

# THE CARSON CONNECTION

A mini-update from YMCA Camp Carson



"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."  
—Eleanor Roosevelt

As the new year begins, we are filled with gratitude for the incredible experiences and adventures of the past year. Our team is determined to carry that same energy and excitement into 2024. We look forward to offering new and expanded programs, while maintaining the traditions that make YMCA Camp Carson such an extraordinary place. We can't wait to see you back at camp, as we serve even more campers and community members in the upcoming year.



## Take the Plunge at Camp!

The Polar Plunge is a **COOL** Camp event that raises money for camper scholarships, to make camp available to more kids.

Join Alumni, Donors, Community Members, & Camp Families to raise money as you take an icy leap into the lake! It's easy to sign up and share your Polar Plunge page to invite others to sponsor you.

Sign up or support your favorite plunger today!  
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## Thank you to our 2024 Polar Plunge SPONSORS:

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# Witness History at Camp Carson!



## Total Eclipse Monday, April 8th

If you can't join us for the whole weekend, please visit Camp for a special Alumni Event during the 2024 Total Solar Eclipse! YMCA Camp Carson and Gibson County will be in the path of totality. Register today at [Solar Eclipse Alumni Day!](#)

- Grilling
- Camp Activities
- Games
- Friends
- Eclipse viewing!

## Eclipse Family Weekend April 6-8

It's everything we love about Labor Day Family Camp, but during the Total Solar Eclipse! YMCA Camp Carson and Gibson County will be in the path of totality. The next time a total eclipse will be visible from a large part of the US is in 2045.

Spend Saturday and Sunday night with us enjoying lots of camp activities with family & friends, then join us and Camp Alumni on Monday for the big event! This weekend event is being offered exclusively to our Family Camp families.

Gibson County is planning lots of fun activities that you can also enjoy during your weekend at camp.

[Click here to reserve a cabin for your family!](#)



# Register now for Summer 2024!

**2024 Summer Camp is filling quickly - sign up today!**  
Go to [campcarson.org](http://campcarson.org) to enroll in a summer camp experience your campers will never forget! In addition to our traditional overnight camp, we offer specialty camps for Dirt Bikes, Wranglers, and two Teen Leadership programs.

## Camps for Military Kids:

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

Operation Military Support only costs \$200-400, thanks to generous donors. This camp is available to children of military families with parents who are active or veterans.

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.

## We can help with Camp costs!

We have Financial Assistance, Scholarships and Foster Care Scholarship available, to help Camp be accessible to as many kids as possible. Please call us at 812-385-3597 or go to our website to download the application [campcarson.org/financial-assistance](http://campcarson.org/financial-assistance)

## Service Corps Program:

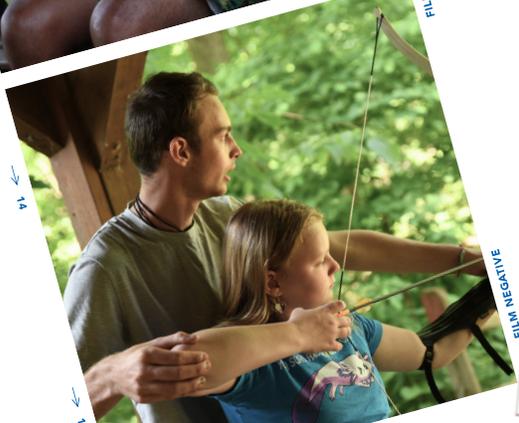
We also offer a two-week volunteer leadership program for incoming 12th-graders. This is a great opportunity for someone who wants to be involved in Camp's service learning, leadership sessions, and earn volunteer hours. More info can be found at [campcarson.org/service-corps](http://campcarson.org/service-corps)



# A SUMMER JOB TO REMEMBER

YMCA Camp Carson offers an unforgettable experience that is both challenging and fulfilling. As a Summer Staff member, you will have the opportunity to guide and nurture young people as they discover new activities and form new relationships. The skills you gain from this experience will stay with you for a lifetime, as well as the memories and and friendships you create.

Please go to [campcarson.org/employment](http://campcarson.org/employment) for more information and apply today for your best summer ever!



SUNNY DAYS!



So many funny skits

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