

Camp Basics:

What is camp?

Camp is an outdoor experience for young women ages 11 (turning 12 this year) to 18. It is designed to give young women the opportunity to:

- Feel the Spirit
- Build testimonies
- Learn skills
- Build friendships
- Serve others
- Appreciate God's creations
- Draw close to God
- Have fun

Why do we have camp?

Camp provides a place where young women can be set apart from the world. Camp is a time when young women have wholesome fun and meaningful experiences.

Everything done at camp should help the young women to:

- Learn their identity as daughters of God
- Feel and recognize the Spirit
- Keep baptismal covenants
- Prepare for their future

When and where is camp?

The Stake Presidency, in council with the stake young women's presidency and the stake camp director, decide where camp should be held each year, and how long it should last.

Our stake will hold Young Women's Camp this year, from June 7 through June 12, at Camp Discovery, located at:

400 Camp Discovery Lane
Gainesboro, TN 38562





Safety Guidelines:

- Parents are welcome to come to camp for a lunch, dinner, or an evening with their daughter. Please let a Stake Leader know in advance if you plan to attend.
- Parents will need to check in with one of the Camp Directors upon arrival and will need to pay for the cost of their meal if staying to eat.
- Friends, or YW who are not enrolled in camp should not be brought to camp.
- No parents, family, or friends are allowed to spend the night.
- No young men, or boys, are allowed at camp, including children and siblings.
- No men, including fathers, are allowed in or around the girls' cabin area.
- **No children under 11 are allowed at camp.** If a child must accompany the drive bringing or picking up girls, they will need to remain in the car while on the camp premises.
- If a girl needs or wants to call home, she may use one of the leaders' phones, or a parent may call one of the leaders to get a message to their daughter. Phone numbers will be placed on the website prior to camp. Please note, this is for parent – child communication, and no calls to friends will be permitted.
- **80/20 Rule:** If a girl cannot attend the majority of camp (at least 80%), she will not be eligible to attend at all. A girl may miss one day of camp and still qualify to attend the other days. If the day they must miss is in the middle of camp, arrangements must be made in advance with one of the stake leaders, and the young woman will need to sign out when she leaves, and sign back in when she returns (even if it is just for a few hours). There is no discounted rate for camp for those that will miss a day. The young woman will still be expected to complete her certification and the Camp Director will need to have a note indicating who will be picking up, and bringing back the youth.
- No young women are allowed to drive themselves, or others, to or from camp.



For the Ward and Branch Leaders:

Camp Specialist: Each ward and branch should call a camp specialist, or have one of the counselors in the young women's presidency assigned to fill this role. Each Camp Specialist should have a copy of the camp manual.

Duties of a Camp Specialist:

- Make Sure that all of the young women are interviewed by the Bishop prior to camp
- Review all of the rules, policies, and expectations for each girl attending camp
- Make sure that each young woman has completed and turned in the Medical Release Form, and that they have completed the registration processes before April 1
- The cost for camp is \$170 for each girl attending. Funds should be turned into the Bishop or Branch President using a donation slip marked "other – Girls Camp". The YW President in each ward and branch should keep track of who has paid
- We will be doing a "Secret Sister" program at camp, so please be sure that the girls understand this and are prepared. You may want to hold a preparation night in which the girls can make their secret sister gifts
- Here is the contact information for the camp leaders, please reach out to them with any questions and keep them updated with the information from your ward or branch as you prepare for camp:



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