

# THE CARSON CONNECTION

A mini-update from YMCA Camp Carson



"Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year."  
– Ralph Waldo Emerson

We are so grateful for the experiences and adventures of 2022, and we are carrying all of that energy and excitement into 2023. We look forward to serving more campers and community members through new and expanded programs, while continuing the decades-long traditions that make YMCA Camp Carson a special place.



## It's Time to Take the Plunge!

The Polar Plunge at YMCA Camp Carson is a COOL Camp event that raises money for camper scholarships, to make camp available to more kids. If you're not sure about Plunging, please support a Plunger and come out to watch!

Join community members, alumni, donors, and camp families to raise money as you take an icy leap into the lake! It's easy to sign up & share your Polar Plunge page to invite others to sponsor you.

Go to [campcarson.org/events](https://campcarson.org/events) or scan the QR to SIGN UP or support your favorite Plunger!



## Thank you to our 2023 Polar Plunge SPONSORS:

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# Register now for Summer 2023!



**Registration is open & filling quickly – sign up today!**

Go to [campcarson.org/summer-camp](https://campcarson.org/summer-camp) 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](https://campcarson.org/military-camps) for more details.

Operation Military Support only costs \$100-300, 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 available for 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](https://campcarson.org/financial-assistance)

## **Service Corps Program:**

We also offer a two-week volunteer leadership program for rising 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](https://campcarson.org/service-corps)

# BEST SUMMER JOB EVER!

A summer at YMCA Camp Carson is inspiring, challenging, and rewarding. As a member of our Summer Staff, you have the opportunity to encourage and develop young people as they explore new activities and build new friendships. You will leave Camp Carson with valuable leadership skills, stories and memories, and lifelong friends.

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

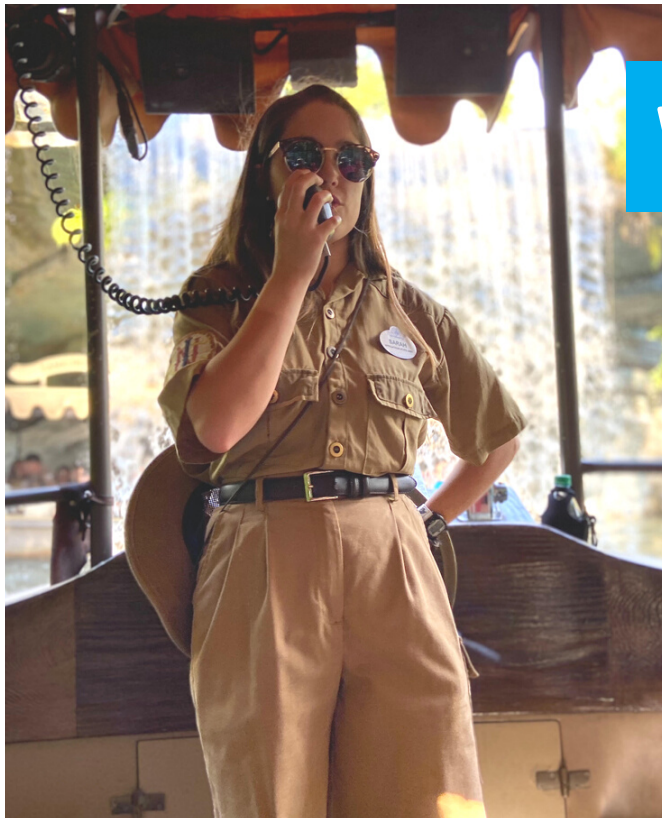


Summer at Camp Carson!



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## WELCOME, SARAH!

Sarah Pickert recently joined our Camp Carson team as Registrar, as our dear friend Barb Williams retired.

Sarah is from North Carolina and has a love for the mountains, Disney, and cats. Sarah comes to Camp Carson with a background in Anthropology & social work, plus some great Disney stories, where she was part of their College Program. She also has experience working at a summer camp on her college campus of Appalachian State University.

We are excited to have Sarah in the Camp Carson family, and know you'll enjoy working with her.

## BOOK YOUR NEXT GROUP OUTING AT CAMP

### You can host events at Camp Carson!

Camp Carson offers great spaces for corporate meetings, weddings, group retreats, family reunions, or team-building events. We have lots of options for small and large spaces, both indoor and outdoor - practical conveniences with the cozy Camp atmosphere.



### Take students on an adventure!

We have also created two unique Outdoor Education programs for local schools and youth programs - either on site at Camp Carson, or at your school. We can customize the day(s) based on your school's preferences. These programs are perfect for weekday field trips and outdoor learning opportunities.

Contact Ryan at [rmeeks@ymcacampcarson.org](mailto:rmeeks@ymcacampcarson.org) to learn more about events, rentals, and Outdoor Education programs.

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