



Welcome to YMCA Camp Orkila!



We welcome you and your family to Family Camp. Family Camps at Camp Orkila are part of a tradition reaching back to the early 1900s when the Colman family camped on these shores.

We strive to assure that the weekend is the best it can be for your family. If you need anything during your stay, bring your needs to the attention of a staff member. We will do all we can to make your stay a pleasant one.

We hope that the time with your family and friends, new and old, will make great memories for all of you. We look forward to seeing you at Family Camp. Thank you for helping us continue this long tradition at Camp Orkila.

Sincerely,

Beth Wangen
Conference & Retreat Director

Dimitri Stankevich
Camp Orkila Director

"Building a community where all people, especially the young, are encouraged to develop their fullest potential in spirit, mind and body."

Packing List

This is a list of items recommended for a weekend at camp. It is based on spending most of your day outside in a variety of weather conditions. Please check the weather before your visit and pack accordingly.

- Sleeping bag, pillow, and towel** (Dederer guests do not need to bring these)
- Warm jacket
- Hat and gloves
- Shirts
- Extra socks
- Sturdy shoes
- Flashlight
- Raincoat
- Long pants
- Toiletries
- Completed health form and waiver
- Camera (optional)
- Cup for coffee/ tea (*This helps reduce the number of paper cups used.*)

Whom to Contact

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YMCA Camping Services

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(For billing and registration questions)

Emergency Cell Phone: (360) 317-6852

This phone is carried by the director on duty. If you do not get an answer, the phone is temporarily out of range. The director on duty will retrieve your message as soon as possible. For emergencies only, please.

Luggage

Please carry your belongings in a well-marked, sturdy piece of luggage with good handles. You will carry your luggage on and off the ferry as well as to your cabin.

When you get off the ferry, your luggage will be transported in a large truck. We ask everyone to help unload the luggage at the basketball court.

Luggage carts are available at camp to help you move into your cabin.

Traveling To and From Camp

Riding Washington State Ferries is part of the trip to Camp Orkila. To facilitate easier travel and shorter waits at the Anacortes ferry landing, Camp Orkila strongly encourages families to walk on the ferry and utilize the camp shuttle bus from the ferry to camp. The *Transportation RSVP* sheet, enclosed with these materials, details this service and when it is available.

Other transportation options include flying on Kenmore Air, (800) 543-9595 or arriving by personal boat.

Kenmore Air lands in Westsound or at Rosario (float planes) or at the Eastsound Airport. Charter flights can land at Camp Orkila. We do not provide transportation to or from any of these locations. There is a taxi on the island, (360) 376-TAXI, available for your use.

If you would like to arrive by personal boat, please contact Beth Wangen to confirm your intentions. It is important to remember that no personal boats may tie to the Orkila dock, and a limited number of mooring buoys are available. Boaters must have their own tender to go from their boat at anchor to shore, and should be aware that Orkila Bay can be rough in any season.

Check In

When you arrive, please stop by the Larry Normal Lodge to check in. Any outstanding balance for Family Camp should be paid at this time. Check-in begins at 4pm.

At check-in, you will have the opportunity to sign up for a few of the specialty activities at camp. Most activities are available for everyone, on a drop-in basis.

The Staff

The staff looks forward to meeting you and assuring that you are comfortable for your stay. They are here to assure that your weekend is the best it can be. Well trained and hard working, they are here to serve you. Our staff is supervised by Camp Orkila professional staff, one of whom is always on site during your stay.

Meals at Family Camp

Meals are an important part of each weekend. Breakfast consists of a hot entree and a cereal bar. Lunch is always hot and tasty. Dinner is complimented by a freshly prepared salad bar followed by one of our fine desserts.

Meal times begin with rotations at 8:00 a.m., noon, and 5:30 p.m. Check the schedule when you arrive, so you'll know when to come to meals.

For each Family Camp we offer a pasta bar on Friday night for those who arrive before 6:00PM. The pasta bar will start at 6:00 and continue until 7:00. While there is no extra charge for this meal, reservations are required. *Please note on your "Transportation RSVP" if you will be joining us for the Friday Pasta Bar.*

Meals at camp utilize a red meat substitute. When red meat is served, an additional red meat alternative is offered. A vegetarian option is always available. Campers who require additional substitutes are welcome to bring them to camp, labeled with name and date, and store them in the side kitchen.

Help Us Make Your Stay a Pleasant One

- ❑ Please return your *Transportation RSVP* and payment in full to the Seattle office in a timely manner.
- ❑ Please arrive no earlier than 4 p.m.
- ❑ Please keep YMCA Camp Orkila alcohol-free and tobacco-free.
- ❑ Please leave cars in the main parking lot.
- ❑ When you first arrive at camp, check in at the Larry Norman Lodge and pick up a schedule and your cabin confirmation.
- ❑ Before departing, please sweep cabins and empty garbage.

Activities at Camp

The following chart indicates what activities will be available at each Family Camp at Camp Orkila.

ACTIVITY	Mothers Day	Labor Day	Fall Festival
Row Boating	X	X	X
Program Assembly	X	X	X
Archery	X	X	X
Riflery	X	X	X
Sports	X	X	X
Climbing Wall	X	X	X
Pond Exploration and Marine Center	X	X	X
Kayak Tours of Orkila Bay	X	X	X
Swimming at the Pool		X	X
Challenge Course (including Giant Swing)	X	X	X
Horse Back Rides		X	X
Pony Rides		X	X
Pottery	X	X	X
Arts and Crafts	X	X	X
Board Games and Puzzles	X	X	X
Massages	X		

Row Boating

Head down to the waterfront, learn some safety guidelines, and then you're off. Row along the shore of Orkila Bay.

Board Games and Puzzles

In the evening, we have board games and puzzles in the lodge for your entertainment.

Program Assembly

On the first full day of Family Camp, we will have a brief Program Assembly in the north campfire circle. At this time, we will make announcements and introduce the staff for the weekend. All program areas will open after the assembly.

Archery

With recurve bows of various sizes, the archery range offers a challenge to beginners and returners alike!

Crafts

Clay and beading are only a few of the things you can try when you visit Arts and Crafts. Each day our staff thinks of creative new projects. Stop in and take a look!

Riflery

Come try our BB guns and practice target shooting at the rifle range. We have a trained range commander who will maintain a safe and controlled environment.

Pond Exploration and Marine Center

The farm has a great pond for discovering what life abounds in this freshwater environment. Also visit the Orkila garden while you're there!

If marine ecology interests you, visit the Marine Salmon Center and meet the critters in the touch tank, spy on some plankton, and check out the salmon fry.

Sports

Orkila offers equipment and facilities for basketball, volleyball, baseball, softball, bocce ball, and croquet.



Give and Take Library

This simple Library is inspired by the people reading on the porch or in the lodge at each family camp. Please bring a book to leave in the library and take another one away to read.

Climbing Wall

Challenge yourself on our 24-foot climbing wall! Our Adventure Staff will help you into a harness and then you're ready to climb.

Massages (Mother's Day camp only)

Moms and others can sign up for a thirty or sixty minute massage. 15-minute chair massages will be offered all weekend, as well. \$1/minute. Massage practitioners can accept only cash or checks. No credit cards, please.

Sign up for your massage at check-in on Friday or at breakfast Saturday morning. On Friday evening, only late-Friday and early-Saturday massages will be available for sign-up. To be fair to those who arrive later on Friday, some spots will be reserved until breakfast on Saturday.

Kayaking

Take a 2.5 to 3-hour paddle with Orkila's Kayak Staff. Staff provide instructions and guide you around Orkila Bay. Minimum age is seventh grade. Fifth and sixth graders may kayak with a parent. Tickets will be available in the Larry Norman Lodge at check-in.

Challenge Course

Campers 4th grade and older, come join an Orkila staff member up in the trees on one of our high ropes elements. Younger children can ride the giant swing (must fit into a harness). Swing from a cable or test your balance under the close supervision of the trained staff. Sign up at the sign-in table.

Evaluations

On the last morning of Family Camp, please take a moment to complete an evaluation. These help us serve you better next year.

Next Year!!

We are excited to offer the opportunity for your family to register for next year's family camp before you leave this year.

The week after you return home, you will receive a registration form for next year. If you wish to reserve the same cabin you had this year, return that form with a deposit by July 1st.

If you would like to stay in a different cabin next year, you can place your name on the waiting list for another cabin. Simply indicate your preference on your registration form. If that cabin becomes available, we will change your assignment.

If we do not receive your registration and deposit by July 1st, your cabin will be made available to other families.

We hope this makes planning for next year easier for your family.

"We build strong kids, strong families, and strong communities."