

Eastern Oregon Parent 2018 Summer Camp Preview

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Ah, it's May. The kids are still in school, the weather is warmer, and the house is quiet. But ... June is just around the corner. Before summer drops into your lap, you might do a little planning to head off any mopey tweens once school is out.

There is so much to keep your youngsters busy this summer, whether they are budding musicians or wannabe rodeo stars. Give our camp guide a good once-over and assure yourself of a few peaceful weeks at home before Labor Day rolls around.

SLEEPOVER CAMPS

4-H Tri-County Camp, Gilliam, Morrow and Wheeler counties. Sleepover camp June 14-17 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 Hepner. 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 (after May 25 is \$100). For details call 541-384-2271 or visit oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/programs/camps/other.

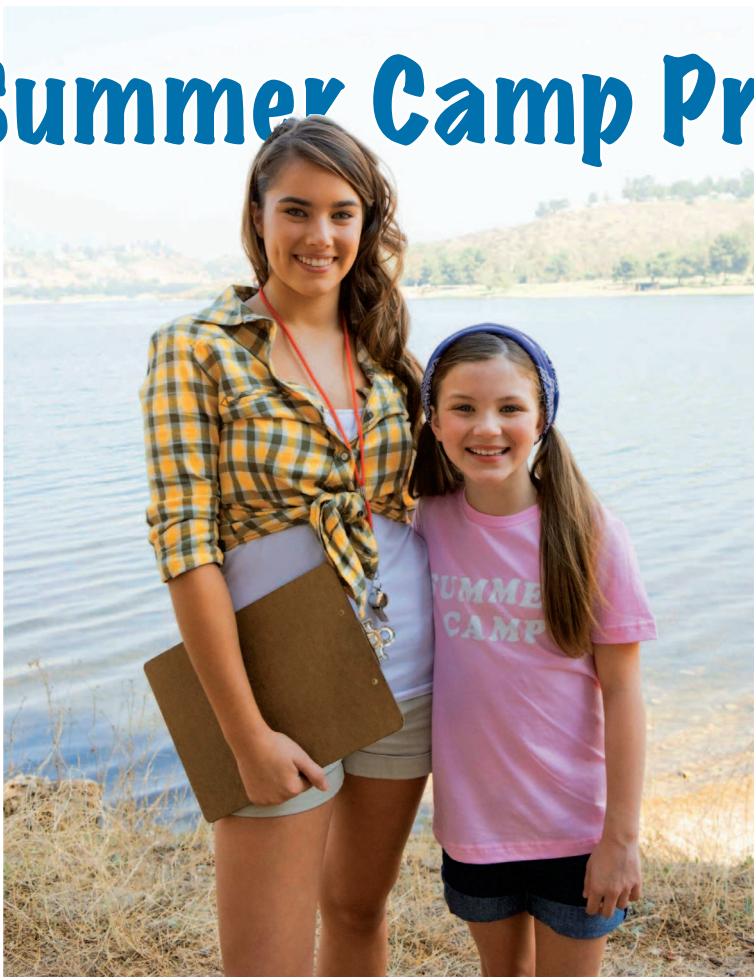
4-H Eastern Oregon Tri-County Summer Camp, Union, Wallowa and Baker counties. Sleepover camp runs Tues.-Fri., July 10-13. Age range: entering fifth to eighth grade. Camp is located at the Blue Mountain 4-H Center in Union County. Activities include natural resource classes, cabin activities, skits, campfire and swimming at the La Grande public pool. 24-hour 4-H agent supervision and EMTs on duty. Cost: Early registration

\$75, and \$65 for additional children (after May 14 is \$85/\$75). 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 26-28, \$165; Beginner's Camp (3rd -5th grade), July 8-13, \$420; Junior High Camp (7th-9th grade), July 22-28, \$500; Combined Camp (4th-6th grade), July 15-20, \$420; Senior High Camp (10th-12th grade), July 1-7, \$500; Wallowa Adventures (8th-12th grade), July 29-Aug. 3, \$420. 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.coveascension-school.com/youth-camp.

Bar M Kids Camp, near Adams, faith-based. July 23-26; cost is \$235, including lodging, meals, camp T-shirt. Kids will enjoy hiking the historic stagecoach trail, swimming in the Hot Springs pool, Bible studies, and cabin time devotionals. Bar M is also offering a Father and Son Retreat on August 3-5. Details: 1-509-736-2086 or visit www.barmranch.com.

Big Lake Youth Camp, Oregon Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Faith-based sleepover camps in Willamette National Forest near Sisters run June 24 through Aug. 12. Open to boys and girls, age 7-17. Weeklong sessions can be traditional "REG" (regular) camps for ages 10-17 or "RAD" camps



Cost is \$150 with \$20 refundable stall fee; register and pay by May 19 for \$20 discount. Campers select their clinic focus for camp. Details and online registration at www.buckaroosforchrist.com or call 509-869-0135. Parents are welcome to attend as camp volunteers.

Camp Elkanah, near La Grande, faith-based. Three- to six-day sleepover camps, grouped by age: Primary (entering grades 1-3), June 15-17, \$95; Upper Elementary (entering grades 4-6), June 24-29, \$180; Middle School Camp (entering grades 6-8), July 1-6,

for teens, 13-17, focusing on a specific activity for a week, from golfing to whitewater rafting. REG sessions are age-specific; check which dates are 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 1-8, ages 13-17 meet July 29-Aug. 5. Camp prices vary; most RAD camps run from \$515 to \$615, depending on activity. REG Camps are \$465; scholarships may be available. Details: 503-850-3583 or biglake.org.

Buckaroo Rodeo Bible Camp, Buckaroos for Christ. June 10-14 (check-in starts at 3 p.m. Sunday). Rodeo riders from 12 and up, 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.

\$185; High School (entering grades 9-12), June 17-22, \$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.

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 8-15 or July 21-28) 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. Cost: \$1,350 for overnight. \$35 registration fee. Details: Call 541-276-2752 or visit meadowoodsprings.org.