

WINTER CAMP

Winter camp is a great opportunity to reunite with your friends from the summer, and meet new friends, while enjoying all that the Colorado mountains have to offer in December. Winter Camp 2008 will be held at YMCA Camp Santa Maria, YMCA of Boulder Valley's residential camp facility, December 27th-30th. Winter camp will give campers the opportunity to spend their winter vacation snowshoeing, sledding and ice skating in the outdoors. In addition to these outdoor adventures, campers will play large and small group games that promote teamwork and fun. Arts and crafts and cooking programs will give campers a break from the cold and the opportunity to get creative. Evenings will be spent around the campfire singing songs, performing skits, and participating in candlelight ceremonies. At winter camp campers will stay in our winterized cabins. Meals will be provided in the dining hall and if this winter is anything like the last, the food will be awesome. The winter camp staff will include staff from YMCA summer camp programs and will be directed by Andrew VanDerWege, Arianne VanDerWege, and Andrew Vargo, the YMCA of Boulder Valley's Camping Program Directors. They will be joined by camp counselors from Camp Santa Maria and the YMCA of Boulder Valley's day camp programs. Transportation will be provided to camp on Thursday, December 27th. Campers will meet at the Mapleton Center YMCA in Boulder at 8:00am on December 27th. Winter Camp is a great opportunity for families to join their campers in their camp experience. New this year, parents will pick their campers up at camp on Sunday, December 30th. Campers and their families will participate in a special lunch prepared by Camp Santa Maria Staff and your campers. Sunday's lunch will also include a slide show featuring pictures from the kids' winter camp experience. If you're looking for an exciting winter break opportunity for your child, consider YMCA winter camp!



Pathfinders (ages 7-10):

Pathfinders will be introduced to a variety of activities that they will participate in with their cabin group. During their one-week session, their days will be spent exploring their interests through two morning and two afternoon activities. As a part of each session, campers will spend one night camping out at "Tent Camp". Campers may participate in one or multiple camp sessions.

Trekkers (ages 11-14):

During their two-week sessions Trekkers will focus on skill-building in a specific activity. Campers will choose a skill track for each week of their session. Trekkers will spend mornings in skill-focused activities and will choose from a diverse selection of activities in the afternoon. The progressive skill tracks will give campers both confidence and competence in specific activity areas, helping to build the camper's self-esteem while afternoon activities will allow them to try new things and explore their interests. Some skill tracks will include overnight camping away from camp. Campers may participate in one or multiple camp sessions.

Teen Leadership Programs (ages 15-16):

The LIT and CIT leadership programs are progressive programs that focus on interpersonal skills, teamwork and problem solving. Leadership programs give teens the opportunity to work on goal setting and personal growth under the supervision and guidance of the YMCA Camp Santa Maria staff. These small group experiences emphasize communication and outdoor living. This two-year progression is designed to help bridge the gap from camper to counselor.

Camp Activities

- Teambuilding • Hiking • Backpacking / Out-Camping • Kayaking
- Swimming • Fishing • Sports • Technical Climbing • Arts & Crafts
- Performing Arts • Archery • Horseback Riding

2008 Summer Camp Sessions:

1 Week Sessions Sunday – Saturday (Pathfinders ages 7-10)

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| Session 1 June 29 – July 5 | Session 4 July 20 – July 26 |
| Session 2 July 6 – July 12 | Session 5 July 27 – August 2 |
| Session 3 July 13 – July 19 | Session 6 August 3 – August 9 |

2-Week Sessions Sunday - Saturday (Trekkers, LIT, CIT ages 11-16)

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| Session A June 29 – July 12 |
| Session B July 13 – July 26 |
| Session C July 27 – August 9 |

Registration:

Register early and save! Early Bird Registration for YMCA Camp Santa Maria will begin December 1st and run through January 31st. For registration information please contact us at 303.413.9622 ext. 4450 or e-mail us at santamaria@ymcabv.org. Registration information will also be available at the Mapleton Center YMCA and Arapahoe Center YMCA front desks starting December 1st.

YMCA of Boulder Valley Camp Santa Maria is an American Camp Association accredited camp.

DAY/DATE	LOCATION	FEE
TH 12/27 - SU 12/30	YMCA Camp Santa Maria	\$295 (4-day camp session)

Registration Information is available at either Mapleton or Arapahoe Center.

If you have any questions about Winter Camp 2007, please contact: Andrew VanDerWege or Andrew Vargo at 303-413-9622 x 4450 or santamaria@ymcabv.org

CAMP SANTA MARIA

While summer days seem far away, the YMCA Camp Santa Maria staff is already planning and looking forward to the 2008 camp season. A summer at camp offers the opportunity to set out on outdoor adventures, meet new people, create friendships and help campers develop new skills while exploring their interests. Our friendly and qualified staff members strive to create a safe environment and a community where cooperation and understanding prevail. Our goal is to send campers home feeling good about who they are, the relationships they have made and the skills they have gained. YMCA Camp Santa Maria provides a rare balance of education, fun, challenge, responsibility and adventure that define campers' lives.

At Camp Santa Maria campers have the chance to explore beautiful landscapes while participating in a variety of activities. Our programs are designed to be age and developmentally appropriate. Younger campers will participate in a variety of activities that will serve as an introduction for the beginner camper while older campers will participate in more focused activity tracks that will help them to build specific skills. Evenings at camp will be spent singing songs, playing night games, and building camaraderie within camp. At the end of each day the camp staff will recognize campers for their achievements throughout the day's activities. Each camp session will close with a special campfire recognition ceremony that reinforces character development and will create some of the campers' greatest memories.