



# Blue Bronna Wilderness Camp

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## Frequently Asked Questions

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### **BBWC is a Christian camp; what is your purpose?**

We are a non denominational bible camp. Our purpose is to introduce adults and young people to the good news of Jesus Christ through wilderness camping. We provide opportunity to develop Christian character and growth in faith through outdoor adventures, relationships, and time spent in God's Word and His creation. We also look to prepare future leaders, develop confidence, and challenge individuals to become stronger mentally, physically, and spiritually.

### **We don't attend church; will my child feel out of place? Will my child feel pressured to believe in your faith?**

Many of our campers do not attend church, a fact which we take into consideration when we plan our programs and camps. No camper will forced or coerced into making any decision at camp. We do our best to include each camper and strive for an inclusive, loving environment in which each person feels accepted and appreciated.

### **What kind of training do your staff receive?**

Most of our staff have been to BBWC before; many as campers in years previous, and many more as returning staff. For most of our staff, much training has come through years of being at camp and coming to understand the skills, goals, and requirements of staff members.

Before camp ever begins our senior staff/counsellors go through our staff training weeks. They are taught skills, expectations, first aid, and decision making. Each senior staff member is trained in basic first aid and most also hold their wilderness first aid certification. Each staff member has a current Criminal Record Check on file and has gone through our child abuse protection policy.

### **Medications & Medical Conditions**

When registering yourself or your child please be sure to include all relevant medical information that we will need to be aware of. If you or your child needs extra attention (i.e. is on medication while at camp, has some sort of physical condition that may interfere with camp activities, etc.) please contact our office and talk to the registrar well in advance. Please separately pack and label medications with your child's full name. Please give them to the designated medical personnel at registration.

### **What is your camper to staff ratio?**

There is usually a maximum of 8 campers in our tents with approximately 2 leaders per tent. Our usual ratio is 1:4 leaders per camper.

**Food allergies/special diets.**

We try our best to accommodate food allergies and special diets. If you or your child requires this we do ask that you give us at least two weeks notice and ideally put this on your registration right away. We do not want our cooks to not have enough time to prepare. This will ensure that you or your child has the best experience in regards to meals while at camp. Please contact our registrar to discuss specific needs.

**Can my child stay with friends?**

Yes they can. Just remember to put their names in the right spaces on your registration form. If this is not done at registration we cannot guarantee that they will be placed together.

**What kind of activities are at camp?**

Our activities include horseback riding, hiking, rock climbing, archery, canoeing, wide games, and more. Depending on the site, weather, and camp sometimes not all activities are available. Contact us to find out if the activity your are set on will be included in your camps you wish to attend.

**Do we need riding boots?**

We ask that if you or your child owns a pair of boots with a flat sole and heel that you bring them. We do have extra riding boots on site for use but it is always ideal if you can wear your own. But we don't want everyone to feel like they need to go out and buy boots specifically to come to camp.

**Can I bring an iPod, cell phone, or other electronics?**

No, you should leave these at home.

**Is there internet access?**

No. There is no internet access for campers on site.

**Do you provide subsidies and/or sponsorships for campers who can't afford to come?**

We do not want camp fees to keep someone from attending our camps. We only have a certain number of sponsorships available each summer. If you are in need of financial assistance to come to camp or send your child please email our office. [office@bluebronna.org](mailto:office@bluebronna.org)

**If I register and then cancel can I get a refund? How much do I get back?**

Base Camps:

A non-refundable deposit, 50% of the registration fee, will be kept in the event of a cancellation 4+ weeks before a camp. 4- weeks before the first day of a camp no refund will be given in the event of a cancellation.

Pack Trips:

A non-refundable deposit, 50% of the registration fee, will be kept in the event of a cancellation 4+ weeks before a pack trip. 4- weeks before the first day of the trip no refund will be given in the event of a cancellation unless the reservation is filled by another camper.

**When is arrival and departure time?**

You will receive a confirmation email with all these details as soon as you register. The times are also available when you hover over a camp with your mouse before you register in our registration process.

**Do you take children with special needs or disabilities?**

Please contact our registrar to discuss special needs and to see if we are able to provide a safe and fun experience for your child. Each situation is different and we prefer to discuss these on a case by case basis.

### **Can I volunteer when my child is at camp?**

We very much appreciate having volunteers! Please note that having a parent at camp while the child is can be distracting and may hinder the child from integrating totally into the group. Please contact the registrar to see if this would be something that would be a benefit or hindrance to your child.

### **Are pets allowed?**

Sorry, pets are not allowed.

### **Is there still room for me?**

Contact us to find out. Our phone number is 403-803-4776

### **What does a typical day look like?**

At BBWC we love to find new adventures and not be strictly tied to schedule, but in general each camp follows a similar program.

### **Family Camp**

Feeding horses, breakfast, short campfire, family devotion time, activities, lunch, activities, feeding horses, supper, wide games, campfire time.

### **Kids Camp**

Feeding horses, breakfast, short campfire, tent devotion time, activities, lunch, activities, feeding horses, supper, wide games, campfire time, wide games.

### **Pack Trip**

Bringing horses in or letting them out to feed, breakfast, devotion time, saddle up, on the trail, lunch, on the trail, unsaddling, letting horses out to feed, supper, games, bringing horses in, campfire.

### **What are accommodations like?**

Our accommodations are outfitter wall tents. Some but not all have wood floors. Each tent is equipped with cozy cot style bunks and a wood stove to keep you warm and comfortable. On pack trips you will sleep in pup tents, under a tarp, or the stars. This depends on weather, packing, and your trip leader. During winter camps and some specific summer camps we have cabins available for accommodation.



### **Is your camp nut free?**

We are not a nut free camp. If you or your child is mildly allergic we may be able to accommodate this dietary need but we cannot guarantee a nut free environment.

### **What is included in the camp fee? What is not included?**

Included in family camps, pack trips, and kids camp is accommodations, activities, and food. It

does not include camp merchandise. In the case of our quad and fishing camps, the fees do not include licensing fees, tackle, or gas.

### **What should I bring to camp?**

Based on a five day camp.

- Bible
- Rain gear & gloves
- Water bottle
- Flashlight or headlamp
- Boots with a heel
- Sturdy runners or hikers
- Jeans or sturdy pants (2)
- Warm long-sleeved shirts (2)
- T-shirts (4)
- Hooded sweatshirt
- Waterproof soft shell jacket
- Warm hat
- Swim wear
- Socks (6) (wool blend)
- Personal hygiene (towel, soap, etc.)
- Warm sleeping bag (or 2 thinner ones)
- Self inflating sleeping pad or thin foam
- Camera (not cell phones, Ipods, etc.)

### **What not to bring.**

Please do not bring things like phones, iPods, or expensive/cherished items that may be lost or broken (i.e. journals, jewelry, etc.). We would like our campers not to be worried about items being in danger of damage while at camp.