

LET THE ADVENTURE BEGIN!



ARE YOU READY?

FEW ENVIRONMENTS ARE
AS SPECIAL AS SUMMER CAMP.

NO TECHNOLOGY. NO FRILLS.
JUST UNPLUGGED, UNFILTERED ADVENTURE.

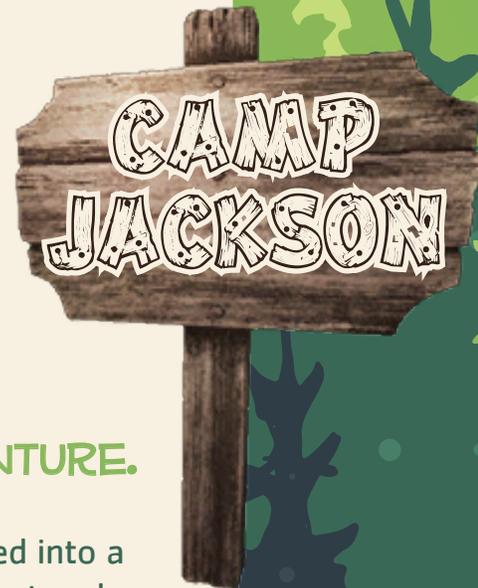
Campers are taken from their normal routine and placed into a community where they learn to be independent, resilient and compassionate.

ABOUT CAMP JACKSON

Located in the San Isabel National Forest on 320 acres of beautiful terrain, including rock outcroppings, mountain meadows and waterfalls, YMCA Camp Jackson is an all-inclusive camp that has welcomed campers from Colorado and beyond since 1916.

CABIN LIFE

The cabin experience shows campers how to live cooperatively by sharing chores and respecting each other's differences. Around the campfire and during evening vespers, campers are encouraged to tell stories and share their opinions, while remaining open-minded and supportive as they listen to others.



SAFE AND RELIABLE!

WE ENCOURAGE CAMPERS TO TAKE HEALTHY RISKS AND TRY NEW SKILLS AS PART OF THEIR DEVELOPMENT. PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT WITH THE PROCESS OF GROWTH COMES THE POTENTIAL FOR PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL BUMPS AND BRUISES. WE EMBRACE THE CHALLENGES THAT COME WITH OUR ENVIRONMENT AND YOUR CAMPERS CARE AND SUPPORT IS OUR FIRST PRIORITY. THANK YOU FOR PARTNERING WITH US IN THIS STEP OF YOUR CAMPERS JOURNEY.

WE'LL ALWAYS KEEP YOU IN THE LOOP!

OUR STAFF



With a low camper-to-staff ratio at 12:2, each camper will receive individual attention in a safe and supportive environment. Each staff member is vetted using reference checks, two interviews and background checks.

Training is an extensive 10 days that includes CPR/AED, First Aid Certification, Child Abuse Prevention, age-appropriate behaviors and character development.

Staff is hired for their skills in working with children and a passion for youth development. Each staff is committed to helping children and teens make new friends, try new activities and find a true sense of belonging at camp.

BASE CAMP (7-12)

BASE CAMP IS WHERE YOUR KIDS EXPERIENCE SOMETHING NEW EVERY SINGLE DAY!

They learn the power of a positive mentor, the confidence that comes from trying and succeeding and the importance of healthy, long-lasting friendships.

Base Campers are assigned to gender-specific cabins with 8-12 children of similar ages. Each cabin is led by two counselors. These family groups spend time each day building and strengthening friendships, learning new skills and participating in fun and challenging camp activities.

The highlight of the week is Wednesday night "Pack-out". Every cabin packs up their gear and heads for the woods where they will spend one night cooking over a campfire and sleeping under the stars.

HOME SCHOOL CAMP: New for the 2020 season is a Home School Mini Camp that will run June 28th – July 1st. This camp will be for campers age 7 – 15 with a Base Camp, Teen Base and Teen Adventure.



TEEN BASE CAMP (13-14)

TEEN BASE BEGINS TO TRANSITION CAMPERS FROM BASE CAMP TO OUR ADVENTURE PROGRAMS.

Teen Base follows the same daily schedule as Base Camp but campers sleep in the Teen Center and participate in teen-only activities like high ropes course and teen village campfires.





SKILLS BLOCKS

LEARNING NEW SKILLS IS ONE WAY THAT CAMPERS AT CAMP JACKSON WILL GROW IN CONFIDENCE AND CHARACTER. WHEN REGISTERING, PLEASE INDICATE YOUR FIRST AND SECOND CHOICE SO THAT WE CAN BEST PLACE YOUR CAMPER. THESE SKILLS BLOCKS ARE ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.

SURVIVAL SKILLS: These campers will spend time learning the basic skills required to survive in the forest. They will cover shelter building, fire starting, water purification and basic hiking first aid. We will also cover "Leave No Trace" principles such as "know before you go" and minimal impact.

HORESMANSHIP: This program is designed to introduce campers to Western Horsemanship and the responsibilities of care for large animals. Campers will split their time between lessons in the arena and trail rides throughout the property. Be sure to send your camper with extra pants and good, closed-toed shoes.

MARKSMANSHIP: With an emphasis on safety and responsibility, this program uses BB guns, .22 rifles and archery equipment to teach basic marksmanship skills using methods such as breath control and aiming techniques.

MOUNTAIN SPORTS: Each day offers its own adventure as your camper is introduced to new challenges in rock climbing and canoeing. Our rock climbing routes are natural slab, located in the Crockett Falls valley. Canoeing is done at Lake Beckwith, where we cover safety and paddling techniques.

CREATIVE BLOCKS

IN ADDITION TO SKILLS BLOCKS, YMCA CAMP JACKSON OFFERS CAMPERS TIME IN CREATIVE BLOCKS WHERE CAMPERS CAN FOCUS ON SELF EX-PRESSION AND PERSONAL INTERESTS IN A LESS STRUCTURED SETTING.

THE ARTS: This is for all campers who love to express themselves creatively. Daily choices may include arts & crafts, dance, drama or skits. You may find yourself in the middle of a flash mob or spending quiet time doing nature sketching.

GROUP GAMES: For all those campers who would rather be moving and doing, this block will keep you busy at all times. Choose between the Gaga Pit or a game of Ultimate Frisbee. If you're feeling medieval, you may opt to build cardboard armor and do some Boffer jousting. You might even create your own game!

SCIENCE & ECO: Want to learn more about our environment and where we fit in? This creative block is for all the upcoming scientists who enjoy hands-on activities. You can build sand volcanoes and watch them erupt, go on a hike to find geodes and break them open, build catapults and launch sponges. Gardening, ecology hikes and much more are options for your week.

PIONEERS: Campers will choose from activities that will make them feel like they are in the wild west. A day may include an exploration hike with fort building or choose to learn about animal tracking. These campers can go rock climbing or shoot sling shots. You never know what your wild west day will bring. Be ready for anything!

TEEN ADVENTURE (13-15)

Teen Adventure Camps at YMCA Camp Jackson are designed to help our young people grow into responsible adults. Social responsibility, self confidence, community building and character development are at the root of all of our Teen Programs. Tailored for the older camper, Adventure Camps are a natural extension of the Base Camp experience. Adventure programs recognize the developing needs of teens for more adventure and challenge. This is a unique camping experience, enhancing the development of: outdoor living skills, natural awareness, and close relationships with others. With our wide variety of activities, there's bound to be something for everyone.

SURVIVAL: New this year is our Teen Survival Camp that will test your outdoor living skills. Campers will learn the basics of water purification, shelter building and first aid and then apply those skills on a "Survival" packout.

RAFTING: Includes a two-day white water adventure on the Arkansas River with one night of camping. High ropes and climbing included.

CLIMBING: Learn the basics of top roping and advance to an overnight pack-out to climb "The Slab" in San Carlos. High ropes and half-day raft trip included.

HORSEMASTERS: Increase riding skills and gain horse care knowledge. High/low ropes challenge and team building included.

COMBO: Combo Adventure Camp puts them all together in a two week challenge that offers rafting, climbing and riding as well as our traditional activities in a back-to-back session. The first week will focus on all the skills for rock climbing and packout will be climbing "The Slab" at Goliath Gorge. The second week will be more water activities and the packout will be an overnighter on the Arkansas River. Be prepared for two weeks of action and adventure.



HIGH SCHOOL ADVENTURE (15-17)

High schoolers can choose rafting or climbing options. Activities are in an age-appropriate and more advanced setting. Teens will learn in-depth techniques and have deeper, relatable discussions.





LEADERS IN TRAINING (14-15)

The LIT program introduces teens to interacting with groups and teaches them how to bring a group of individuals together to work towards an agreed upon goal. Their first week is spent learning about their leadership style and how it interacts with other styles. LIT's will learn about group dynamics as they work together to brainstorm, plan and complete a service project. We hope that you will be amazed at the growth of your camper when they return from their two week adventure! These campers will participate in low and high ropes as well as evening program. They must be prepared for three packouts during their two week stay.



COUNSELORS IN TRAINING (15-17)

CIT P&P: This two week session focuses on the Principles and Practices behind working with youth. We will discuss driving camp culture, the best practices for youth development and how to best utilize your leadership style when working with groups of campers. The second week is spent in cabins assisting staff as you learn how to become a camp counselor. CIT's must be 16 or have completed the LIT training to register.

CIT CERTS: This two week session focuses on the certifications and in-depth training you will need to become a counselor at YMCA Camp Jackson. By the end of the first week, you will be certified in First Aid / CPR, Child Abuse Prevention, Belaying, Blood Borne Pathogens and OSHA Safety. The second week will be spent in the cabins assisting counselors and applying your training. CIT's must be 16 or have completed the LIT training to register.

CREW (16-17)

Crew members are mentored by leadership staff and spend their days assisting with camp, learning what it means to serve and making an impact on our youth. Because of the level of responsibility assigned to these camper, they must be knowledgeable about YMCA Camp Jackson and our expectations when working with youth. There is a prerequisite of two leadership sessions required before campers can move into this role. You can use any combination of LIT's, CIT P&P and CIT Certs to achieve this two session requirement.

FAMILY CAMP

LOOKING FOR A GETAWAY WITH THE FAMILY?

YMCA Camp Jackson offers the perfect place for your family to reconnect, away from the hectic pace of daily life. Learn all about our family cabins, activities, pricing and more by visiting: CAMPJACKSON.COM



CAMPERSHIPS

All kids deserve the opportunity to discover who they are and what they can achieve. Camp Jackson scholarships are subsidized by the YMCA Annual Support Campaign.

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