



Weddings at YMCA Camp Northern Lights

Congratulations on your upcoming wedding and thank you for considering Camp Northern Lights for your special event! Camp Northern Lights is the perfect location for a rustic, simple ceremony and reception in the beautiful Northwoods of Minnesota.

Limited dates for weddings are available September and October. Due to our summer camp program, we are unable to hold weddings between Memorial Day and Labor Day, and our limited indoor common space makes the fall the best time for weddings at camp. Please contact our Program Coordinator, kelsa.mccormick@ymcanorth.org for date inquiries. Reservations are made on a first-come basis and require a deposit of 50% of the chosen wedding package.



Ceremony and Reception Location Capacity

Location	Capacity
Bear Island Stage	Up to 150 People
Family Art Barn + Community Tent	Up to 150 people (The Art Barn can accommodate up to 80 at one time due to Fire Codes.)

Wedding Month Camp Capacity

Month	Camp Capacity
September	Up to 150 people ***
October	Up to 76 people

*** Full September Capacity includes the use of all tent sites at full capacity (7 tent sites with a max of 6 people per site). It also includes the full capacity of every bed in each cabin (i.e. 2 people per queen)



Wedding Lodging Package

	September & October
Lodging Total	\$1,600
Deposit Due at time of reservation	\$800
Payment 1 Due 6 months before the event	\$400
Payment 2 Due 1 month before the event	\$400

Basic Wedding Package

This includes ceremony and reception space of art barn and community tent, either Cedar or Lyra for a two-night cozy newlywed cabin, a Wedding Day Coordinator from Stone Soup Events, and tables and chairs for up to 150 people. Your guests may reserve other available cabins in camp when general reservations open in May, OR you may reserve several cabins under your account and have guests pay you directly. Enjoy a camp wedding on a more affordable budget.

This basic wedding package starts at \$1,600.

Additional cabins can be reserved through our online-registration system when general reservations are made. If you'd prefer to book additional cabins ahead of time, a 50% deposit of the additional chosen cabin's two-night "Book Your Own Getaway" fee will be due at the time of reservation. A two-night minimum is required for all weddings guest bookings.

**Please Note: With the Basic Wedding Package, groups outside of your wedding guests can reserve any available cabins. Please consider choosing the Exclusive All-Camp Package if you wish to reserve all of Camp Northern Lights for your guests.*

The basic wedding package does not include audio equipment for a DJ/band, wedding decorations, or any food/alcohol.

Exclusive All-Camp Wedding Package

This package includes ceremony and reception space of art barn, community tent, and/or Bear Island Stage, either Cedar or Lyra for a cozy newlywed cabin, tables and chairs for up to 150, and use of ALL cabins and bungalows in camp from Friday at 3:00 p.m. through Sunday at 11:00 a.m. These sites combined can accommodate up to 150 guests in September and up to 76 guests in October—sort guests into cabins



at your own discretion. Enjoy the peace and intimacy of exclusive use of camp for your wedding weekend!

This Exclusive All-Camp Wedding Package is \$14,000 for all cabins, bungalows, and tent sites in September, and \$9,500 for all heated cabins in October.

These prices do not include sound equipment for a DJ or band, decorations, or food/alcohol.

	September	October
Lodging Total	\$14,000	\$9,500
Deposit Due at time of reservation	\$7,000	\$4,750
Payment 1 Due 6 months before the event	\$3,500	\$2,375
Payment 2 Due 1 month before the event	\$3,500	\$2,375





Wedding Day Coordination

All wedding packages include a Wedding Day Coordinator, staffed by Stone Soup Events, a local business that specializes in planning weddings, parties, and events. Northern Lights staff have found the use of a wedding coordinator is incredibly helpful for the soon to be newlyweds to have a stress-free wedding day. The last thing you want to do on your big day is answer a hundred little questions—they've got you covered.

Upon reserving a wedding package at Northern Lights, we will put you in touch with a wedding coordinator at Stone Soup who will consult with you before the wedding, recommend vendors, manage your wedding day timeline, act as a liaison between the couple, family, Northern Lights staff, and other vendors. This Wedding Day Coordination service is included in the cost of all wedding packages. Stone Soup has additional planning services available for additional fees.

Catering and Alcohol

Northern Lights cannot provide meal service, place settings, or table linens. Please work with our Wedding Day Coordinator to find an appropriate caterer and to provide wedding dishware. Outside catering companies may use our Family Art Barn as a staging area for serving their prepared meals.

Wedding parties may serve beer, seltzer, wine, and champagne to guests, but not hard liquor. Camp Northern Lights does not have a liquor license; therefore, alcohol may not be sold at camp (no cash bars), and alcohol cannot be handled by Northern Lights staff. Minor consumption of alcohol is prohibited by law.





Other Details

Amenities

A speaker system is available and will be included in the cost of either wedding package. However, this would not be sufficient for a DJ or band. All events in the Art Barn and/or Community Tent must end by 10:30 p.m., so that we may continue to be good neighbors to our friends on the lake. Camp-wide quiet time is 11:00 p.m.



One afternoon or evening of saunas can be arranged for guests staying at Northern Lights for no additional charge. Saunas will not be scheduled on the night of the reception.

Guests staying at Northern Lights have access to canoes and kayaks for no additional charge. No reservation necessary. Motorized watercraft may be available to rent on a limited basis, weather and time of year dependent. Motorized watercraft can hold up to 8 individuals and will be available at a fee of \$150 for a full day of use. An additional deposit of \$150 will be charged to the account if damage is incurred during use. All guests are required to follow Minnesota state law, requiring the use of personal flotation devices while using motorized watercraft.

We also have a fleet of Fat tire Bikes that will be no additional cost to your group.

Linens

Bedding and towels are NOT provided by Camp Northern Lights. Guests must bring sleeping bags and/or sheets and blankets, pillows, and towels. We do have very limited bedding available to rent by guests that need to fly in. A linen set is \$25 per person and includes a pillow, pillowcase, fitted sheet, flat sheet and quilt. Linen reservations must be made through the Camp Program Director one month in advance.

Decorations

The wedding party is responsible for putting up and taking down any decorations. Decorations may not cause damage to camp property or facilities – including use of nails and heavy-duty tape. There is no open flame allowed in the Family Art Barn. We do not allow confetti, rice, glitter, fireworks, sparklers, or floating sky lanterns. Camp Northern Lights does not provide any wedding decorations.



Set-Up and Clean-Up

The wedding party can usually start decorating the event space and ceremony site the day before the wedding. Please keep in mind that there may be other campers in camp unrelated to your event. We will ask that you assist with clean-up of the event by removing decorations and belongings by 11:00 a.m. the next day. All campers are expected to clean their own cabins at the end of their stay.

Event Insurance

Wedding parties are required to have liability insurance for the day of their event. This is relatively inexpensive and easy to get through your regular insurance provider – people can usually add a rider to an existing policy for the event and YMCA Camp Northern Lights, or you could check out more comprehensive coverage from event insurance companies online. This protection usually costs between \$30 and \$100 for one day.

Deposit and Payment Policies

A deposit of 50% for your chosen Wedding Package (and 50% per additional cabin if choosing the Basic Wedding Package) is required to hold your reservation. All reservations are made on a first come first served basis. The deposit is non-refundable.

50% of the remaining package costs are due 6 months before the event start date. All wedding payments are non-refundable. Failure to pay on time will result in the cancellation of the event with no refunds.

The final guest count, proof of insurance, and full payment for housing are due one month before the event.

Thank you for thinking of YMCA Camp Northern Lights for your upcoming wedding day celebration!

