

2026 Young Women Camp

INFORMATION SHEET

Below you will find information about Young Women Camp for 2026! Please read over the following details for camp this year. If you have any questions, you can address them to our camp directors, Brittney Foy (brittneyfoy@gmail.com), Annie Clarke (anniec214@gmail.com) or Norabel Chessmore (nchessmore@gmail.com).

When: Monday, June 22nd–Thursday, June 25th, 2026

Where: Bear Creek Camp– 1598 Magnolia Rd, Boone, IA 50036

- Bear Creek Camp is a church owned camp and is located about 2 ½ hours East of the Omaha Metro Area. We are very excited to experience camp in this beautiful location!

Transportation: Wards will be in charge of getting their young women to camp. Arrival time for Monday is 10:30 a.m. and departure time on Thursday is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. For more information, please talk to your ward young women president or ward camp director.

Cost: Camp will cost \$150 per young woman. Money will be due to your ward by April 15th.

Important Items to Note

- **Sack Lunch:** Each young woman will need to bring a sack lunch to camp with her to eat on the first day. Please make this a more substantial lunch with some snacks as we will be eating dinner a little later on the first day of camp.
- **Sleeping:** All the young women will have the same sleeping arrangements at camp and will ALL need a thick mattress pad for their cabins.
- **NO FOOD in cabins:** In the past, Bear Creek has had issues with mice. They have worked tirelessly and no longer have a problem with pests at all! This is because they have been diligent about having zero food in the cabins. This rule will be strictly enforced to avoid animals coming in the cabins and getting into the young women's things.
- **Secret Sister:** Your daughter will receive a secret sister assignment AT camp this year. Please see the paragraph regarding secret sisters on the next page.

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Tips to help your young woman navigate camp

- Come prepared for any weather!
- Come to camp well rested, and try to get sleep each night.
- Always wear sunscreen, even if you don't feel like you will get burned.
- Check for ticks regularly, and remind your friends to do the same!
- Stay with another person at all times so you don't get lost.
- Prepare to be active and walk a lot.
- Keep your things organized and together.
- Be positive and uplifting!
- Enjoy yourself and have fun!

Please carefully read the following statement regarding cell phones at Young Women Camp:

One of the goals of camp is to have our young women disconnect from the world and connect with the spirit to deepen their testimony of Jesus Christ. With that goal in mind, we would encourage our young women to bring their phone to take pictures, send kind words, and access their scriptures. They will be invited to put their phones away during class to help maintain focus. Any form of bullying will not be tolerated and will result in the removal of their phone, and a call to a parent or guardian will be made regarding the incident. We want camp to be a safe and comfortable place for all our young women, and parental support in that is greatly appreciated.

Secret Sister

Each of your daughters will be assigned a Secret Sister when she arrives at camp this year! The purpose of the secret sister is to allow your daughter to think about another young woman and brighten her day with a small note, scripture or other kind gesture. These daily gifts should be small, simple and inexpensive. Most of the supplies for secret sister will be provided in our craft area for camp. If your daughter wants to bring something extra she can, but please spend no more than \$10 total for secret sister. On the last day of camp, girls will reveal themselves to their secret sisters. Please have your young women come to camp prepared to think about and give service to another young woman at camp.

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Camp Levels

Beginning in 2019, young women were allowed to attend camp beginning the year they turned 12 instead of being required to already be 12 when attending camp. This change was welcome and exciting! It has allowed more young women to experience camp, make friends, strengthen their testimonies, and develop a more personal relationship with the Savior. This has also made it so some young women will have an extra year of camp!

This change that was made in 2019 is now requiring us to make some adjustments to how the year levels are set up at camp. In the past, levels have been designated using the year a young woman was born, very similarly to how church classes are set up. Camp 2026 will be the last year that young women will be assigned a level using their birth year.

Beginning in 2027, camp levels will be determined using school grade levels (or the equivalent if you are homeschooling). We will have 6th and 7th grade together in a level, 8th grade, 9th grade and 10th grade levels. Young women who will be going into 11th and 12th grades will be YCLs. We have discussed and prayed over this change, and are excited for the opportunities it will allow the young women to experience camp, as well as serve as a YCL when they are old enough.

Again, this change will not take place this year, but will begin in 2027. We wanted to allow ample time for young women and their families to understand and adjust to the changes that will be coming in 2027.

We feel blessed to be able to serve the Young Women of the Omaha Stake and are excited to plan 2026 Young Women's Camp!