

Summer 2026 OFRC FAQ

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Oakland Feather River Camp Programs

What is Family Camp?

Our signature Family Camp is a fully immersive camping experience where we do all of the work! This is a stress reducing week for families, where the adults don't need to worry about keeping the kids entertained or making sure dinner is ready at a reasonable time. There are themes for each week, and all of the traditional summer camp programming like archery, crafts, and swimming. Family Camp is ideal for campers who want an easy camping experience with lots of activities to fill your day surrounded by a wonderful community.

What is Base Camp?

Our new Base Camp allows campers to have a self-led adventure without all of the hassle of setting up a campsite, using questionable bathrooms, and cooking 3 meals a day out of your trunk. The *only* programming provided by OFRC during Base Camp is lifeguarded time at the Swimming Hole each afternoon. Base Campers are encouraged to explore the Lost Sierra, relax on the Veranda with a good book, and get to know fellow campers. Base Camp is ideal for campers who want their own adventure or to have a relaxing stay on Spanish Creek, plus it is a great option for family reunions and team retreats.

What is the difference between Family Camp and Base Camp?

	Family Camp	Base Camp
Tents & Cabins Included	✓ Yes	✓ Yes
Clean Bathrooms & Showers	✓ Yes	✓ Yes
3 Meals per Day Included	✓ Yes	✓ Yes
On Site Camp Health Supervisor	✓ Yes	✓ Yes
Afternoon Swimming Hole w/ Lifeguards	✓ Yes	✓ Yes
Access to Book & Game Library	✓ Yes	✓ Yes
Camp Store <i>(additional costs)</i>	✓ Yes	✓ Yes
Inner Tube Rental <i>(additional costs)</i>	✓ Yes	✓ Yes
Morning, Afternoon, and Evening Activities	✓ Yes	✗ No
Tie Dye T-Shirt <i>(additional costs)</i>	✓ Yes	✗ No
Weekly Themes	✓ Yes	✗ No
Massage <i>(additional costs)</i>	✓ Yes	✗ No
Horseback Rides <i>(additional costs)</i>	✓ Yes	✗ No
Camperships Available	✓ Yes	✗ No
Minimum Number of Nights	3	2
Arrival Day	Sunday or Wednesday	Any
Departure Day	Wednesday or Saturday	Any
Discounts Available	Oakland Resident, Early Bird, New Camper	Oakland Resident

Registration Information

Can I register if I'm not able to complete the registration form online?

Yes! If you are unable to register online, please reach out to us at Info@FeatherRiverCamp.com or 510-336-2267. Our Registrar will get back to you within 3 to 5 business days and is happy to assist you with registration by phone.

What is the best way to sign up with friends/family?

We recommend coordinating with your friends and family before registering in order to sign up for the same Session or overlapping Sessions in the same Week. There is a space in the Household Information section of the registration form (Step 4) to list the other families that you would like to camp near.

If there is not enough room in your preferred Week and/or Session for all of your parties, our Registrar can help explore if there are other options available with room for everyone.

What if my preferred Session is full? Can I get on a waitlist?

Based on recent camp seasons, we anticipate that some Sessions will fill up quickly and recommend that you register as early as possible. If we are unable to fit you into your preferred Session, you can register for our Waitlist via our CampBrain Registration Portal. You may also register for an available session while waitlisting for your preferred session. This can be done on the same registration form.

If a slot or slots open(s), we will notify families on the waitlist in order, and you will have two business days to accept a spot before we move to the next family on the list. There will be no administrative fees charged for moving weeks due to waitlist opening.

Campers under 18

All minors (campers under 18) must be accompanied by an adult. If a minor is attending camp without their parent or guardian, but with another adult, a waiver must be completed by the parent or guardian prior to the minor arriving at camp.

Registration Rates & Camp Fees

What are the registration rates and fees for each session and what is included in the cost?

Your family's total costs are determined based on the length of the session and the number and ages of the campers in your household ([click here to see the rates](#)). See the table on page 3 for more information about what is included in the registration fees. You can find more information about programming on pages 9 and 10.

Are there other fees due at registration?

Required fees:

- Facilities Maintenance Surcharge of \$10 per Tent/Cabin per night.

Optional fees:

- Electricity Surcharge of \$10 per Tent/Cabin per night if you choose a Tent or Cabin with electricity.
- Extra Tent/Cabin Surcharge (\$100 for 3 nights and \$200 for 6 nights per extra Tent/Cabin) if you request more Tents/Cabins than required for the number of campers in your party.

Are there any other costs at camp?

Our Camp Store is open daily and sells ice cream, refreshments, snacks, and ice as well as OFRC memorabilia and apparel and camp necessities such as sunscreen, toothpaste, water bottles, and flashlights. We offer a few camp activities and equipment for an extra fee: trail and pony rides, massages, inner tube rentals, and select arts and crafts supplies for specialized art activities such as ceramics and basket weaving.

In order to make purchases at the Camp Store or sign up for fee-based activities, you'll need to set up a camp tab upon arrival. Families can set daily spend limits for children to shop independently. Refer to the table on page 3 to see which services will be available during your stay.

Why have prices increased for Summer 2026?

If you are a returning camper, you may notice increases to our registration rates. At OFRC, our goal is to continually improve your family's experience. Like many organizations, we are navigating rising labor, operational, and material costs. This update in our registration fee ensures we can provide meaningful salaries to our team, address the maintenance needs of our 101 year old facility, and add new programmatic features based on your feedback.

We recognize that increasing our prices may prohibit some families from registering, and accessibility is our top priority. We have worked hard to minimize price increases and have expanded our Campership (camp scholarship) Program (more information below) with the intention of ensuring that rate increases do not prevent any Oaklanders from attending OFRC Family Camp. Our Early Bird, New Camper, Oakland resident, and referral discounts continue to provide ways to reduce the cost of camp as well.

Are you still providing financial assistance through the OFRC Campership Program?

Thanks to the support of generous donors, yes! We understand that many families are facing financial hardship for many different reasons. Our Campership (camp scholarship) application is available as part of the [registration](#) process, and we hope to award as many Camperships as possible. You can learn more by reading our [Campership Application Instructions](#), and contacting our Registrar if you have any questions. Please note that Camperships are currently available only to Oakland residents and cannot be combined with special promotions other than the Oakland resident discount.

How do I receive the 10% new camper discount?

If your family has never attended Family Camp or Camp It Up! at Oakland Feather River Camp before, you are eligible to receive 10% off your first registration for Family Camp. In order to receive this discount, during registration you must select the New Camper session option when registering for your particular session. Please note that this discount is not available for Base Camp.

Arrival & Departure Information

What days and times can I arrive and depart?

Arrival days vary depending on the session that you have signed up for. Check in is between 2:00pm and 5:00pm on your arrival day. With so much critical information to share, it's important for first time campers to be present for the welcome and safety orientation at dinner. Please plan your travel accordingly.

- Family Camp:
 - Session A (6 nights): Sunday arrival, Saturday departure
 - Session B (3 nights): Sunday arrival, Wednesday departure
 - Session C (3 nights): Wednesday arrival, Saturday departure
- Base Camp:
 - Arrival is the first day of your registration, departure is the last
- Labor Day Weekend Family Camp
 - Friday arrival, Monday departure

On your departure date, please have all of your belongings moved out of your accommodations by 10:00am.

Can I stay for a different length of stay other than 3 or 6 nights?

For Family Camp, we only offer 3-night and 6-night sessions. We are not able to offer pro-rated registration fees.

- If you would like to stay for 4 or 5 nights of Family Camp, you will need to register for a 6-night session.
- If you would like to stay for 2 nights of Family Camp, you will need to register for a 3-night session.

For Base Camp, the minimum number of nights for each camper is 2 nights. Campers may stay at Base Camp for the duration of the program, up to 11 nights.

Can I arrive or depart on a different day than everyone else?

In order to be oriented to session-specific information, all campers in a party should plan to arrive on the day their stay is scheduled to begin. Should you register for a longer session and arrive late or depart early, there will be no prorated rates offered.

Can I stay for longer than one week?

Families who wish to enroll for two consecutive weeks of Family Camp will need to vacate camp between sessions on Saturday night.

Accommodations & Facilities

What are the tents and cabins like?

Our cozy, rustic platform tents and cabins are a staple of the OFRC experience. Due to fire marshal requirements, our cabins are limited to 3 twin beds and our tents are limited to 4 cots. Cabins can accommodate up to 4 campers and tents can accommodate up to 5 campers if your family includes young children who can comfortably share a twin bed or cot.

During registration, campers can select accommodations with or without electricity, make a request for a specific tent or cabin, and make a request to be near other registered parties (see *How do Tent and Cabin requests and assignments work?* below).

Tent



Cabin



How do Tent and Cabin requests and assignments work?

As a part of the registration form, there is an option to request specific tents or cabins. There is a space in the Household Information section of the registration form (Step 4) to list your specific tent and cabin request. It is possible that the housing unit you request may not be available during your preferred Session. If you have specific requests (such as requesting a tent or cabin near a bathroom or a specific family) we will do our best to accommodate this specific request in the most appropriate housing assignment.

All housing assignments are subject to availability and will be made on a first-come, first-serve basis based on the registration submission timestamp with priority given to families who register for 6 nights. We recommend booking as early as possible. Housing assignments will be completed on a rolling basis, and all families will be notified once their housing is assigned. We thank you for your patience and understanding as we do our best to accommodate all camper preferences!

Can we make our cabin or tent more comfortable while we are there?

Absolutely! We encourage you to bring items to make your living space at camp nice and cozy. The lodgings start as a blank canvas with beds, a small desk, a stool, and a shelf. Make it your own with string lights, rugs, tapestries, camp chairs, hammocks, or your favorite stuffed animals.

Please do not bring any large appliances, electric heaters, portable air conditioners, cook stoves, mini refrigerators, or anything else that has a significant power usage.

What if I need additional lodging?

There is an Extra Tent/Cabin Surcharge (\$100 for 3 nights and \$200 for 6 nights per extra Tent/Cabin) if you request more Tents/Cabins than required for the number of campers in your party. Children under 13 must stay in a tent/cabin with an adult.

Are pets allowed at Oakland Feather River Camp?

Campers are not allowed to bring **any** animals to Family Camp at Oakland Feather River Camp, with the exception of service animals, without express written permission and confirmation from OFRC. Pet dogs, comfort animals, and therapy dogs are allowed at Oakland Feather River Camp only during Memorial Day Work Weekend and Labor Day Weekend; they must be registered and approved ahead of time and must adhere to OFRC's Animal Policies.

Please see our [OFRC Animal Policies](#) for more information, and contact our office at Info@FeatherRiverCamp.com or 510-336-2267 to inquire about service animals.

Is there cell service at camp? What about wifi at camp?

Because of our location at the bottom of a small canyon a bit away from the mountain town of Quincy, most cell service carriers do not work on most of the property. When you arrive, we are happy to show you where in camp people usually get the best signal. And with a short walk or drive out our entrance road, you'll get full bars.

The internet at camp is only strong enough to support business operations, therefore we do not have wifi available for campers. After a day at OFRC, you won't even miss it! Campers who need internet access often travel to Quincy, which has a variety of locations with wifi. Enjoy being disconnected from work, the news and the outside world and truly slow down, relax, and enjoy camp life!

What should we pack for our time at OFRC Family Camp?

Please see our suggested packing list by [clicking here](#).

Programming

What are Family Camp theme weeks?

Theme Weeks are an important part of OFRC's Family Camp culture and history, and we are very excited to add new themes in 2026! During theme weeks, we offer program activities and options that relate to the specific theme. We also welcome Guest Artists and Guest Educators for most sessions who share their talents and knowledge with our campers.

Every day of camp offers many activities to choose from, and we hope that however you fill your days will provide opportunities for fun, friendship, relaxation, enjoying nature, and learning something new! Participation in all of our [summer camp activities](#) and special [theme week programming](#) is completely optional. Some of our campers prefer to spend a good chunk of their time at OFRC in an adirondack chair with a good book!

What is available for my family to use during our free time at camp?

At OFRC, we have a wide variety of games and books available for families to use during their time at camp. We are certain you'll find plenty of things to occupy your time in our Book & Game Library. Additionally, there is a foosball table, ping pong tables, giant checkers, yoga mats, and foam rollers, bag toss, volleyball, badminton, horseshoes, and shuffleboard. We also have a playground with slides and swings.

What activities are available after the Evening Activity?

Most nights, the Evening Activity is the final OFRC-led event of the day. Occasionally, Guest Artists and Educators host activities based around their specialty or the theme and other evening activities are led by OFRC staff.

Regardless of any nighttime events, an OFRC staff member is located on the Veranda or Dining Patio ready to assist campers, answer questions, and check games in and out of the Game Library. Many campers spend the rest of the night socializing, playing games together, doing puzzles, and enjoying the calm quiet of a starlit Sierra night.

How is Queer Family Week with Camp It Up! different from the other Family Camp sessions?

This session is centering queer-led families and families with LGBTQIA+ children, intentionally designed to affirm these identities. Held in partnership with Camp It Up!, we will create space for queer families to gather, grow, and nurture intergenerational relationships within and among families. Special adult programming will be offered this week, along with all of the traditional camp activities like swimming, archery, crafts and games!

Families that do not identify as queer-led or do not have LGBTQIA+ children are encouraged to join us for other sessions.

How is Bike Week different from the other Family Camp sessions?

During Bike Week, OFRC is excited to be your home base while exploring the Lost Sierra on two wheels! Camp programming will be focused on bike care, cycling safety, and planning your next cycling adventure. OFRC will not be leading any rides off camp property during this session;

campers can adventure independently to the many ride trails within the Plumas area. A ride board will be available for campers to build community by coordinating rides. All traditional camp activities like swimming, archery, crafts and games, will also be available during the week.

How is Base Camp different from the June, July, and August Family Camp Sessions?

Our NEW Base Camp offers all the fun of an immersive outdoor camping experience without all of the work of setting up camp and cooking your meals. OFRC's Chow Palace will serve three meals a day, and our swimming hole and Camp Store will be open. Campers can play games, hang out on the Veranda, and explore local trails and sites, but there will not be organized activities facilitated by OFRC staff.

How is Labor Day Weekend Camp different from the other Family Camp sessions?

Our Labor Day Weekend Camp is our last hurrah of the summer. While we do not typically have a theme during Labor Day Weekend, this program generally mirrors a typical 3-night session of our Summer Family Camp Weeks — complete with the famous Feather River BBQ! Check out a sample schedule of Labor Day Weekend [here](#).

Food Service & Meals

Tell me about these three, healthy and hearty meals you provide each day.

Please note that our menu changes weekly, but this [sample menu](#) provides an example of a typical week.

We also always have cereal, simple sandwich fixin's and fruit available at all times of the day. Coffee is served until early afternoon, and water, lemonade, iced tea and hot tea are available from sun up until late into the evening.

Can you accommodate my dietary restrictions or preferences?

As long as campers indicate on their registration form that they are gluten-free, dairy-free, nut-free, vegetarian or vegan, we are able to accommodate these dietary restrictions. There is a space in the Medical Form section of the registration form (Step 4) to list your specific dietary needs. We also sometimes are able to accommodate other special diets. We encourage you to share the information on your registration form so we can coordinate with you in advance if we are not able to assist.

There is a separate mini-kitchen — equipped with a refrigerator, sink, stovetop, toaster oven and microwave — for campers to use if someone in your family has a more restrictive diet and you need to bring your own food to prepare. This dietary kitchen is available 24/7 to campers. If your dietary needs change before your arrival at camp, contact our office at Info@FeatherRiverCamp.com or 510-336-2267 so we can update your registration.

Health & Safety

Do campers need to be vaccinated or to provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test?

We are not requiring campers to receive vaccinations or to test for COVID-19 before they arrive at camp. If any member of your party is feeling unwell before you depart for camp, we request that you use your best judgement to help minimize the spread of illness in our communal environment.

Are medical services available at camp?

Many of our staff are First Aid/CPR certified and can assist with small bumps, scrapes, or bruises. The First Aid Station — centrally located in the heart of camp — also has open Office Hours for our campers throughout the day to assist with basic first aid. Although families are expected to handle their own general medical needs, at least one staff member with advanced medical training (such as a nurse, EMT, or individual who is certified in Wilderness First Aid/Responder) will always be on site and on call during our Family Camp programs in case of an emergency.

In the event of an emergency, the nearest medical facility, Plumas District Hospital, is a 15-minute drive from camp

Is there a plan in case of an emergency at camp?

Yes! We have a thoroughly developed Emergency Action Plan that is reviewed by our local emergency services agencies to ensure it meets current standards. If you have any questions about our emergency planning, please reach out to us at Info@FeatherRiverCamp.com.

Payments, Refunds, Cancellations & Credits

When and how can I pay my registration balance?

When you complete your registration, a deposit of 25% of your total costs is required to secure your reservation.

Payment in Full Due Dates:

- For Family Camp sessions in June, July, and August:
 - May 11, 2026
- For Base Camp and Labor Day Weekend Family Camp:
 - July 27, 2026
- If registering after the balance due date, payment in full is due to finalize your registration.

Your credit card on file will automatically be charged for any remaining balance on the balance due date. Payments by check payable to Camps in Common may be sent to: Camps in Common, PO Box 3229, Quincy, CA 95971 (mailed payments postmarked after the balance due date will incur a \$25 late payment fee).

To avoid a late payment fee of \$25, make sure to pay your balance by the specified due date. If this is an issue, please reach out to the camp office and we will explore a payment plan.

What is the refund and cancellation policy for Summer 2026?

Please see our registration policies by [clicking here](#).

Can I use my credit from a previous summer instead of a deposit on my registration?

Yes. If you have a credit from a previous summer, you will receive an email prior to registration with a confirmation of your credit balance as well as instructions for using your credit during registration. If you believe you have a credit balance but you did not receive an email, please contact Alexa Murdoch, Camp Registrar and Outreach Coordinator, at Info@FeatherRiverCamp.com or call our office at 510-336-2267.

Other Questions?

If you have other questions related to Summer 2026, please email Info@FeatherRiverCamp.com and we will get back to you within 3 to 5 business days. Hearing from you will also help us expand this FAQ guide, so please do not hesitate to reach out!

Summer 2026 OFRC FAQ – Quick Guide

Here is a summary of the above FAQ for quick reference.

Programs

- Family Camp – All-inclusive: lodging, meals, and full programming (themes, crafts, swimming, games).
- Base Camp – Flexible: meals and lodging included, no scheduled activities. Perfect for DIY adventurers, reunions, or retreats.

Registration

- Register online early — sessions fill fast.
- Need help? Email or call us.
- Minors must attend with a guardian.
- Discounts: Oakland Resident, Early Bird, 10% New Camper (Family Camp only).
- Financial Aid: Camperships available for Oakland residents.
- Waitlists available for full sessions (2-day response window).

Rates & Fees

- Prices depend on session length, family size, and camper ages.
- Required: \$10/night facilities fee.
- Optional: \$10/night electricity, \$100–\$200 extra lodging.
- Extras: Store, massages, horseback rides, crafts, tubes.
- Fees support staff pay, programs, & facility upkeep — aid offsets available.

Arrival & Departure

- Check-In: 2–5 PM
- Check-Out: 10 AM
- Family Camp: 6-night (Sun–Sat) • 3-night (Sun–Wed / Wed–Sat)
- Base Camp: Any start day, 2-night minimum.
- No prorated stays. Two-week campers must leave between sessions.

Accommodations

- Rustic tents (4 cots) & cabins (3 twin beds).
- Request specific units or nearby families when registering.
- Bring décor: rugs, lights, chairs — no high-power devices.
- No pets (service animals only).
- Limited cell service, no wifi — unplug and relax!

Programming

- Daily optional activities + theme weeks.
- Evenings: group activities, games, stargazing.
- Special Sessions:
 - Queer Family Week (Camp It Up! partnership)
 - Bike Week (ride-your-own adventure)
 - Labor Day Weekend (3-night finale + BBQ)
 - Base Camp (no programming)

Meals

- 3 hearty meals daily + snack & beverage bar.
- GF, DF, vegan, vegetarian options available (note on registration).
- 24/7 mini-kitchen for special diets.

Payments & Refunds

- 25% deposit due at registration.
- Balances auto-charged by:
 - May 11 (2026) – Family Camp
 - July 27 (2026) – Base Camp & Labor Day Weekend
- \$25 late fee if missed.
- See site for [refund policy](#).
- Past-year credits can be applied.

Health & Safety

- No COVID testing/vaccination required — stay home if sick.
- First Aid/CPR-trained staff on site; medical lead always on call.
- Nearest hospital: Plumas District Hospital (15 min).
- Emergency Action Plan reviewed annually.

Questions?

- Reach out anytime — we'll reply within 3–5 business days.
 - Info@FeatherRiverCamp.com
 - 510-336-2267