

# Eastern Oregon Parent 2017 Summer Camp Preview

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Summer camps? In May? Yes, indeed! Now's the time to get your little urchins registered before the camp they really want to attend is full. And there are so many choices!

In Eastern Oregon (and beyond), you'll find overnight camps offering everything from ziplines to canoeing, and day camps that teach kids to be clowns, rock stars, athletes, and scientists. Thumb through these pages with your child and let them help plan the perfect summer.

## REGIONAL SLEEPOVER CAMPS

**4-H Tri-County Camp,** Gilliam, Morrow and Wheeler counties. Sleepover camp June 15-18 for youth completing grades 4 to 6. Camp is limited to the first 75 students to sign up. Camp takes place at Cutsforth Park, east of Heppner. Campers will sleep in tents with a high school counselor and participate in natural resource activities, outdoor activities, theme related classes, hikes, a nightly campfire and a last night dance. Scholarships are available. Cost: Early registration \$85 (registration after May 25 is \$100). For details visit [oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/programs/camps/](http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/programs/camps/) or other.

**4-H Eastern Oregon Tri-County Summer Camp,** Union, Wallowa and Baker counties. Sleepover camp runs Tues.-Fri., July 11-14. Cost: \$75 for the first child; \$65 per additional child. Age range: entering fifth to eighth grade. Camp is located at the

Blue Mountain 4-H Center in Union County. Activities include natural resource classes, cabin activities, skits, campfire and swimming at the La Grande public pool. 24-hour 4-H agent supervision and EMTs on duty. Details: 541-963-1010 or contact your local 4-H group.

**Ascension School Camp,** Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon. Christian-based, three- to five-day sleepover camps outside of Cove in Union County. Discovery Camp (pre-school to second grade), June 27-29, \$165; Beginner's Camp (3rd-5th grade), July 9-14, \$500; Junior High Camp (7th-9th grade), July 16-22, \$500; Combined Camp (4th-6th grade), July 23-28, \$420; Senior High Camp (10th-12th grade), July 1-8, \$500; Wallowa Adventures (8th-12th grade), July 30-Aug. 4, \$500. Activities include swimming, crafts, outdoor games, and short field trips. Wallowa Adventures is a backpacking trip, no experience necessary. Details: 541-568-4514 or [www.coveascensionschool.com/youth-camp](http://www.coveascensionschool.com/youth-camp).

**Big Lake Youth Camp,** Oregon Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Faith-based sleepover camps in Willamette Nat. Forest near Sisters run June 25 through Aug. 13. Open to boys and girls, age 7-17. Weeklong sessions can be traditional "REG" (regular) camps for ages 10-17 or "RAD" camps for teens, 13-17, focusing on a specific activity for a week, from golfing to white water rafting. REG sessions are age-specific; check which dates



for appropriate for your camper. Family camp is also offered twice in August. The Abba's Child program, which is free, is specially geared for children mourning a loved one; campers age 10 to 12 meet July 2-9, ages 13-17 meet July 30-August 6. Camp prices vary; most RAD camps run from \$510 to \$560, depending on activity. REG Camps are \$460; scholarships may be available. Details: 503-850-3583 or [biglake.org](http://biglake.org).

**Buckaroo Rodeo Bible Camp,** Buckaroos for Christ. June 25-28, sleepover camp with camper check-in beginning at 3 p.m. on Sunday. Rodeo riders, this may be the camp for you. This non-denominational Christian camp focuses on rodeo skills in the Pendleton Round-Up Pavilion. Instruction in pole bending, roping, barrel racing and bareback riding provided by professionals with a goal of developing future

rodeo champions. Cost is \$120 with \$20 refundable stall fee; register and pay by June 1 for \$20 discount. Campers select their clinic focus for camp. Details and online registration at [www.buckaroosforchrist.com](http://www.buckaroosforchrist.com) or call 509-869-0135. Parents are welcome to attend as camp volunteers.

**Camp Elkanah,** near La Grande. Three- to six-day sleepover camps, grouped by age: Primary (first to third grade), June 16-18, \$95; Junior (fourth and fifth grade), June 25-30, \$180; Jr. High Camp (sixth to eighth grade), July 2-7, \$185; High School (ninth to twelfth grade), June 18-23,

\$190. Camp offers \$10 discount for multiple siblings. This Christian-based camp includes speakers, workshops, chapel time, low ropes course, zip line and giant swing, paintball, night games, giant slip 'n' slide, water fights, crafts, and indoor games. Details: 541-963-5050 or [www.campelkanah.com](http://www.campelkanah.com).

**Camp Meadowood Springs.** Sleepover and day camps designed for children with social learning and communications challenges and their peers/siblings. Camp is located in Weston; days vary. Weeklong Adventures in Communication camp is offered twice (July 2-9 or July 15-22) and focuses on articulation or social thinking to improve communication skills. Activities also include canoeing, fishing, zip lines, crafts, sports, swimming, mini golf, and bug-catching. Programs start at \$500 for day camp and \$1,350 for overnight.