

# THE CARSON CONNECTION

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A mini-update from YMCA Camp Carson



“You are never too old to set a new goal or to dream a new dream.”  
~ C.S. Lewis

## NEW YEAR, NEW ADVENTURES

Every new year brings a certain level of excitement and opportunity to Camp Carson. This year, we have so much to look forward to. Through some generous grants, foundations, and individual donors, we have a slate of projects coming up to help ensure the future of Camp and our facilities.

Some of these projects will not be visible to Campers or families, focused on infrastructure, safety, environmental stewardship, and year-round operational capacity. Camp has been growing so rapidly that some of our infrastructure has not been able to keep pace. For example, we are installing new water lines throughout Camp, to support the increased number of campers using water.

We have begun work on the new Music Studio, to give campers the opportunity to explore music, performance, and recording at Camp. A new Nature Education center is underway, for campers and school groups to learn through activities and exhibits. Both of these projects are repurposing existing spaces, making the most of our facilities and resources.

We can't wait for you to see what's new this Summer!



# NEW EVENTS AT CAMP!

## 2026 Earth Aware Program

FREE for schools and students! March 6, 12, & 18

We are very excited to offer a NEW Earth Aware Day Camp program for local schools. So much of the Camp experience is outdoors and exploring our environment. We have created a one-day environmentally-focused learning program for fourth-grade students. These day camps will offer kids the opportunity to participate in a wide range of outdoor activities, learn about our environment, and hopefully explore nature in ways they never have before.



ALL local schools are invited to join us for a full day of Earth and Environmental activities, learning, and outdoor fun. Schools can choose to bring a small class group or multiple classes, and will learn alongside other schools and students throughout that day. This program was made possible through support from Lilly Endowment, Inc. and YMCA of the USA.

**Spots are limited to 300 participants, so please [CLICK HERE to register your class today!](#)**

## Women's Wellness Weekend! April 24-26

Are you and your friends looking for a weekend away - a space to learn, explore, connect, and grow? Join us for a special weekend of relaxation, camp activities, mindfulness, and positive energy!

Registration is open to all adult women. A \$200 fee includes all lodging, activities, and meals for the entire weekend.

**[CLICK HERE to reserve your spot today!](#)**



“Find out who you are and do it on purpose.”  
~ Dolly Parton



## It's time for YOU!

Join us for an unforgettable weekend with friends, or take some time for yourself and connect with new people. This "choose your own adventure" weekend gives you the opportunity to explore your creative side and challenge yourself with some camp and physical activities. Or you can choose to relax by the fire, read a book on the porch, or rest and watch the lake.

# SIGN UP TODAY FOR SUMMER 2026!



Go to [campcarson.org](http://campcarson.org) to register your kids for a summer camp experience they will never forget! In addition to a traditional overnight camp, we offer specialty camps for Dirt Bikes, Wranglers, and Teen Leadership programs.

We offer two unique camps for kids from Military families! Check out [campcarson.org/military-camps](http://campcarson.org/military-camps) for more details.

Operation Military Support only costs \$200, thanks to generous donors. This camp is available to children of military families, either active or veterans.

**We also have a scholarship for OMS! [Click Here to apply today!](#)**

Camp Corral offers a free week of camp to children of wounded, ill, and fallen military heroes. We partner with Golden Corral to offer this special program to military families.

**Scholarships are available!**

We have Financial Assistance, Scholarships and Foster Care Scholarship available, to help Camp be accessible to as many kids as possible.

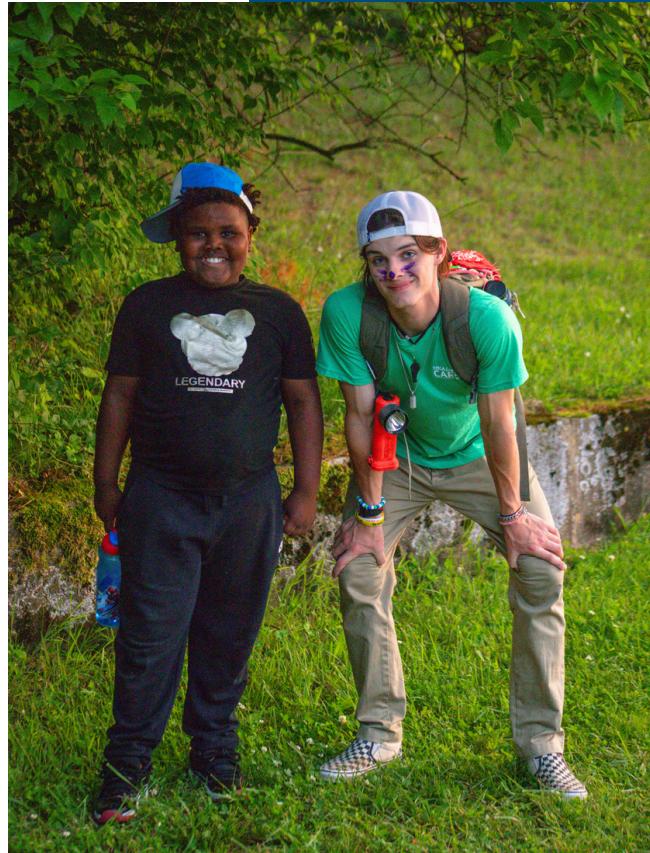
Apply for assistance here: [campcarson.org/financial-assistance](http://campcarson.org/financial-assistance)

**Hurry - camp is already filling up for Summer!**

# NOT YOUR AVERAGE SUMMER JOB

Make the most of your Summer with an experience you will treasure forever. As a Summer Staff member, you support and teach kids as they learn new activities and develop lifelong friendships. You will not only learn important life skills and challenge yourself, you will find friends from around the world and create lasting memories for you and your campers.

If you want to learn more and have your best summer ever, check out [campcarson.org/employment!](http://campcarson.org/employment)



**You can still donate to support Camper Scholarships - [Click Here!](#)**

## Polar Bears are Hibernating

After six years of plunging into the (literally) frozen Lake Seminole, our Camp Carson team of trusty polar bears has decided to take a hibernation year to focus on some other philanthropic opportunities.

As we spend some time warming up, be on the lookout for other fun ways to get involved with Camp Carson this year.

For our Alumni who visit specifically for this event, please come anytime. We promise that we won't make you jump in the cold lake! And if you can't come visit, please reach out and share your story with us. We would love to feature more Alumni in our next newsletter!



## BOOK YOUR NEXT GROUP EVENT AT CAMP

Looking for a scenic, rustic, or “remote” space to host an event, girl’s weekend, or company retreat? Camp Carson has excellent options for corporate meetings, group retreats, family reunions, and team-building activities. With a variety of spaces for both small and large gatherings, our indoor and outdoor areas combine practical amenities with the warm, inviting atmosphere of Camp. We also have technology options for presentations and other conveniences to make your event a success.

You can also rent a cabin for a cozy weekend getaway! Our rental cabins are rustic, but with heating, kitchens, and full bathrooms.

## SCHOOL TRIPS & OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Bring your school class to Camp Carson for a unique outdoor adventure that is both fun and educational! Each school has the opportunity to customize their day(s) at Camp Carson with facilitated activities that focus on Teambuilding, Outdoor Education, and Recreation.



Contact Ryan to learn more about events, rentals, and Outdoor Education programs.

[rmeeks@ymcacampcarson.org](mailto:rmeeks@ymcacampcarson.org)

or request a quote here:

[www.campcarson.org/events](http://www.campcarson.org/events)

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