

Weddings at YMCA Camp du Nord

Congratulations on your upcoming wedding and thank you for considering Camp du Nord for your special event! Camp du Nord is the perfect location for a rustic, simple ceremony and reception in the beautiful north woods of Minnesota. Our outdoor ceremony sites, Dining Hall, and a wide variety of cabins can accommodate a wedding of up to 180 guests.

Limited dates for weddings are available September through May of each year. Due to our summer camp program, we are unable to hold weddings between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Please contact Emily.Weise@ymcamn.org for date inquiries. Reservations are made on a first-come basis and require an immediate deposit based on the chosen wedding package.

Ceremony Sites

Burntside Stage. Our largest ceremony site features a 15′ 10″ x 8′ stage, can seat up to 180 guests on benches, and overlooks the beach. For guests with accessibility issues, this is the easiest of the ceremony sites for mobility. If needed, guests could be driven near the stage and the ground is relatively flat and sandy.

Peace Point. Located on a scenic point with a wooden cross near Northland Village, Peace Point can seat approximately 50 guests on benches. Peace Point has woodchips on the ground. This site is beautiful for smaller weddings. There is no access to power at this location, so would not be ideal if you require the use of a sound system.

Pavilion. Located in Pine Pointe Village, this covered outdoor ceremony option that can seat up to 80 people comfortably. This is our only outdoor covered option and can also be used as a rain location for groups of less than 100.

Morning Glory. This is an indoor option with large windows that overlook picturesque scenery located in Pine Pointe Village. It is wheelchair accessible and can fit up to 65 people. Parking by this building is limited, so guests would need to park in the Pine Pointe parking lot and walk to the site.

Reception

Receptions at du Nord take place in our beautiful Dining Hall. The Dining Hall can seat up to 180 guests and includes 22 (7'10" x 2'11") tables, chairs, a gas fireplace, a covered porch, and microphones for speeches.

The Dining Hall can also be used as a ceremony site for winter ceremonies or in case of rain. Guests can sit at their tables to watch the ceremony and move right into the meal. We are not able to re-arrange this site between a ceremony and dinner.

All wedding events must end by 10:30 p.m., so that guests will be able to wind down and make their way back to their cabins in time for the camp-wide quiet time of 11:00 p.m.

Wedding Coordination

All weddings are required to hire a professional Day-Of Wedding Coordinator (who is not a part of the wedding party). The primary role of a Day-of Wedding Coordinator is to manage the wedding timeline, run rehearsals, liaise with du Nord staff and any outside vendors, supervise setup/teardown, and serve as a point of contact on the wedding day. A Coordinator must be present for the entire wedding day, through the end of the reception. This role is vital to ensure that the bride and groom have a stress-free wedding day. Camp staff will be available to support the Coordinator but may not serve in the role of coordinator.

Wedding Lodging Packages

Pricing for reservations made before April 2026
Sales tax will be added to the price of all wedding packages

du Nord / Northland Wedding Package

Our most popular option, the du Nord Northland package includes use of an outdoor ceremony site, Dining Hall reception, and use of all cabins & tent sites in du Nord and Northland Village from Friday at 4:00 p.m. through Sunday at 11:00 a.m. These cabins combined can accommodate approximately 140 guests in September and 95 guests October-May.

	September	October – May
Lodging Total	\$17,000	\$12,000
Deposit Due at time of reservation	\$3,000	\$2,000
Payment 1 Due 6 months before the event	\$7,000	\$5,000
Payment 2 Due 1 month before the event	\$7,000	\$5,000

All-Camp Wedding Package

The All-Camp package includes use of an outdoor ceremony site, Dining Hall reception, and use of all cabins & tent sites in camp from Friday at 4:00 p.m. through Sunday at 11:00 a.m. These cabins combined can accommodate approximately 180 guests in September and 160 guests October-May.

	September	October – May
Lodging Total	\$23,000	\$18,000
Deposit Due at time of reservation	\$5,000	\$5,000
Payment 1 Due 6 months before the event	\$9,000	\$6,500
Payment 2 Due 1 month before the event	\$9,000	\$6,500

Catering and Alcohol

Please see our Wedding Menu for meal options through Camp du Nord. We can serve meals either buffet style or family style and offer a variety of appetizer and dessert options as well. Wedding cakes may be brought in from a licensed bakery. Camp du Nord does not offer menu tastings, but we are always dedicated to providing delicious food for the whole family.

You are welcome to hire your own licensed caterer. An outside catering company is prohibited from cooking in our kitchen but would be able to use it as a staging area for serving their prepared meal.

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

Additional meals may be purchased for groups of 25 or more. Options and pricing are listed on our catering menu.

Table settings can include plates, bowls, silverware, glasses, water pitchers, and mugs. Specialty drinking glasses or cups (such as wine glasses, champagne glasses, beer mugs, etc.) must be brought in by the wedding party.

Tables and chairs cannot be removed from the Dining Hall, but some can be re-arranged.

Other Details

Linens

Bedding and towels are NOT provided by Camp du Nord. Guests must bring sleeping bags and/or sheets and blankets, pillows, and towels. We do have very limited bedding available to rent for guests who need to fly in. A linen set is \$25 per person and includes a pillow, pillowcase, fitted sheet, flat sheet, blanket, and towel. 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 at the ceremony and reception sites. Decorations may not cause damage to camp property or facilities – including use of nails and heavy-duty tape. Any candles MUST be in an enclosed hurricane or jar. We do not allow confetti, rice, glitter, fireworks, sparklers, or floating lanterns.

Set-Up and Clean-Up

Please keep in mind that there may be other campers in camp unrelated to your event. The wedding party can usually start decorating the Dining Hall and ceremony sites the day before the wedding, but it may depend on what else is happening in camp. We ask that you assist with clean-up of the event by removing decorations and belongings from the ceremony and reception sites by 11:00 a.m. the next day. All campers are expected to clean their own cabins at the end of their stay.

Additional Services and Amenities

A sound system can be brought to most of the ceremony sites for an additional \$100.

A canoe for drinks can be brought up to the deck of the Dining Hall and filled with ice for \$100.

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

Guests staying at du Nord have access to canoes and kayaks in the fall and spring for no additional charge. In the winter, skis and snowshoes are available for rental for a cost of \$10 per day and can be paid for by the guests at camp. No reservation necessary.

Event Insurance

Wedding parties are required to have liability insurance for 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 du Nord, 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 for your chosen Lodging 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 lodging 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 for meals, proof of insurance, and full payment for both housing and meals are due one month before the event. You will be billed for the number of guests given at this time, even if the actual number is lower. If your numbers increase, payment for the difference is expected at the end of the event.

All deposits and payments are non-refundable.

Wedding Menu Options

Reception Meals

Reception meals are served family or buffet-style in the Dining Hall. With advanced notice, Camp du Nord is happy to provide vegetarian, gluten-free, or other alternatives for guests with dietary restrictions, as requested by the wedding party. Dietary requests and any changes are required no less than one month before the event. There is no charge for children ages 3 and under and highchairs are available upon request.

Reception meals include homemade bread, butter, fresh salad, water and coffee.

Choose One Entrée

Slow Roasted Pork Shoulder . . . \$22 per adult/\$17 per child under 12 Pork Loin . . . \$22 per adult/\$17 per child under 12 Spinach and Mushroom Lasagna . . . \$21 per adult/\$16 per child under 12 Oven Roasted Herbed Chicken . . . \$22 per person/\$17 per child under 12 Du Nord Meatloaf . . . \$23 per adult/\$18 per child under 12 Slow Roasted Beef Pot Roast . . . \$23 per person/\$18 per child under 12 Lemon-Herb Roasted Salmon . . . \$24 per person/\$19 per child under 12

Choose Two Sides

Roasted Brussel Sprouts

Corn – on the Cobb, candy corn or creamed corn

Edamame Succotash with bell peppers and onions

Garlicy Green Beans

Green Beans with Almonds

Roasted Broccoli or Cauliflower

Honey Glazed or Buttered Carrots

Creamy Mashed Potatoes
Roasted Red Potatoes
Sweet Potatoes – roasted or mashed
Wild Rice Pilaf
White Rice
Herbed Orzo Pasta
Garlic Parmesan Pasta

Hors D'oeuvres

Price per person based on each option selected. Perfect for a pre-reception gathering at Crossroads or on the Deck.

Tomato Basil Bruschetta . . . \$5 Meat, Cheese and Crackers. . . \$5 Cheese and Crackers. . . \$4 Fresh Fruit . . . \$4 Veggies and Dip. . . \$3 Veggies, Crackers and Dip . . . \$4 Chips and Salsa . . . \$2 with Guacamole . . . \$3

Desserts

Choose one option for an additional \$3 per person. Served family style at the table.

Blueberry Pie
Apple Crisp
Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting
Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Butter Cream Frosting

Casual Dinners

Perfect for a groom's dinner, casual rehearsal dinner, or just a way to feed guests the day before the wedding. Casual Dinners can be delivered to the Northland Picnic area or Pine Pointe Pavilion for an extra \$2 per person.

Casual Dinners include water, fruit and fresh baked cookies.

BBQ Dinner \$19 per adult/\$14 per child under 12

Hamburgers and hotdogs with condiments, baked beans, coleslaw and chips (vegetarian option: black bean burgers).

Taco Bar \$19 per adult/\$15 per child under 12

Hard and soft taco shells with choice of 2 fillings (ground beef, pork carnitas, chicken carnitas or chicken fajita), black beans, cilantro-lime slaw, chips, salsa and taco toppings.

Lunch Options

Lunch Options include water and fresh baked cookies. Lunch is not available on wedding days.

Sandwich Bar \$13 per adult/\$10 per child under 12

Bread, meats, cheeses and sandwich toppings, with chips. Sandwich bar can be available in the morning for a take-away bag lunch experience, or as a lunch option. Pre-bagged lunches are also available for ease.

Hot Chicken Subs \$13 per adult/\$10 per child under 12

Sliced chicken with Balsamic Fig glaze, provolone, roasted garlic mayo and lettuce, served on a warm sub roll. Accompanied with salad bar and fruit. Served buffet-style.

Soup and Sandwiches \$13 per adult/\$10 per child under 12

Hot ham or turkey and cheese sandwiches, served with soup, salad bar and fruit. Served buffet-style.

Breakfast and Brunch Options

Morning options for the day of or after the wedding.

Breakfast and Brunch Options include fresh fruit, homemade granola, yogurt, coffee, water, and orange juice.

Du Nord Brunch \$15 per adult/\$12 per child under 12

A variety of meat and veggie quiches, muffins, bread, bagels, cream cheese, jams and oatmeal.

Pancake Breakfast \$11 per adult/\$9 per child under 12

Blueberry pancakes, sausage links, real maple syrup, berry compote and scrambled eggs.

Scrambled Eggs \$11 per adult/\$9 per child under 12

Scrambled eggs, home fries, sausage links, and buttermilk biscuits with country gravy.

Continental Breakfast \$8 per adult/\$5 per child under 12

Muffins, cinnamon bread, bagels, cream cheese, jams and hard-boiled eggs.

Steps to Planning Camp du Nord Wedding

1. Select Dates, Wedding Package, and Food Service Needs

Work with Program Director to determine event dates, cabin selections, and food service estimates. Program Director will create a Service Agreement with pricing schedule.

2. Create a Y of the North Account and/or enter credit card information

If you don't already have an account, visit <u>dunord.org</u>, click "Account" in the upper right corner, and follow the instructions to set one up.

If you already have a Y account add the appropriate credit card as a payment method to your account Dunord.org > Click Account (upper right) and sign in > Your Account > Stored Payment Methods (link in the Billing and Payments bar heading) > New Stored Account > enter your card information and nickname it du Nord Wedding (or something similar) > follow instructions to enter required info > Process Transaction (this will not charge you anything,) > Finish.

3. Receive Group Service Agreement

The Camp Program Director will send the Service Agreement to the Wedding Party.

4. Review and Return Agreement

The Wedding Party should review, sign, and return the Service Agreement to the Program Director.

5. Pricing Entry by Camp Staff

YMCA staff will enter pricing and package details into your Y account, charge your designated credit card the deposit, and set up automatic payments on the remaining payment due dates.

6. 6 Months Prior to Event

A 50% lodging payment charged to your credit card.

Send the following information to the Program Director:

- Reception/meal service choices
- Certificate of Insurance
- Contact information for your Day-Of Wedding Coordinator

7. 2 Months Prior to Event

Get those last RSVPs, so you can send the following information to the Program Director:

- Food numbers and dietary needs
- Any additional needs (sound system, canoe with ice, etc.) to be added to your final payment

8. 1 Month Prior to Event

- Remaining Lodging fees charged to your credit card.
- Finalize food details, numbers and dietary needs choose family style or buffet style and how many tables you plan to use for dining.
- Full food service payment and any additional fees will be charged to your credit card.
- Submit a cabin assignment list to the Camp Program Director.
- Distribute the Camper Welcome Packet and Liability Waiver to all guests staying at camp.

9. At Check-In

- Camp Staff will schedule a brief meeting with Wedding Party and Wedding Coordinator to make sure we are all on the same page for the weekend
- Wedding Party collects and turns in all signed liability waivers to Camp du Nord staff at the meeting.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions along the way!

We look forward to hosting your event at Camp du Nord!