

CATCH
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2020

Camp Mary White



About Camp Mary White

Camp Mary White, established in 1927, was one of the first Girl Scout camps west of the Mississippi. The camp is situated on 200 acres near Mayhill, New Mexico in the Lincoln National Forest. It has been home to generations of girls, who learned stewardship of nature and community at the camp. This now private rustic residential camp for girls entering 4th-10th grade in the fall of 2019 offers a mountain outdoor experience with archery, horseback riding, leadership skills, arts & crafts, hiking and much more. Our campers will experience the "Magic of Camp Mary White" a magic that will enrich them with a sense of accomplishment and independence. It will also offer a treasure trove of wonderful memories then that they will carry for a lifetime.

Camp Mary White Open House

Saturday, April 25th - 10:00pm-4:00pm

Come visit and learn about Camp Mary White, meet some of the camp staff, and tour the grounds. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Wear comfortable closed toed walking shoes and bring your water bottle.
Please leave pets at home.

Please RSVP to happycamper@campmarywhite.com

Registration

Registration opens January 2020

Register online at www.campmarywhite.com - A \$50 deposit for a 1-week session and \$100 deposit for 2-week session is required at the time of registration to reserve your camper's spot. The balance must be paid in full by June 15, 2020.

Sibling Discount

CMW offers a \$25 discount per sibling for families that register more than one camper.

Cancellation and Refund Policy

The deposit is non-refundable. Registration fees will not be refunded after June 15th.

Camper Physical

In order to attend camp, a completed health history form and a physical are required. Forms will be available when registering for camp.

Transportation

Parents/guardians are responsible for arranging transportation for their child to and from Camp Mary White.

"This was my daughter's first summer camp. Her camping experience was more successful than I could have imagined! I think CMW has had extremely positive and constructive impact on her personal growth, self image, and personal outlook on life. - 2019 CMW Parent"

Camperships

Don't let cost be a barrier to your amazing camp experience. Funds for partial camperships are available at the discretion of CMW for families that demonstrate financial need.

In addition, an Anonymous Donor has dedicated partial camperships for girls who live in Artesia and/or Eddy County, New Mexico.

We also have partial camperships available for girls who live in Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley, King, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Terry, and Yoakum counties in West Texas funded through a foundation.

Working at Camp

Job descriptions and employment applications are available online at www.campmarywhite.com. The following staff positions are available:

- Unit Leader
- Unit Counselor
- Cook
- Assistant Cook (s)



Camp Sessions

Summer Sessions

The grades listed for our camp sessions refer to the grade your camper will be entering in the fall of 2020. Our camp activities are geared towards the age level in each unit and will progress in skill level.

Pathfinders - Grades 4 & 5

Program A July 5th-11th - \$400
Program B July 12th-18th - \$400

PROGRAM: The Pathfinders will experience the fun of outdoor programming which includes: archery, outdoor cooking, art, music, CMW traditions, nature study, conservation, camp-craft, hiking, and horseback riding.

Explorers - Grades 6, 7 & 8

Program C July 5th-11th - \$400
Program D July 12th-18th - \$400

PROGRAM: The Explorers will explore enhanced outdoor programming which includes: archery, outdoor cooking, art, music, dramatics, CMW traditions, nature study, conservation, camp-craft, trail hiking, tent camping and horseback riding.

Adventurers - Grades 9 & 10

Program E July 5th-11th - \$400
Program F July 12th-18th - \$400

PROGRAM: The Adventurers will venture out of Camp Mary White with a one night overnight in tents in the adjacent Lincoln National Forest, trail hiking, archery, outdoor cooking, advanced art & crafts, music, CMW traditions, nature study, hanging out with camp friends and trail rides on horseback.

Trekkers - Grades 4 & 5

Program G July 5th-18th - \$700

PROGRAM: In addition to participating in the listed above camp activities, the Trekkers and Trailblazer units will focus on sharpening their camping skills and will have the opportunity to put these skills to use when they go on a multi-day camping trip in the beautiful Lincoln National Forest adjacent to Camp Mary White.

Trailblazers - Grades 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10

Program H July 5th-18th - \$700

PROGRAM: Campers in this unit will participate in a variety of camp activities including horseback riding, archery, arts and crafts. In addition, this unit will be incorporating more intensive hikes and mountaineering skills such as orienteering, making outdoor shelters, dehydrating foods and outdoor safety. The Rovers will put these skills to use during a multi-night camping excursion. To sign up for this unit, campers must be physically able to hike moderately long distances. Campers will be responsible for providing specialized personal equipment such as appropriate hiking shoes (boots), sleeping pad and warm sleeping bag. Camp Mary White will provide tents and specialized cooking equipment.

Rovers - Grades 8, 9 & 10

Program I July 5th-18th - \$700

****CMW Factoid - regional camps equivalent to CMW charge \$450/week with additional charges up to \$100 for horseback riding. These camps do not offer a specific 2-week unit. Therefore, the costs to attend a 2-week camp is \$900. We are pleased to offer a great value to our campers and their families by including horseback riding in our fees.**



Mission Statement



FCMW provides girls and women rustic outdoor experiences which foster confidence, independence, and leadership.

All of our camp programming embraces this mission statement. Our goal is to encourage our campers to try new things and to support their personal growth. Whether it's her first time hiking in the rain, making new friends, riding a horse, building a campfire, or even washing dishes, each camper has a chance to learn and to grow.

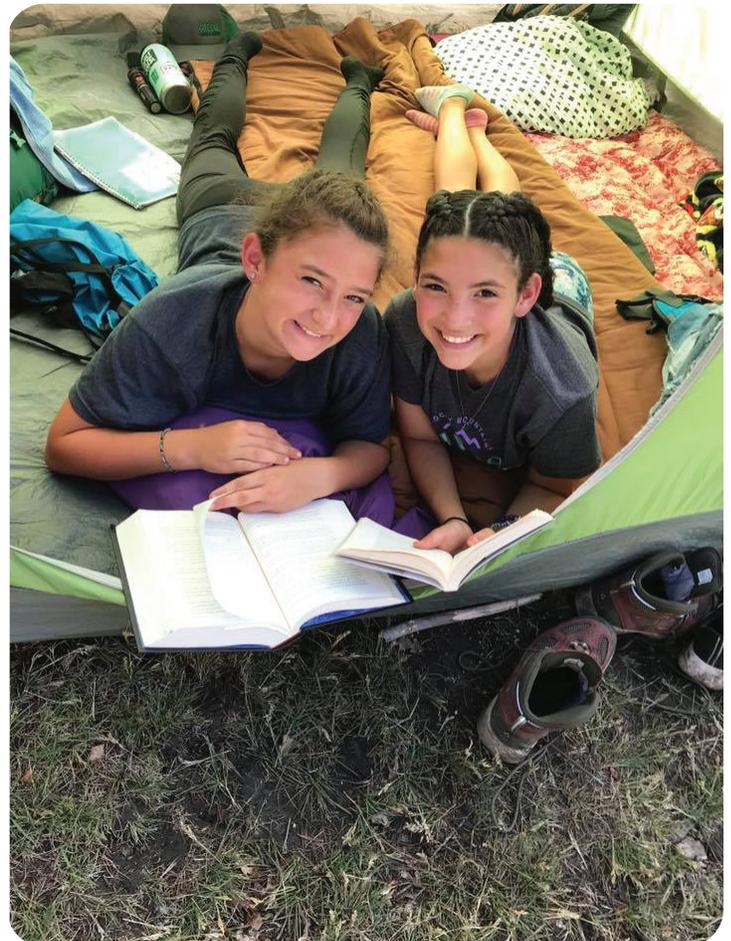
There are many ways in which campers grow from their experience at CMW, including:

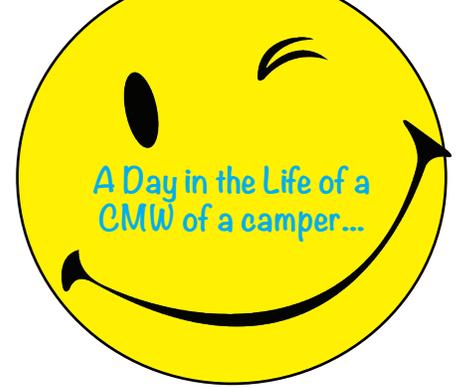
- **Developing an affinity for nature and a respect for the environment**
- **Growing healthy relationships and learning to work together as a team**
- **Gaining confidence and becoming more independent**
- **Nurturing a sense of belonging and a connection to the camp community**

Camp Mary White's goal is to focus on the "whole girl" with an emphasis on these areas of growth, and our programming is developed to promote these areas. After camp, you will be asked to complete a survey asking if you have noticed growth in your camper. Your input is appreciated for us so that we can continue to develop meaningful programming at Camp Mary White.

Our programming, and even our facilities, works to promote our mission statement and our desired outcomes/goals while carrying on the traditions that CMW has been built upon for over 90 years.

"What [we] are doing comes from many years back. It's tradition, and tradition is valuable. It's something that makes you be somebody you didn't know you could be. It goes with you from others who did the same thing and did it well and are proud of it. And you become proud yourself." - Paula "Robin" Homer - Camp Director 1977-1986





Units: Each unit of campers has their own cluster of rustic “Adirondack” cabins which sleep 4-5 girls each. Sleeping in these cabins, without electricity or plumbing and with a half-open front wall, feels like sleeping in a tree-house. Every unit also has their own latrine and outdoor campfire area.

Flag Ceremony: Continuing the tradition from when CMW was a Girl Scout camp, we start and end every day with a flag ceremony. This is a meaningful way for us to gather together as a whole camp, and every camper will have the opportunity to help design and participate in a ceremony.

Meals: We eat our meals together in our main lodge (Ingham Hall, which was built in 1928.) Our sit-down “family-style” meals are great times for girls to get to know staff and campers from other units and to chat and laugh with each other. After each meal, the campers all work together to clean up - often washing dishes while singing camp songs together!

Singing Trees: Before and after every meal, campers gather under the Ponderosa Pines to sing together. Our camp songs range from silly songs with hand motions and dances to beautiful melodies. These songs become the soundtrack for our camp life and are often sung while doing other activities and will almost certainly accompany families on the drive home from camp!

Horseback Riding: Under the supervision of our experienced riding staff, our campers first learn about safely interacting with horses, grooming, saddling, and leading the horses. Campers then learn basic riding skills, and as they accomplish these skills, they are able to add more advanced skills and techniques.

Arts and Crafts: Campers express their creativity with projects using things found in the natural forest environment, leather, and a wide variety of craft materials. There is a blend of guided projects and independent “maker’s space” type activities.

Outdoors Skills: Our camp’s location, nestled in the beautiful Lincoln National Forest, gives us many opportunities for outdoor activities. Campers learn nature, outdoor safety, and campcraft skills while hiking and going on overnight tent-camping trips. Encouraging our campers to feel comfortable in and appreciate the outdoors is a main focus of our camp programming. Most of our activities take place outside in the natural environment. Campers wake to the mountain air and sunshine coming into their cabins, and return to their units at night under the blanket of a star-filled sky.

Archery: Using equipment approved by the National Archery in Schools program, campers learn basic archery safety and target skills. As their skill level increases, they are able to practice with engaging archery challenges.

Special Programming: Each summer, we offer special programming to add to the camp experience. In the past, this has been presentations from professional astronomers, nature hikes with experiences naturalists, and visits from Rangers from the Lincoln National Forest.



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