

Parents, Young Men and Leaders,

The Joliet Stake Young Men's Camp Committee are excited about young men's camp and wanted to provide the below information in preparation for a fun and spiritually uplifting experience. Please read through all the information below.

The 2026 Joliet Stake Young Men's Camp has been planned by our YMs Camp Committee consisting of 6 Young Men from various wards throughout the Joliet Stake for a fun, spiritually uplifting experience centered on Christ and our 2026 Youth Theme: "Walk with me" "Behold my Spirit is upon you, wherefore all thy words will I justify; and the mountains shall flee before you, and the rivers shall turn from their course; and thou shalt abide in me, and I in you; therefore walk with me." —[Moses 6:34](#)

Who: For any young man between the ages of 11 and 18 (born 2007 thru 2014) who needs a retreat from the world, wants to have fun, eat a lot of good food, and is looking to be empowered by a deeper relationship with Christ. Invite a friend! If you haven't registered, it's not too late!

When: All Young Men turning should plan to arrive Wednesday 6/17 at noon but no later than 1pm.

Please note: starting this year all YM will spend 3 nights and 4 days at camp

Where: The beautiful shores of Lake Geneva at Camp Wesley Woods at Lake Geneva, 250 Stam Street, Williams Bay, WI 53191

Transportation: Ask your youth leaders in your units how transportation will be arranged. In other words every unit will be responsible to arrange rides to and from the campsite. Please note, youth are not permitted to drive themselves or other youth to camp since it's outside our stake boundaries. It's about a 2 hr drive from the Joliet stake center.

Standards: Even if you slay in the gym, we expect all to keep their shirts on at all times - exception: when swimming in the lake. Please make sure what you pack will maintain modesty. First offense will be required to wear a leader provided turtleneck sweater and second offense parents will be called to pick up their youth. Just kidding about the first but not kidding about the second.

Conduct: We expect everyone to treat each other with love and respect as Christ does.

Meals: Manna will fall from the heavens. The young men will be well fed, they may want to go on an early fast when they get home to give their digestive system a break. Well balanced meals will be provided by our mystery private chef who is in pursuit of his 3rd Michelin Star. Please plan to bring your own bagged lunch on arrival day. Breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks, and desserts will be served on full days. On the last day Saturday 6/20, we will serve breakfast and 'travel' sandwiches for lunch to prevent hangry divas during the car ride home. Please note: We received very limited feedback for food allergies on the registration forms so please let Brother Kim and Brother Zimmerman know if any food allergies he should be aware of.

Activities - The YM camp committee has come up with a balance of physical and spiritually uplifting activities as well as devotionals each evening. There will be plenty of opportunities to swim in the lake so be sure to pack appropriately. See **Packing List** below.

Registration - Please register whether you are a youth or leader by 3/15 at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdw_JakIgv_RSME6VvpO82MB-Q9eP8JLICXvzzwmQdYSgUZ0w/viewform. We need to make sure we plan for meals and accommodations. Please note the registration link will close 4/1 and if you have not signed up and would like to go, don't let that stop you - please notify Joe Kim at joekim619@gmail.com .

Medical Concerns - We have various leaders and camp staff who will help support and address specific medical concerns. If you have not indicated those concerns in the registration form, please let Joe Kim joekim619@gmail.com or Josh Zimmerman jdzimman@gmail.com know asap. If emergency medical treatment is necessary, 911 will be called and parents will be notified immediately.

Other forms - Please complete and return the Permission and Medical Release Form to the Stake YM Presidency for ALL PARTICIPANTS (youth & leaders). This form can be printed and then digitally returned to us

at jolietyouth@gmail.com

Morning Spiritual Time - We are asking YM leaders to be ready to facilitate each morning spiritual discussions with your respective YM related to the 2026 Youth Theme. It doesn't have to be a long discussion as we are allocating 1 hr from 7-8am for morning wake-up routines as well as personal study/spiritual discussion time. So if it takes 30 mins to get out of bed and bathroom time, you'll have 30 mins remaining for personal study/spiritual discussions.

Packing List - This is a list of suggested items. It is important to bring the items you need to be comfortable at camp, but please also keep this statement in mind from For the Strength of Youth... "What is the Lord's standard on dress and grooming? The Lord's standard is for you to honor the sacredness of your body even when that means being different from the world. Let this truth and the Spirit be your guide as you make your decisions..." (pg.27) Please, no tablets or screens besides cellphone and charger.

- sweater or warm jacket

- pajamas

- two pair of shoes (close toed) – Flip flops can be worn in the shower area and the lake

- underwear

- socks

- poncho or water repellent jacket

- hat

- swimsuit

- change of clothes for 4 days

- sleeping bag / sheets

- bath towel and washcloth

- soap / shampoo / conditioner

- toothbrush and toothpaste

- deodorant

- comb/hairbrush

- insect repellent

- flashlight with new / extra batteries

- pen and or pencil

- camping chair
- scriptures / journal
- sturdy water bottle

Lost Items: Every year there are many things left at camp for Stake Leaders to bring home. Unless they are labeled with your name, we will not know whom they belong to. Please label everything you bring to camp!

Cell Phones: “Camp is a place where the young men can gather together, separate from worldly influences, feel the Spirit of the Lord, grow in unity and love, and strengthen their faith and testimonies of Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ”. While cell phones are allowed, we strongly encourage you to speak with your YM about leaving their phone in their cabin. None of our activities will require a phone and the YM will have plenty of spiritual/physical/ social/intellectual activities to keep them occupied. This will also be encouraged at camp.

Camp fee - \$225 per YM paid to your unit. Some units have funds to cover a portion or all of the cost. Details on what families are responsible for can be found by talking to your unit bishops/president. If you are unable to pay the fee for camp, please talk with your bishop about financial assistance. Costs should not prevent you from attending camp. The Lord will provide!

Sleeping Accomodations - This is not camping, it's glamping. Each building/cabin at Camp Wesley Woods has different sleeping configurations, but all have electricity, AC, bathrooms, bunkbeds/mattresses, and showers inside the spaces. We will be sleeping by unit, though some units may share bunk rooms/bedrooms, depending on the size of the group and the building they've been assigned to. Assignments will not be made until camp registration is finalized. You can help us with this by registering as soon as possible.

Should you have any questions or concerns about camp, please don't hesitate to reach out to Joe Kim joekim619@gmail.com or Josh Zimmerman (YM's Camp Director) jdzimman@gmail.com.

We look forward to experiencing an amazing camp together.

Sincerely,

Joliet Stake Young Men's Camp Committee