



Family Campground FAQ

WHO CAN RESERVE?

We are extending this family campground opportunity to all families in the community as a way to introduce the benefits available when participating in a Scouting program.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

- Yurts (5 person): \$60/night
- Yurts (7 person): \$70/night
- Cabins: \$75/night
- Campsite: \$20/night

WHEN ARE RESERVATIONS AVAILABLE?

Families can make reservations for any day this summer.

WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE AVAILABLE?

Camp Stearns offers opportunities for self-serve activities. Self-serve activities include hiking, biking (bring your own bike and helmet), fishing, boating (canoes, rowboats, and paddleboats are available), swimming (no lifeguard on duty at the beach), geocaching, disc golf, pedal karts (equipment provided), campfires and more.

Families also love to bring games, tie-dye, skill kits, sports equipment and more to do on their own!

BOATING

Stearns is located on Lake Caroline, and we provide canoes, row boats, and paddle boats for your family to enjoy. Lake Caroline is a beautiful lake but does not have public boat launch.

If you would like to bring a boat, the best option is to use it on Clearwater Lake, which is roughly 5 miles from Camp Stearns. Temporary slip rental may be available at BJ's Bait and Tackle. (<http://www.bjsbait.com/>)

WHAT IS NEARBY FOR LOCAL RECREATION?

Camp Stearns is in a popular cabin area for many Minnesota residents. Check out [this website](#) for a list of local activities you can pursue outside of camp.

WHAT DO WE NEED TO BRING?

All bedding, food, personal items, clothing, towels, dishwashing supplies, cookware (yurts/campsites), dishes (yurts/campsites), and basic gear to support your campout.



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DOES CAMP PROVIDE FOOD?

Families are responsible for providing all their own food. Refrigeration is available for both yurts and cabins in summer. Local grocery stores are within a 20-minute drive if you need to resupply.

CAN I COOK IN A YURT?

Yurts include a small refrigerator, microwave, and counter for food storage. We recommend keeping all food in secure scent-proof containers. No open flame cooking or candles are allowed inside of yurts. Crockpots and small appliances are acceptable. A picnic table and fire ring area for cooking is available outside.

WHEN IS CHECK IN AND CHECK OUT?

Check in is from 3-5PM. Please call or text the Ranger when you have arrived at your facility to notify them of your arrival. If texting, please include your last name and facility in the message. If you plan to arrive later than this time frame, please pre-arrange your arrival with the Ranger.

WHAT ARE YOUR REFUND AND CANCELATION POLICIES?

For cancellations made more than 45 days in advance, a group can transfer building/site fees paid toward another date within one (1) year. Cancellations made less than 45 days in advance will result in loss of building/site fees paid.

WHAT ARE YOUR POLICES ON PETS, DRINKING, AND SMOKING?

We apologize, but we do not allow pets, alcohol, or THC on any of our camp properties. Smoking is limited to designated areas and should not be done around other camp participants.

HOW DO I GET TO CAMP STEARNS?

Address: 3303 County Road 44, South Haven, MN, 55382. Map software and applications will recognize this address and lead you directly to the camp gate.

From the Twin Cities Metro, head west on Interstate 91. Take Exit 178 at Clearwater. Turn left on County Road 24 and follow signs to camp.

We have lots of self-serve activities that will be perfect for the whole family.



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WHO DO I CONTACT PRIOR, DURING, AND POST CAMP?

Questions About Reservations

Council Camping

Phone: (612)-261-2300

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Questions Prior or Post Camp

Victoria Hurley

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