



**OVERNIGHT CAMP**  
Ages 7-17  
[campwarren.org](http://campwarren.org)

**YMCA CAMP**  
**WARREN**  
BEST SUMMER EVER



## OUR MISSION

Our mission is to provide transformational experiences in gendered environments, emphasizing character development, self-reliance and leadership skills.

Overnight summer camp is magic; it has the power turn strangers into new friends. Steeped in rich, long-standing traditions dating back to 1927, Camp Warren empowers young people ages 7-17 to be their best. Through outdoor adventures like canoeing, archery, and the arts, campers gain self-confidence as they build skills in a safe, encouraging environment.

By living together, campers of all backgrounds learn to demonstrate the five core YMCA values of caring, equity, honesty, respect, and responsibility.



## OUR LOCATION

Camp Warren's historic cabins (updated with electricity and plumbing) are nestled among the beautiful red and white pines of Northern Minnesota.

Covering about 660 acres on the shores of the nearly-private Half Moon Lake, Warren is a three-hour drive from the Twin Cities... close to home, but far from the hustle and bustle, giving it the feeling of a real getaway.

Most campers come alone and make friends quickly within their cabin groups, which are organized by age. A typical cabin group includes 10 campers and 2 counselors. Cabins eat together, play games together, and even complete service projects together!

Campers also make connections outside the cabin in their activities throughout the day.





## SCHOLARSHIPS:

Warren welcomes all who wish to participate and raises campership funds to ensure camp fees are not a barrier for anyone. For more information about financial assistance please visit [campwarren.org](http://campwarren.org) or call 612-822-2267.



# SUMMER SESSIONS

**Girls' Camp: first 5 weeks of summer**

- 1G (6 days)
- 2G (13 days)
- 3G (13 days)

**Boys' Camp: last 5 weeks of summer**

- 1B (13 days)
- 2B (13 days)
- 3B (6 days)

Many campers choose "bridge" programs to stay on-site between sessions for a longer camp experience!

Two-week sessions include options for pottery and black & white film photography, as well as Sunday fun and an overnight across the lake in a tent!



## TRY NEW ACTIVITIES

Activities include, but are not limited to:

- Archery
- Arts and Crafts
- Athletics
- Canoeing
- Climbing and Ropes\*
- Drama / Theater
- Fishing
- Gardening
- Kayaking
- Music
- Photography (2-week sessions)\*
- Pottery (2-week sessions)
- Quiet Reflection and Yoga
- Sailing
- Stand Up Paddle Boarding
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Trail Experiences
- Wilderness Exploration

## SKILL PROGRESSION

Skill progression is an exciting part of the Warren experience each year! Campers are encouraged to set goals, and counselors help them reach milestones set for each activity.

Rank systems in activities like sailing and archery allow campers to measure

their progress year after year, and also serve to ensure that challenges are appropriate for each camper's skill level.

One of the best aspects of this program design is the opportunity for campers to teach each other what they know—which is beneficial for everyone!

\*12 and up



# GET OUTSIDE

Nature-based programming benefits the whole self: mind, body, and spirit. At camp, we replace classrooms with fresh air and green spaces... the perfect setting for hands-on learning, open-ended exploration, and space to get moving!

Camp Warren's remote location means that campers get to see wilderness and wildlife up close, gaining a newfound appreciation for the world around them all the while! Half Moon Lake is home to deer, fish, eagles, loons, beavers, and much more! Campers can both explore the wild and tend to the fruits, herbs, veggies, and flowers in the garden!



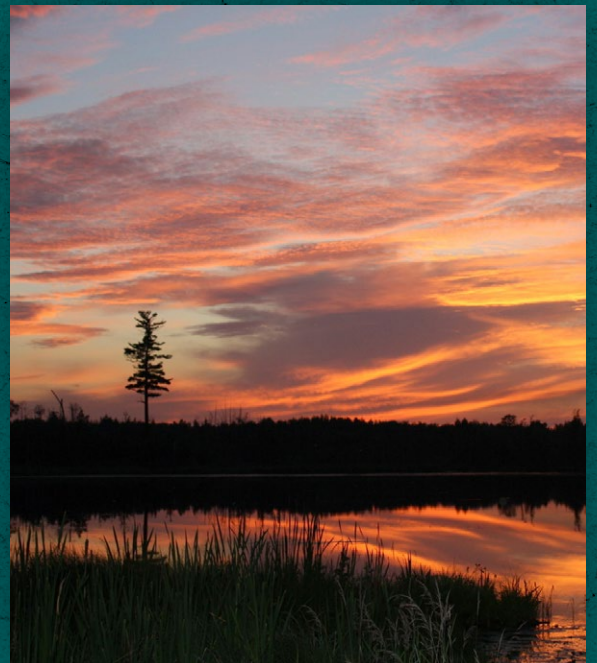
# SELF REFLECT

Self-reflection is a key component of personal growth and development.

It allows our young people to understand themselves, their relationships, and their environment.

Each morning, campers participate in a short communal reflection with others their age. Each evening, cabin groups gather for "devotionals," a quiet time before bed to review the day or set goals for the next.

Camp Warren welcomes campers and staff members of all faiths. During the second Sunday of each two-week session, we bring all of camp together for a non-denominational reflection consisting of inspirational readings, stories, and songs.







# WILDERNESS TRIPS

On a Short Border Canoe Trip for those 12 and up, campers paddle and portage through the crystal-clear waters and majestic pines of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW). Campers learn the basics of wilderness tripping and minimum-impact camping. Before and after the 5 days in the BWCAW, campers enjoy traditional camp activities at Camp Warren!

Short Border is offered during 2-week sessions.

A longstanding tradition at Camp Warren, invitational advanced trips give teen campers new opportunities to explore the wilderness in deeper ways. After trying Short Border, campers 14 and up may be invited to join 10-day trip or even a 14-day trip to the BWCAW. Campers accomplished in sailing may be invited on a 5- or 10-day sailing trip on Lake Superior!





# INDEPENDENCE

For many campers, a week or two away at camp will be the longest time they've ever been away from home. The challenge can be significant for both kids and their families! However, we know from experience that this independence spurs amazing growth.

Overnight camp is all about finding a new community, discovering new passions, and making friends you wouldn't have met otherwise! Campers help design their own personalized schedules, make their own healthy choices at meals, and have free time each day.

Independent does not mean alone! Camp Warren counselors are carefully selected and are all certified in CPR and First Aid. Other certifications are required for our lifeguards and trail guides.

As an ACA certified camp, you can trust Warren with your young one!



# SCREEN-FREE

Camp Warren is a completely digital-free environment. Campers are not allowed cell phones, video games, computers, and other devices. Camp is the perfect time to go screen-free and make connections face to face!

Our campers grow independent in this time away from home, and most enjoy the "retro" experience! Campers address snail-mail letters home, wait to see their photos (even the digital kind), and make endless games of their own.

One of the best parts of camp is searching for answers on your own, with the connections you make along the way. At Camp Warren, we believe these are valuable life skills for young people.



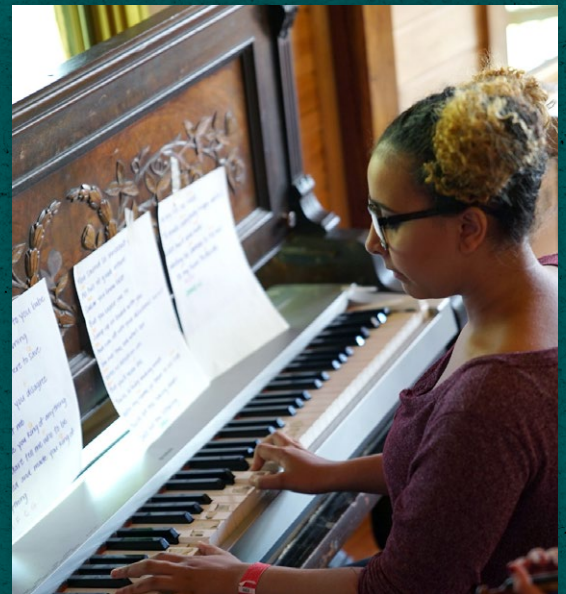
# LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Campers ages 16 and 17 can learn what it takes to be a leader through Camp Warren's awesome Counselor in Training program!

Young people develop skills that prepare them to work as a future camp counselor or youth development worker by partnering closely with counselors to help deliver programming to younger campers.

This 4-week program includes lifeguard and CPR training from the American Red Cross, a short backpacking trip together to practice outdoor skills, and daily seminars on a variety of leadership topics.

- Girls CIT program spans sessions 2G and 3G
- Boys CIT program spans sessions 1B and 2B



## EMPHASIS PROGRAMS

By choosing an emphasis program, campers can dive deeper into an activity such as sailing, theater, or photography.

In an emphasis program, campers spend twice as much time in their designated specialty, allowing more time for skill building, peer-teaching opportunities for campers with shared interests, and more chances to showcase their talents.

Emphasis programs are offered during both one-week and two-week sessions.

Campers in emphasis activities will have opportunities to try other camp activities as well, and will share a cabin with campers outside their specialty, building connections across interests!





# COMMUNITY

While campers are grouped by age in cabin groups, a session at Camp Warren includes a greater community of peers and role models. In each program area, campers of different ages and skill levels are encouraged to work together, mentor each other, and problem-solve together.

At camp, we respect each other and actively participate in our community. This includes pitching in to keep our cabins clean, taking turns setting the table, putting equipment away, and doing a "service project" every other morning. Camp life has a built-in curriculum for responsibility!

# BELONGING

We believe every child should have the option to experience nature-based adventures and camp, regardless of family income. Thanks to Warren's generous community of donors, we are able to offer scholarships to campers who need a little extra help.

Furthermore, we gladly welcome campers and counselors of diverse cultures, ages, genders, languages, experiences, and all walks of life. We cherish diversity and want to make sure all feel at home at Camp Warren. While our summer sessions are gendered, we welcome people with nonbinary and transgender identities, and invite all to participate wherever they feel most comfortable.

Register today to secure your next summer overnight camp experience! [campwarren.org](http://campwarren.org)





Visit our website for details on new camper information nights and dates and times to meet our camp staff.

## HAVE A QUESTION?

Contact us at 612-822-2267

Email us at: [info@campwarren.org](mailto:info@campwarren.org)



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Y Camps respectfully acknowledge that we are on the appropriated homelands of Indigenous peoples. Each camp is working to build sustainable relationships with our Indigenous communities and endeavor to be responsible stewards of the sacred nature of their homelands.

We believe nature-based camp experiences should be available as a strategy for all communities to develop the children, families and overall health and wellbeing they envision. Y Camps are committed to creating anti-racist and anti-oppressive communities, ensuring our camps are a welcoming and affirming place for all campers and families.

To learn more about our commitment to our communities, please visit [ymcanorth.org/camps](http://ymcanorth.org/camps).