



WV BlackHills Free Methodist Church Camp

Family Camp Fee Structure

In an effort to simplify the fee structure for BlackHills Family Camp, the Camp Council conducted an exhaustive analysis of camp expenses and past camp fees. We considered many situations and issues in this decision. Following are some of our findings:

- While we originally set out to implement a fee structure that would recoup the actual cost of camp, we quickly determined that any new fee structure would continue the need to be subsidized by the generous gifts and offerings to BlackHills Camp.
- We researched the fees charged by several other camps. Every other camp we looked at charged significantly higher fees for much shorter camps.
- We looked at camp expenses and are still amazed at how we operate our camps with such low expenses. Wise spending decisions along with the hard work of our volunteers have kept our camp much more affordable than similar camps.
- After looking at different models, we determined the simplest and fairest model is a per person fee structure.

As you review the fee structure, please keep the following in mind:

- The cost per person to hold family camp is \$218
- The average increase per person for the new fee is \$3.05 per day

The new family camp fee structure is as follows:

Adult:	\$130
Child (3-12)	\$80
2 & under	no charge
\$10 discount for each additional person	

A chart is included on the next page to assist in calculating family camp fees for various combinations of Adults and Children. Let's look at the example of 1 Adult and 2 Children: The family camp fee would now be \$270. This is an average of \$10 per day per person. Not a bad deal for housing, meals, activities, camp staff, and all other costs of operating camp. Perhaps the most important item to notice from the chart is that the true cost of camp for this size family is \$654. This means the new fee is still subsidized by \$384, in other words the fee we would collect is only 41% of the actual cost.

We also simplified the fee for those attending camp 'part-time'. That fee will be \$10 per night plus the cost of individual meals.

We want to emphasize that we do not want attending family camp to be an overwhelming financial concern or burden to anyone. We never want the decision to attend camp to depend on financial matters. As always, if camp fees are a financial concern, the camp treasurer is

authorized to work with anyone to make accommodations. Starting in 2017, we will also offer a prepayment schedule for camp fees in order to lessen the financial impact of attending camp.

God has truly been blessing BlackHills Camp. Other than trying to simplify our rates, our number 1 goal is to free up additional funds that can be used for camp improvements and expansion projects! We trust everyone will understand and support these efforts.

	Camp Fees per Immediate Family Size			True Cost	
	Adults	Children	Camp Fee	True Cost	Amount Subsidized
Adult	1	0	\$ 130.00	\$ 218.00	\$ 88.00
2 Adults	2	0	\$ 250.00	\$ 436.00	\$ 186.00
3 Adults	3	0	\$ 370.00	\$ 654.00	\$ 284.00
4 Adults	4	0	\$ 490.00	\$ 872.00	\$ 382.00
1 Adult & 1 Child	1	1	\$ 200.00	\$ 436.00	\$ 236.00
1 Adult & 2 Children	1	2	\$ 270.00	\$ 654.00	\$ 384.00
1 Adult & 3 Children	1	3	\$ 340.00	\$ 872.00	\$ 532.00
1 Adult & 4 Children	1	4	\$ 410.00	\$ 1,090.00	\$ 680.00
2 Adults & 1 Child	2	1	\$ 320.00	\$ 654.00	\$ 334.00
2 Adults & 2 Children	2	2	\$ 390.00	\$ 872.00	\$ 482.00
2 Adults & 3 Children	2	3	\$ 460.00	\$ 1,090.00	\$ 630.00
2 Adults & 4 Children	2	4	\$ 530.00	\$ 1,308.00	\$ 778.00

BlackHills Camp Expenses - Avg

