational opportunities for all youth. Our hope is that this partnership will provide the opportunity for campers to share their camp experience and traditions with future generations of their family.

Values and Character Development

It is important to us that campers have fun and learn new skills when they come to camp. Even more important, however, are our efforts at YMCA Camp Santa Maria to provide campers with experiences that support their growth and help them develop the relationship, leadership, and decision-making skills that will help them to be productive members of society. Campers are surrounded by young adults they can look up to and role-model themselves after. The programs and activities at YMCA Camp Santa Maria are based on the core values of the YMCA: caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility.

The YMCA Camp Santa Maria Staff

Our staff members go through a rigorous application process and a 2-week staff training with emphasis on safety, risk-management, social and skill development, and community building.

ACA Accreditation

YMCA Camp Santa Maria is accredited by the American Camp Association. It is a peer review that covers all aspects of our program. For more information about the American Camp Association visit their website at www.acacamps.org

Getting Ready for Camp

Camper paperwork

The following items should be complete and submitted **two weeks prior** to your child's arrival at camp. Camp forms are available online at www.ymcacampsantamaria.org

- WE WILL NEED A PHYSICAL DONE WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF YOUR CAMPER COMING TO CAMP*
- E-Pact Emergency Contact/Health Information Online.
- Bicycle Inspection Form **

*Please include a photocopy of your camper's health insurance card.

**Only required for those campers in the Trekker's program who bring their own bicycles and plan to participate in the Mountain Biking Skill Track.

Preparing to be away from home

Being away from home overnight can be a challenge for even the most experienced of campers. Starting off right is important and can make the difference between having a child who is a life-long camper and one who attends camp only one time. Here are a few suggestions for making the transition easier. Dr. Chris Thurber is a board-certified clinical psychologist, author, educator, and father. His website and books are easy to read and informative for first-time campers and their parents. His website is www.campspirit.com. YMCA Camp Santa Maria's website also has a section on getting ready for camp under the parent's pages section on www.ymcacampsantamaria.org.

- Prepare your child for camp; read through this info guide and look through our website to familiarize her with camp. If possible, join us for our virtual information session on May 21 to meet our new camp director and ask questions.
- Encourage your child to talk about their thoughts and feelings about camp. What are they excited about, what are they worried about? Feel free to pull a member of our camp staff aside during check-in and let them know about any specific concerns your child may have.
- If you are concerned throughout their session, call the office. We will be happy to personally check on your child to ensure they are doing well.

The Camp Environment

YMCA Camp Santa Maria is located in the Rocky Mountains at an altitude of over 8,500 feet above sea level. Because of our altitude and the lack of humidity, campers are encouraged to stay hydrated and wear sunscreen. Days can be hot but are usually mild, and evenings are cool. Our staff is trained in procedures for inclement weather, and we have plenty of indoor space. We have rustic, bunk-bed style accommodations with shared bathhouses at camp. Technology is not readily accessible, and we encourage campers to take this time to "unplug" from technology and learn about the natural environment around them and be engaged in the community.

Check-in Day

Check-in times: **Sundays from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM**

Please allow at most 30 minutes for check-in. Any special arrangements for check-in should be made in advance.

Staggered Schedule: We will have staggered drop-off times from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM and 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM. Parents will be communicated their drop-off time before arrival to camp.

Sign-in: A parent, guardian or other authorized adult over age 18 must sign your camper in.

Paperwork: All camper paperwork must be submitted prior to the start of your camper's session. You can bring your camper's forms with you when you check in.

Waivers: Waivers must be completed for some program areas, please check the website for needed forms. Waivers are available on the website: www.ymcacampsantamaria.org.

Camp Store: A deposit may be made into your camper's account, allowing them to purchase souvenirs and snacks. We prefer that this is done online or over the phone prior to camp and not on check-in day.

Health Care and Medications: All medications must be turned in to the camp health officer with proper forms. This includes vitamins and herbal remedies. All campers will participate in a health check.

Check-out Day

Check-out times: **Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM**

Explorers only: Wednesday, 5:00 PM check-out

Special arrangements for check-out must be made in advance.

Staggered Schedule: We will use the same staggered schedule for drop-off at pick-up. Parents will be assigned blocks from 9:00 AM to 9:45 AM and 9:45 AM to 10:30 AM.

Sign-out: An authorized adult must sign your child out of camp and must present photo identification.

Medications: Please collect any medications that you deposited with the camp health officer.

Lost and Found: Please make sure to check the lost and found before leaving camp. By September 15, all unclaimed items will be donated.

Behavior Expectations

When concerns arise, which are beyond the normal range of issues with children, staff will communicate those concerns to parents.

- Our goal is then to create a Behavioral Contract between the camp and the child to ensure that the child acts and behaves more positively with staff and peers.
- If behavior problems continue, campers may be asked to leave camp.
- Refunds are not issued if campers are sent home for behavior issues.

Please talk with the Camp Director about any questions or concerns regarding the behavior and specific discipline policies concerning your child.

Some of our general camp guidelines are the following:

- Act safely and do not take any unneeded risks.
- Follow the rules of the camp and the direction of the staff.
- Speak for yourself, not for anyone else.
- Listen to others.
- Avoid put-downs.
- Stay with your group at all times.
- Show respect to yourself, others, and the environment.
- Take charge of yourself. You are responsible for you.
- Have fun.
- Physical and emotional bullying is not accepted at camp.

The following are grounds for immediate termination from YMCA programs without a refund or credit:

- Anything that endangers the health and safety of campers and/or staff.
- Possession or use of illegal drugs, alcohol, or cigarettes. Includes marijuana.
- Possession or use of fireworks or weapons (knives, guns, etc.).
- Destruction of property.
- Leaving camp boundaries or property without permission.
- Continued inappropriate behavior, i.e. threatening others, profanity, not following directions, teasing, improper behavior in a transportation vehicle and inappropriate sexual behavior.

Packing List

Please pack your child's belongings in a soft duffle bag, suitcase, or backpack and label belongings with first and last name. Any unclaimed lost and found items will be given to charity by September 15, 2021.

Clothing

- ___ one mask for each day
- ___ underwear and socks
- ___ pants, comfortable for hiking
- ___ shorts, comfortable for hiking and running around. Nothing too short please.
- ___ heavy sweater/fleece pullover
- ___ t-shirts
- ___ polypropylene (non-cotton) shirt
- ___ sweatshirt and sweatpants
- ___ warmer pajamas in June, cooler ones in July and August
- ___ bathing suit or swim trunks (bringing 2 is a good idea)

Please keep all bathing suits appropriate and functional for camp.

- ___ sneakers, sturdy hiking boots and rubber-soled sport sandals with a heel strap
- ___ riding boots or shoes appropriate for horseback riding, if doing horseback rides
- ___ rain jacket, pants and warm hooded jacket
- ___ warm hat and gloves

Toiletries

- ___ bag or carrying case for all toiletries
- ___ soap, shampoo and conditioner-Biodegradable if possible
- ___ comb or brush
- ___ wash clothes and towels (1 swim and 1 bath)
- ___ toothbrush and toothpaste
- ___ deodorant, unscented
- ___ insect repellent

Linens

- ___ pillow, sheets and a blanket (beds are twin size)
- ___ laundry bag

Gear

- ___ sunglasses and hat
- ___ sturdy water bottle (2). *No glass bottles please.*
- ___ backpack/day pack
- ___ flashlight or headlamp with batteries
- ___ sleeping bag
- ___ letter writing materials and stamps

Don't Bring

- knives, weapons, fireworks, lighters or matches, drugs, alcohol, tobacco
- any electronic items: cell phones, i-pods, mp3 players, games, etc
- Money, any expensive or valuable items

Teen Adventure Camp Packing List: (Not running this summer)

Climbing Gear

- Climbing shoes, if you have your own
- Hat and sunglasses, with retaining strap if you think you will be wearing them while climbing
- Sturdy water bottle (2)
- Backpack/day pack
- Chalk bag, if you have one
- Flashlight or headlamp with batteries
- Sleeping bag, compressible and packed in stuff sack. Should be warm enough for being outdoors in low 40-degree temperatures.
- Camera. Please don't bring an expensive camera or your smart phone to camp. Things get broken, dropped, wet, or end up in someone else's gear. A disposable waterproof camera works well.

Kayaking and Stand Up Paddle Board Gear

- Hat and sunglasses, with retaining strap if you think you will be wearing them in the river
- Sturdy water bottle (2)
- Backpack/day pack
- Flashlight or headlamp with batteries
- Sleeping bag, compressible and packed in stuff sack. Should be warm enough for being outdoors in low 40-degree temperatures.
- Camera. Please don't bring an expensive camera or your smart phone to camp. Things get broken, dropped, wet, or end up in someone else's gear. A disposable waterproof camera works well.

Backpacking Gear

- Hiking boots. These should not be new; they should be broken in before camp.
- Hat and sunglasses, with retaining strap if you think you will be wearing them in the river
- Sturdy water bottle (2)
- Backpack/day pack. You will need to carry your own gear and some of the group gear. So a backpack that is good for a 3-4 day backpacking trip.
- Flashlight or headlamp with batteries
- Sleeping bag, compressible and packed in stuff sack. Should be warm enough for being outdoors in the low 30-degree temperatures.
- Camera. Please don't bring an expensive camera or your smart phone to camp. Things get broken, dropped, wet, or end up in someone else's gear. A disposable waterproof camera works well.
- Compass or GPS, if you want.
- If you want to bring a knife of some sort, please consider a multi-tool.

Outdoor Adventure Camp List:

Clothing

- Underwear (a week's worth)
- Socks (a week's worth). We strongly recommend that you do not bring cotton socks as they dry slowly. Please bring wool or synthetic socks.
- Pants, comfortable for wearing in camp and possibly hiking and climbing in
- Shorts, comfortable for climbing and hiking. No short shorts please; at least mid-thigh in length.
- Hiking boots. These should **not** be new. Have boots that are broken in.
- Heavy sweater/fleece pullover (2)
- T-shirts or long sleeve t-shirts
- Polypropylene (non-cotton) shirt (2)
- Sweatshirt and sweatpants, for hanging out in camp
- Warm pajamas
- One-piece bathing suit or swim trunks
- Sneakers or rubber-soled sport sandals
- Rain jacket, pants and warm hooded jacket
- Warm hat and gloves
- Climbing shoes, if you have your own

Toiletries

- Soap, shampoo and conditioner, biodegradable if possible
- Lotion, sunscreen and lip balm
- Comb or brush
- Wash cloth and towels (2 is a good idea)
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Insect repellent

Linens

- Laundry bag

Gear

- Hat and sunglasses
- Sturdy water bottle (2). *No glass please.*
- Backpack/day pack
- Chalk bag, if you have one
- Flashlight or headlamp with batteries
- Letter writing materials and stamps
- Sleeping bag, compressible and packed in stuff sack. Should be warm enough for being outdoors in low 40-degree temperatures. A 3-season bag is good.
- Camera. Please don't bring an expensive camera or your smart phone to camp.

Health and Wellness

Health Forms

Forms must be submitted at least two weeks prior to your child's session.

- Health History Form
- Camper Health Care Rec. by Medical Personnel Form
 - A physical exam is required for your child to attend camp.
 - The exam must be current within **12-months** of the last day your child will attend camp.
 - The form must be completed and signed by a licensed physician.

Health Services

YMCA Camp Santa Maria provides a Camp Health Officer (CHO) on site. Our CHO resides at camp for the duration of our summer camp programs. In addition, we work with our local community to provide nursing staff. In addition, all staff at YMCA Camp Santa Maria are trained in CPR and First Aid.

Emergency Medical Services

YMCA Camp Santa Maria is served by local ambulance and fire personnel from the Bailey, CO area. The nearest medical facility is Conifer Medical Center and the nearest hospital is Swedish Medical Center.

Illness/Injury

If your child becomes ill or injured while at camp, we will notify you as soon as possible. Depending on the severity of the injury or illness, we may transport, or have them emergency evacuated to the hospital. When you register your child in a YMCA program you are giving consent to the YMCA to secure emergency dental or medical care of your child at your expense. Care may be given under whatever conditions are necessary to preserve life, limb, or the well-being of your child. You have also given the YMCA permission to transport your child at your expense as necessary in case of an emergency.

The YMCA of Northern Colorado carries limited, secondary accident insurance coverage. Your family's policy is your child's primary insurance coverage during their stay at camp. In the event that we must render emergency medical assistance to your child, your name will be listed as the responsible party. We will make every attempt to contact you and the emergency contacts on your child's health form prior to obtaining medical treatment from a medical center. If the need arises, it is important that someone be able to pick him/her up and take them home.

For your child's safety, please keep all emergency information up to date with the camp office. If your camper attempts self-injury, makes threats of suicide, elicits violent behaviors, or exhibits serious symptoms of an eating disorder, you will be notified.

Medications

Medication regulations are established by the Colorado Department of Human Services—Division of Childcare.

Medications refer to both prescription and over-the-counter drugs.

In order for our Health Care Officer to dispense medication to your camper:

- The Camper Health Care Recommendation form must be completed and signed by a licensed physician. A licensed physician's written instructions must include medication name, dosage, and conditions under which to be administered.
- All medications must be in their original container.

Storage

- Medications must be given directly to the Health Care Officer at check-in.
- Medication is stored in a locked cabinet in the Health Center. Many medications that are harmless to your child may cause allergic reactions or damage to other children.
- At no time should a child have their own medication in their possession or administer it to themselves. Except in the case of asthma when the camper may carry an authorized inhaler, provided the back-up inhaler is kept in the Health Center.

Special Needs

In accordance with Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Association makes reasonable accommodation for individuals with special needs to enjoy the equal benefits of a YMCA program experience. Accommodations may include alteration of facilities, program activities, or provision of auxiliary aids (i.e. readers for YMCA information and/or forms, aquatic float rings, etc.). An assessment will be made to determine the individual needs of the child and a participation plan will be developed. Participation plans may include alternate programming, which would be more effective for the individual and may require communication with professional health care providers who know the child. If a special needs staff person is required, your child's dates of participation will be dependent on the availability of such staff.

Sunscreen

Campers will spend the majority of the day outside. If your child is sensitive to sun exposure, YMCA Camp Santa Maria may not be the best program for them. Please contact us for other indoor options. Parents should provide sunscreen.

Transportation

Getting to Camp

The YMCA of Northern Colorado does not provide transportation to or from YMCA Camp Santa Maria. It is the responsibility of parents to arrange for the transportation of their camper. A map and directions are available on the website. Checking your child into camp will allow you to meet the YMCA Camp Santa Maria staff and see the environment where your child will live. We hope that parents will take the opportunity to enjoy the mountains.

Transportation at Camp

For programming purposes, the YMCA may transport your child to a trip destination. When transporting children, we use only qualified, licensed drivers in accordance with Colorado State law. Children are required to wear seat belts in our vehicles and to act in a calm and non-disruptive manner. YMCA Camp Santa Maria staff members are not allowed to transport children in their personal vehicles at any time.

Registration and Schedule Changes

Changes and Cancellations

If you are registered for camp and need to make a change or cancel your registration you may do so by getting a change/cancellation form at either the Mapleton Center or Arapahoe Center YMCA. A change/cancellation fee may be assessed according to the change/cancellation policy.

Absences

We are concerned when your child is registered and does not show up for check-in. Please call the camp director at (303) 838-7900 the first day of the camp session and leave a message if your child will be late or not be able to attend the session. Be specific, stating your child's full name and the reason they will not be attending. Our office staff will return your call to confirm all details.

Photos and Video

YMCA staff may take photos or video of your child for educational or promotional purposes. You can look for photos of your child at camp on our YMCA Camp Santa Maria Facebook page.

Camper-Staff Contact Outside of Camp

The YMCA of Northern Colorado does not allow staff to be babysitters, nannies, or child companions outside of camp for camp participants. Our staff works with your child in the context of a visible, well-scrutinized community that has many built-in checks and balances. During summer camp, counselors are supervised by senior staff and are guided by clear, firm policies regarding behavior. We do not permit staff to have contact with campers outside of approved YMCA functions or on the official Camp Santa Maria social media accounts. While summer camp counselors are seasonal positions and often not our employees during the school year, counselors who contact campers outside of approved YMCA functions and services may not be rehired for the next summer.

Internet and Social Media

It is against staff policy for our camp staff to have a relationship with your camper outside of official camp programs. This includes but is not limited to email, meeting in person, and any form of social media. Again, we encourage you and your camper to join the official YMCA Camp Santa Maria Facebook page and to contact YMCA Camp Santa Maria via phone or email to stay in touch throughout the school year.

Cell Phones *We have a no cell phone policy at camp.*

YMCA Camp Santa Maria has a NO CELL PHONE policy at camp. Not only are cell phones expensive to replace when they are lost or damaged at camp, but cell phones also interfere with your camper becoming more independent. We understand that parents take a leap of faith by sending their campers to spend time away from home. Unfortunately, when well-intentioned parents send a cell phone to camp 'just in case' the camper needs to call home, the message is, "We love you but don't trust that you are ready to solve challenges on your own." Having a cell phone prevents our counselors and staff from addressing problems that might arise and using that experience to help your child grow.

We will reach out to you if your camper is experiencing a challenge in their adjustment to camp. You can help by talking to your child before they leave for camp and telling them that there is always someone they can reach out to, whether it be their counselor, a camp specialist, the camp nurse or the camp administration. Cell phones brought to camp will be kept in a locked office and returned to the parent at checkout. Please express your trust in our counseling staff and in your own child by insisting cell phones stay at home.

Emergency Plans

Severe Weather Conditions: All groups will seek shelter immediately and stay there until twenty minutes after the weather clears.

Excessive Hot Weather: Activities will be provided indoors or in shaded areas outdoors as appropriate. Water is accessible to children at all times and they are encouraged to drink fluids throughout the day. Children are expected to carry water bottles.

Lost Child: If a child becomes lost, we will notify parents immediately. Our staff will start searching for the child and/or may contact the police department if necessary. Any incident of a lost child is reported to The Colorado Department of Human Services, Division of Child Services within 24 hours.

Medical Emergency: If a medical emergency arises, we will administer first aid and make every effort to contact the parent/guardian. If emergency medical treatment is required, we will contact a doctor, hospital, or call an ambulance depending on the severity of the injury or illness. Health insurance information should be provided on the registration form and emergency contact sheet. Please be aware that any medical expenses incurred will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

Vehicle Mechanical Failure of Accident: In case of a vehicle mechanical failure or accident, we will administer first aid treatment as necessary and notify the authorities. The vehicles used by the YMCA are all supplied with first aid materials. Emergency information on each child is taken along on any outing away from the camp facility. Parents will then be notified as appropriate.

Emergency Evacuation: In the event of an evacuation of camp due to dangerous conditions such as wildfire, everyone in the area is transported to a nearby site determined by the Park County Sheriff's Department. During such an event, parents are contacted and arrangements are made for campers to be picked up. In case parents are not available, another person named as an emergency contact will be contacted and arrangements will be made.

Emergency Communications: In the event of an emergency, parents will be contacted by phone.

If a parent has an emergency and needs to locate his/her child or is concerned about a schedule change, they should call the camp at (303) 838-7900.

State Licensing

YMCA Camp Santa Maria is a childcare program that is licensed by the Colorado Department of Social Services. The license indicates that the program has met the required standards for the operation of a childcare facility. If you have not done so, please ask to see the license.

Most licensed facilities make every effort to provide a safe and healthy environment for children. Unfortunately, on rare occasions, an incident of physical or sexual abuse may occur. If you believe that your child has been abused, you should seek immediate assistance from your county department of social services.

The number to report child abuse in Park County is (303) 816-5139.

Childcare services play an important role in supporting families, and strong families are the basis of a thriving community. Your child's education, physical, emotional, and social development will be nurtured in a well-planned and well-run program. Remember to observe the program regularly, especially regarding children's health and safety, equipment and play materials and staff. For additional information regarding licensing, or if you have concerns about a childcare facility, please consult the Colorado Office of Child Care Services at (303) 866.5948.

Park County Social Services

P.O. Box 1193, Bailey, CO 80421 (303) 816.5139

Division of Child Care

1575 Sherman Street, 1st Floor, Denver, CO 80203 (303) 866.5948

Child Care License; License #: 1527071 RSCMP

Last Report of Inspection was May 2015, we will be inspected again in 2017.

Reporting Child Abuse

Anyone who works with children is required by Colorado State law to report any suspected signs of child abuse or neglect. Some examples are (including but not limited to) suspected verbal abuse, physical abuse, sexual abuse, lack of basic care in the areas of personal hygiene or nutrition, or leaving a child alone or in the care of another child under the age of twelve. After a report is made, it is up to the proper authorities to investigate. A report should be seen as a cause for concern, not an accusation. We are not allowed to discuss the situation with the parent before making a report. Please discuss any concerns you may have with the camp directors.

Be A Champ For Camp

Each summer, thousands of children attend YMCA of Northern Colorado day and overnight camps. For more than 500 campers, their summer experiences are only made possible because of donor-funded financial assistance. Camp gives them connection, activity, mentors, confidence, resilience and safe spaces while their parents work. It helps them prevent summer learning loss and gives them opportunities to have fun — even when life at home or at school is anything but fun. Camp allows them to be kids.

Colorado is a state that boasts endless outdoor adventures. But access to outdoor education and engagement with the natural world is often determined by economic status. At the Y, we believe all children deserve sunshine, mountain air and bug bites (yes, even bug bites). We believe all children should have the opportunity to build gnome homes and traverse a stream. We believe summer camp should be a right — not a privilege — and we are looking for champions to help us ensure all kids experience a summer at camp.

Be a champ for camp. Your gift will change lives.

If you would like to contribute to support other youth who are less economically capable of participating in our programs, please visit champforcamp.org or contact:

Bill Hinton Sr. VP of Camping Services

bill.hinton@ymcanoco.org

303-443-4474 x 4301

YMCA MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

A **YMCA MEMBERSHIP** is one of the best investments that you could possibly make for an individual or a family's well-being and fun. You will find programs for the whole family to participate in making your experience with the YMCA inviting and satisfying. For more information, visit our website at www.ymcanoco.org.

The YMCA of Northern Colorado has fitness facilities in Boulder, Lafayette, Longmont and Johnstown and programs throughout Boulder, Weld and Larimer counties.

COME JOIN THE YMCA FAMILY!