

Waitlist Information

Every season we receive many questions about our Waitlist process for campers. For campers who are either Buckaroos or Pathfinders, this cabin space is shared by these two divisions. Bed space is divided and adjusted based on enrollment, so a camper may go to waitlist for a short time in order to adjust the bed space accordingly. Campers who are Blazers, Rangers, and Adventurers may register for either Regular Camp or Specialty Camps (Wrangler, Wakeboard/Waterski or Mini-Bikes). Bed space in the cabin is adjusted as campers populate the sessions/programs, so a camper may go to the waitlist for a short time while this type of space is adjusted. Cabins are allocated based on Gender at birth/Rising Grade/Division not by specialty camp. Specialty camp participants bunk with their gender/grade/division. At the time of registration, if a waitlisted session/program is chosen, your payment information will be saved, but your deposit will not be processed at that time.

Once the waitlist begins to populate, we have a committee in place that includes the Camp Registrar, Program Operations Director and Executive Director who meet weekly to discuss the waitlisted campers to determine if undesignated bed space can be filled and staffed to enroll waitlisted campers. Early in the season and while we are hiring our summer staff we consider the waitlist carefully to be sure that our counselor/camper ratio remains at a safe level. Once a division/gender group populates the waitlist enough to justify designating additional cabin space, the cabin will be opened and waitlisted campers will be enrolled according to time/date of registration and if they meet the criteria of the division/gender group parameters.

If bed space is completely sold out, campers may remain on the waitlist, but no guarantee is made that space would become available. Camper parents will be informed if this happens, and no deposit will be processed unless your camper is enrolled.

Options for Waitlisted Campers:

1) **Choose another session and Cancel Waitlisted Session.** No cancellation penalty for choosing this option. To do this, register your camper for a different session and then email cosby@ymcabham.org to request cancellation for the waitlisted session.

2) **Choose another session and remain on the waitlist for the preferred session;** doing this will ensure that your camper is able to attend camp. Any money paid toward another session would transfer to the waitlisted session, should space become available and the other session could be cancelled without penalty.

3) **Remain on the waitlist.** There is NO guarantee that any camper who is on our official waitlist will be able to enroll in the waitlisted session. Choosing this option does not carry a financial

penalty, however, this option is not advisable because other sessions could fill and leave your camper without the option to attend Camp Cosby this season.

4) If your camper has chosen a specialty camp that has waitlisted, please contact the Camp office (256-268-2007) to find out if space in Regular Camp is available. It is very possible that there is bed space available but the specialty camp has sold out. If your camper would be satisfied with attending Camp Cosby as a Regular Camper, they can be enrolled and your deposit would process, however, your camper would be removed from the formal waitlist, but your account would be noted and dated regarding interest in participating in the specialty camp should space become available. Responsibility would shift to the parent to follow up regarding cancellations for specialty camps. Cancellations are rare in this instance and can happen after a camper arrives at camp, so the best time to check on a cancellation is at check in. See Camp Registrar in the Dining Hall or call on Monday morning after check in to see if any cancellations have occurred. Many times, campers arrive at camp and realize their friends are not in specialty camp and ask to cancel but remain in Regular camp.

If space comes available, your camper will be enrolled immediately so that the space is not taken. Your deposit will be processed at the time of enrollment and a confirmation email will be sent. Please let us know if you desire for your camper to be removed from the waitlist. This allows other campers to move up on the waitlist and also avoids processing a deposit for a session that is no longer desired. Please email cosby@ymcabham.org to request removal.

You will be notified by email with updates as long as the potential for additional cabin space to open is available. Once cabin space has completely sold out, you will be notified with the options listed above. If you and your camper choose to remain on the waitlist, it will be your responsibility to contact Camp Cosby regarding your camper's status.

We make every effort to enroll campers as space is available, but we consider the needs of all campers, staff and capacities and will not exceed enrollment beyond what is safe and what would reduce the quality of the camper experience for all of our campers. We cannot guarantee that your camper will be enrolled in any waitlisted session or program specialty once they are on the waitlist, but this waitlist is monitored closely by our Admissions committee and Camp Registrar and staff.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Camp Cosby office at 256-268-2007 or email cosby@ymcabham.org.