

## Section 8: SITE SPECIFIC INFORMATION

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### Wallowa Lake Camp



#### Program Goals & Objectives

##### Opportunities for teaching and learning

- Opportunities through camp activities to learn at least 2 new skills or take previous skills to a new level.

*Examples: fishing, hiking, outdoor cooking, horse care and riding, outdoor living skills, water sports, music, writing, drama, arts & crafts, intercultural exchange.*

- Opportunities to learn new songs, games, skits, and fun play.

*Examples: participation at campfire, morning watch, free time, all-camp programs.*

##### Self-esteem development

- Opportunities to discover and grow independently.

*Examples: daily activities, choosing new activities.*

- Opportunities to learn from camp leaders.

*Examples: how to make new friends, how to perform a specific task, encouraging campers to try something new.*

##### Interdependence with persons

- Daily participation in group decision-making and problem solving.

*Examples: daily living groups, small groups, challenge course, initiative games.*

- Community life participation—daily rotation of group living requirements.

*Examples: KP, bathroom cleaning, cabin cleaning, grounds crew.*

- Making new friendships

*Examples: cabin leaders encourage campers to make at least 2 new friends each week.*

##### Interdependence with creation

- Focus on “outdoor ministry” and setting programs outside of camp buildings.  
*Examples: morning watch, sitting in the grass, going to the lake, sitting under the trees, observing the stars.*
- Use of sensory awareness activities—touching, listening, seeing, smelling.  
*Examples: ecology games for all-camp programs, cabin group activities, self-guided nature trails.*

### **Expanding faith in God**

- Practice praying—at least 3 different varieties.  
*Examples: aloud, in groups, private quiet times, walking labyrinth, prayer partners, grace before meals.*
- Supporting each other in Christian discipleship.  
*Examples: call attention to or articulate in words: times of separation, forgiveness, reconciliation, and listening. Recognizing Christian values in action: sharing, caring, consideration, gentleness, and accountability.*
- Sense of Christian life as journey.  
*Examples: affirm questions, encourage exploration in discussions, use your own stories, use of Biblical stories, use of stories from other people in faith tradition, use skits to actively involve campers in interpreting the tradition.*

### **Opportunities for service**

- Weekly service projects at camp or in local community.  
*Examples: trail maintenance, removing invasive species, and collecting items for low-income families.*
- Sharing resources with children and youth around the world—learning about their needs.

*Examples: UMCOR, Habitat for Humanity, UNICEF, Heifer Project International, preparing Health kits, supporting a homeless shelter, food bank or soup kitchen.*

### **Swimming & Boating**

Arrangements for swimming should be made with the Director. Swimming is at the lake and requires a lifeguard.

The camp does not own any boats. The marina at the State Park has paddleboats for rent. This activity also requires the lifeguard and arrangements need to be made with the Director.

### **Hiking**

There are many wonderful hikes for all ages and hiking abilities. Hikes in other areas of the county and the wilderness need to be arranged with the Director. Guides are usually available for an extra fee, but need to be arranged for in late winter or early spring.

## Campfire

The camp currently has three campfire sites. Deans are responsible for the safety of the campers at the campfire sites. Wood is provided. During fire season, campfires may be prohibited. The Director will let the Dean know the status.



## Campfire Safety

Every campfire site must have a full 5-gallon bucket of water and a shovel. The Dean is responsible for this equipment. Campfires should be small (no bonfires) and tended by a counselor, resource person or the Dean at all times. Failure to comply with the above may result in suspension of campfire privileges.

This is God's creation. Therefore, these rules are important not only to the safety of the campers and staff, but also to the preservation of the whole camp, the resort area and the wilderness. Your help in keeping the area safe is greatly appreciated.

## Resort Activities

Several activities are available to the public in the resort area, Joseph and the county. Any extra activity, that is offsite from the camp, must be shared in writing with the parents of your campers before the campers arrive. This includes walking to one of the activities.

Please check with the Director for a list of these activities and costs. We are able to negotiate some group fees for some of the activities, but must do so before Memorial Day Weekend. Most activities will require extra money from the campers. Please remember that not all campers can afford extra activities. Please check with the Director for ideas on how to help all campers to enjoy all of the outside activities you plan.

## Water and snacks

The camp is located at 4,500 feet in elevation. It is important to remember that some campers and staff may have some breathing difficulties and may need frequent stops when hiking. The high altitude also depletes water in the body. It is helpful to ask campers to bring water bottles marked with their names if you plan hikes and lots of physical activities. The camp will provide drinking water to refill the bottles.

Also, please encourage your campers and staff to drink a glass of water at meals before drinking other beverages.

Snacks are available with advance notice to the kitchen. If you know when you want snacks before your camp begins, please let the Director know and arrangements will be made. Otherwise, the kitchen needs 24-hour notice and a detailed list of snacks and equipment.

## Ropes Course

A ropes course has been added to the campsite. All activities for the course must be arranged with the Director before June 10<sup>th</sup>. For safety reasons, only trained authorized personnel may lead activities on the course. If you are a certified course leader, a copy of your certification will be required for our files and you will need to sign a course compliance agreement before you are cleared to lead any course activities.

## Sharing the Camp

You may be sharing the camp with another group. The Director or designee will work with you and the leader from the other group(s) to help with scheduling shared areas. The ability to be flexible is helpful to ensure that all groups will have a positive, enjoyable experience.

## KP

Your group will be asked to assist in KP duties. The Director will cover these duties with you when you arrive at camp.



## Clean-up and Check-out

Your help in keeping the cabins, lodge and campgrounds clean is greatly appreciated. Your group may be asked to help with some clean-up activities in and around the bathhouses, cabins and grounds.

Checkout on the last day of your camp is very important. Please help your campers to look under beds and in the bathrooms for items that might be hiding. To assist your group, clean-up activities will be posted by the doors. A staff member will inspect your cabins.

It is helpful to have a central place that campers can put their luggage that is away from the cabins. All campers should check out with you before leaving the site, and must be with the designated person who is to pick them up. Please also have your staff check out with you, so that you know who has left the site. You are asked to check out with the Director or designee before you leave the camp.



We want your stay at Wallowa Lake to be a time of wonder, awe, renewal and a positive experience. If you have questions that are not covered in this, or any other section of the manual, please contact the Director.

