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**Group Camping
Information Guide
YMCA CAMP CAMPBELL GARD**



YMCA CCG HISTORY



YMCA Camp Campbell Gard was founded in 1926 by Homer Gard as a living memorial to his son Charles Campbell Gard. During dedication, Homer said “In giving this memorial camp, we ask that it always be available for boys and girls of any race, color or religion.” Robert McCloskey carved the totem pole that for years has been the camp symbol. The third totem from the top is turned around facing the opposite direction of the others. McCloskey did this out of respect to the Native American burial grounds on the other side of the river. Today camp operates 12 months a year with a capacity of 300 beds, serving over 20,000 individuals a year. We are proud to continue the legacy that was begun by Homer Gard 87 years ago!

YMCA Camp Campbell Gard is a great place for your organization, church, school, business or family to spend time enjoying the outdoors and coming together as a group. The possibilities are endless at camp and we welcome all groups. Facilities are easily accessible by paved roads making camp a great place for all ages and needs. Contact camp at 513-867-0600 or camp@gmvymca.org for a tour of our facilities or more information!



CHARACTER THRU CAMPING

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Team Building

High Ropes • Zipline • Giant Swing • Low Ropes • Power Pole • Amazing Race • Challenge Olympics • Co-Op Games • Climbing Wall •

Evening Programs

Human Clue • Campfire • Night Hikes • Hayrides • Dodge Ball • Line Dancing

Recreational Activities

Canoeing • Archery • Hayrides • Field Games • Sports • Jumping Pillow • Fishing • Nature Center • Relay Races • Mountain Biking • Arts and Crafts •



What we offer your group:

- Leadership
- Friendships and Community
- Self-Confidence
- Appreciation and better understanding of nature



CHALLENGE COURSE

Low Ropes

Contrary to its name, this activity uses ropes minimally. "Low Ropes" refers to a series of activities completed on the ground or close to the ground. The goal of each of these activities is to promote teamwork and communication within a small group of 10-15 people. After completing an activity, the group's facilitator leads a brief discussion about the activity and about the group's dynamics during that activity. The purpose is to better understand those things which are propelling the group to a better working relationship as well as those things that might be holding the group back.



High Ropes

Our high ropes course begins with a safety orientation and training on how the equipment is to be used. Participants are required to wear a helmet and harness. If the full course is in use, participants will also wear sling lines which serve as the safety system while traversing different elements in the air. Some of the elements include walking across a plank bridge, walking across a single cable and walking across a log all while 35 feet in the air. To get down from the platform, participants will choose the zipline or swing.

YMCA Camp Campbell Gard works on a strict challenge by choice philosophy which means that no person will be forced to do something they do not want to do. The goal of the high ropes course is for the participant to challenge themselves and to work as a group to encourage one another and help keep each other safe. The zipline and swing can be done without doing the entire high ropes course. These activities are geared towards older participants but still great for sports teams, middle school and high school students, college students, and corporate groups.



Power Pole

The power pole is an element that stands separate from the course. Participants are challenged to climb up a pole, stand on top of the pole and jump off in an attempt to hit a wind chime suspended in the air. The goal of the power pole is to challenge the individual participant to overcome their fears and for the group as a whole to work together and grow. This activity calls for group participation and individuals to have a job of ladder crew, belayer or encourager.



Indoor Climbing wall

This activity is housed inside of our Berriage Barn. With 6 different lines of varying height, campers are challenged to try and reach the top on our wall. This activity is great for all ages as it challenges the participant to push past their mental and physical barriers.

Challenge Courses are the most popular and powerful ways to promote personal growth and explore group interaction. Each of our challenge course programs can be used individually or together to create an experience that accomplishes the goals of your group. All of our camp staff are trained to safely and effectively run programs. Contact a program staff member to learn how these programs can be catered to your group's needs!

Ask About Our Other Team Building Activities

Amazing Race
Challenge Olympics
Shipwrecked



INDOOR FACILITIES

Cabins

All ten of our cabins are designed for a comfortable stay with modern bathroom facilities and central air conditioning and heating. They are separated into two wings with a central room. Cabins 1-6 are located on the main field; 7-10 are located in summer village and have a raised walkway connecting the cabins. Our cabins fit anywhere from 24-28 people.



Dining Hall

Our newly renovated dining hall serves hot breakfast, lunch and dinner. In this building you can also find bathrooms, a hand washing station, the camp store, and a hot beverage station. The dining hall is also available for use as a meeting space. Audio visual equipment and other presentation materials, such as a dry erase board, can also be provided.



Ittel Hall

Ittel Hall (also known as the Rec Hall) is a versatile space for all of your group's needs. The open area can be set up any way with tables and chairs or activities. A stage at the front of the building can also be used for a wide variety of things. The large stone fireplace located in this building is great to use on a cold day.



OTHER FACILITIES

Chapel

The Chapel is an outdoor meeting space with benches, a podium, and stage. This space can be used in many different ways including devotions, large group announcements and for games and skits.



Counsel Fire Ring

The Counsel Fire Ring is located in the woods, with benches available for a large group to sit.



Berriage Barn

The Berriage Barn is a rustic barn with an open area to set up as needed. With two large doors to allow sunlight and fresh air in it is a great outdoor/indoor space. It is equipped with electricity, lights and a few feet from bathrooms. It can be used as an indoor activity space, meeting space and so much more.

Fields and Sports

There are open fields, sports fields, and a baseball diamond all conveniently located around camp as well as basketball courts, sand volleyball and the camp favorite, GaGa.



Riverside Fire Ring

This fire ring has great amphitheater seating. This area overlooks the fire ring and the river.

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