



YMCA FAMILY CAMP

# NAWAKWA

## Summer Camp Information

### **Welcome to the Outdoors!**

YMCA Family Camp Nawakwa is 180 acres of pristine forest lands, wetlands, and lakes with abundant wildlife. The camp is nestled in Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin, which is home to the band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians. Situated on Big Crooked and Little Sugar-bush lakes. Nawakwa is surrounded by birch and pine forests and offers all the beauty and peacefulness that living in a city denies.

Carefully review the summer camp information guide with your family and guests of your family. This information will help you prepare for an enjoyable stay at Camp Nawakwa. Please call the office at 715.588.7422 if you have additional questions.

### **Our Mission**

Camp Nawakwa, an affiliate of the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago, improves the quality of life for youth and families through programs that provide support and enrichment, teach life skill, and promote wellness of spirit, mind, and body.

### **Location**

Located in Lac du Flambeau, WI, Family Camp Nawakwa is just a car ride away— approximately 6 1/2 hours from Chicago, 4 1/2 hours from Milwaukee, 4 hours from Madison, 3 hours from Green Bay, and 4 hours from Minnesota's Twin Cities.



## **Nawakwa Professional Staff**

Executive Director:	Kirby Petersen
Program Director:	Matt White
Maintenance Director:	Barry Gross
Office Manager:	Jane Van Order
Administrative Assistant:	Stephanie McClellan
House Keeping	Susan Nachand



## Nawakwa Arrival

**Campers can arrive anytime after 4:00 PM** and go directly to their cabin. Please check in at the Welcome Center from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Saturday evening. Please pick up your program schedule at that time. After 9:00 PM, the Welcome center will be closed. Your cabin will be open and you can pick up your key and program packet on Sunday morning.

**After Hours Arrival:** The office will open at 9:00 AM on Sunday morning. If you need assistance before office hours, please review your program packet for location of the staff.

**Ice Cream Social:** The first scheduled activity is the ice cream social at 9:00 PM Saturday evening. Hosted at the South Camp Lodge, camp provides the ice cream and toppings; you provide the bowls and spoons right from your cabin.

**Sunday Chapel:** Sunday morning chapel begins at 10:30 AM. Your chapel hosts will be your very own Nawakwa staff.

**Required Equipment Training:** The only required program attendance is equipment demonstrations on Sunday afternoon. Kayaking and canoeing instruction will be given. This attendance is necessary to remind campers of the safety measures on the lake.

**Opening Campfire:** This is one of Nawakwa's oldest traditions where all families are invited to attend an evening of songs, skits, sharing, and good old campfire fun. The opening campfire begins at 7:30 PM Sunday.

## Camp Policies

### **Children**

Parents are responsible for the supervision of their children while at camp. Programs are designed for family participation. It is also imperative that parents supervise their children while swimming as no lifeguards are present.

### **Firearms & Air Guns**

Firearms, Fireworks, BB guns, Sling Shots, Bow and Arrows are **NOT ALLOWED** at Camp Nawakwa.

### **Cabins**

All cabins have beds and mattresses, running water, electricity, cooking utensils, and outdoor charcoal grills. You will need to bring your own bedding or sleeping bag, towels, toilet paper, and soap. Charcoal is available for sale in the Welcome Center.

### **Pets**

Pets are allowed at Nawakwa. Pet rules include: NO pets within 100 feet of the beaches; Pets shall not abuse furniture, facilities or grounds; No excessive barking; Owners are required to maintain proper sanitation inside and outside the cabin; **Pets must be leashed when in camp.** Owners are responsible for damages their pets cause. A \$75.00 pet fee is required for all pets. Pets should not be left unattended when campers go to town.

### **Camp fires**

Build fires only in campfire rings provided. Each cabin has an outdoor charcoal grill. Charcoal will be available for sale in the Welcome Center. **Firewood will be sold at the camp store during office hours.** Extinguish all fires completely after each use.

### **Alcoholic Beverages**

The use of alcoholic beverages shall be limited to the family cabin. Alcohol is not allowed on the beach, at programs, in the lodges or other public areas of camp. Public display of either full or empty alcohol bottles, cans, or cases is prohibited.

### **Quiet Hours**

Nawakwa quiet hours start at 11:00 PM each night.

## Tent Site Policies

- A maximum of 4 people per tent site is allowed unless approved by the camp administration.
- Keep all food in your vehicles or hanging from a tree. The black bear seek out the food if not properly secure. **DO NOT STORE ANY FOOD ITEMS IN YOUR TENT.**
- Please dispose of all garbage at the central garbage location between North and South Camp.
- Please use the North Camp bathroom for all showers and toilet needs. Please do not dispose of any bodily waste on or near any tent site locations.
- There is water supply available at the pump in the parking lot near the tent sites.
- Do not dump any food items near your site. This will attract the wildlife and you may find yourself sharing a tent with an unwanted critter.
- Tents only are allowed at the campsites. A pop up camper is allowed but **NO RV's**. **A tent for definition purposes must be a portable shelter either nylon or canvas that is stretched over a supporting framework of poles with ropes and pegs.**
- *Please use minimum impact camping guidelines. I.e.: Upon departure, your campsite should look like you have never been there.*

## Nawakwa Waterfront Guidelines

- Swimming is to be within designated swimming areas at North and South Camp beaches.
- Children 12 and under must be accompanied by a parent when on the waterfront.
- **Nawakwa's waterfronts are UNGUARDED and swimming is at your own risk.**
- No alcohol allowed on the waterfront.
- No boats or canoes allowed inside the swimming areas.
- No fishing in swimming areas.
- Pets are not allowed on the designated beaches or in the swimming areas.
- Running, pushing or horseplay is not allowed on the piers.



## Boat, Canoe, Kayak, & Funyak Policies

- All persons are encouraged to wear a life preserver when in a boat, canoe, kayak, or funyak.
- By Wisconsin law there must be a life preserver in the boat, canoe, kayak, or funyak readily available for every individual.
- Motor and ski boats must maintain a minimum distance of 200 feet from swimming areas, shores, docks, canoes, sailboats, and non-motorized boats.
- When operated at night, boats must have proper running lights. This is the responsibility of the occupants. Boats must not exceed trolling speed.
- Motorboats operators should acquaint themselves with all dangerous rocks and reefs.
- Inexperienced operators are urged to take a boating safety course. Boat operator are expected to acquaint themselves with the WI boating regulations.



## **Water-skiing & PWC Policies**

In order to provide a safe environment for all water activities, Nawakwa campers will be expected to adhere to the water safety policy that will be included in the welcome packet.

Although water skiing and PWC (personal water craft) activities are allowed at Camp Nawakwa, the Nawakwa staff encourages these water sport participants to be respectful of other camp guests who come to camp to appreciate the serenity of the north woods.

Campers, who vacation for peace and quiet, should understand there will be times when there will be motor craft recreation activity on the lake.

## **Communication**

**WELCOME CENTER:** The Camp Nawakwa Welcome Center is at the entrance to camp with office hours posted. Camp Nawakwa mementos; post cards, sweatshirts, T-shirts, coffee, milk, bread, eggs, soda, fishing licenses and many clothing items are available at the Welcome Center. Wi-fi access is also available at no charge to our guests. Guests must provide their own computers.

**MAIL:** Mail can be addressed to: 13400 Camp Nawakwa Lane, Lac Du Flambeau, WI 54538. We carry both letter and postcard stamps in the camp store.

**PHONE:** There are two phones in camp, one in the Welcome Center and one in South Camp Lodge. You must use a calling card to make long distance calls. The camp office has a phone and camp sells calling cards. If someone needs to reach you, they can call camp at (715)-588-7422. Messages left after hours will be delivered to campers mailboxes in the Welcome Center. Wireless cell phone service is spotty.

**INTERNET ACCESS:** We offer wireless internet access at the Welcome Center. Your laptop must have wireless capabilities.

**FOOD ITEMS:** We sell milk, bread, eggs, coffee, soda, chips, candy etc in the Welcome Center. Campers bring their own food for most of their cooking.

**PARKING:** There are designated parking areas in North and South camp. Driveways around and between cabins need to be kept clear for emergency access.

**FISHING LICENSES:** A valid Wisconsin fishing license is required to fish at Nawakwa. Fishing licenses can be purchase in the Welcome Center at Camp.

**ENJOY NATURE:** Please respect our trees by not peeling bark, carving, breaking branches, driving nails or hacking with an ax. Digging for any purpose, other than cleaning fire pits, is prohibited. Enjoy loons and other wildlife at a distance.



## **What To Bring**

### **FOOD**

You will need to purchase groceries in either Lac Du Flambeau, Minocqua, or Woodruff. The cabins have a four burner gas stovetop, oven and a refrigerator. Camp provides an outdoor grill for outdoor cooking. Milk, bread, eggs, soda, candy, chips, etc are a few of the food items sold in the camp store.

### **TOWELS, BEDDING**

You will need to bring bath, dish, and beach towels; bedding or sleeping bag and pillows for your family.

### **CLOTHING & LAUNDRY**

The weather in northern Wisconsin is variable at any time of the year. Bring, walking shoes or hiking boots, swim-suits, warm clothes for cool nights as well as clothes for warm days, and rain gear. Coin operated washers and dryers are located in North Camp.

### **BUGS**

We are located in the north Wisconsin woods where there are plenty of bugs. Please bring insect repellent. We recommend Coppertone Bug & Sun Lotion for kids. We do provide some of these items at the camp store.

### **OTHER**

Hat, first aid kit, flashlight, suntan lotion, toiletries, & dish towels.

## **Popular Summer Programs**

### **Boat-in-Breakfast**

Always a favorite; the staff prepares breakfast at a scenic picnic area across the Big Crooked lake. Enjoy a hearty meal of bacon or sausage, eggs, hash browns, pancakes, coffee, milk, and juice. Families bring their own plates, cups, napkins, silverware and appetites. There is a charge for this program.

### **Water Carnival**

Families meet at North Camp Beach for an afternoon of family fun. Enjoy getting together with the other families for games, races, and balloon toss.

### **Potluck**

Families gather in South Camp Lodge on Monday evening to create an old fashion picnic. Each family is encouraged to bring a main dish and dessert or fruit to share.

### **Canoeing/ Kayaking**

Families are welcome throughout the week to enjoy canoeing and kayaking on our beautiful waters. We have plenty of canoes and kayaks in both north and south camp.

### **Family Cookout**

Meet at North Camp Beach on Sunday afternoon and get to know the other Nawakwa families. Each family is encouraged to bring their own meat, beverages, plates, and a dish to pass.

### **Motor & Pontoon Boat Rental**

Nawakwa has outboard motors and a pontoon boat for rent. We have a limited supply of motors and only one pontoon boat so make a reservation for the rental prior to your arrival. Of course you can always check availability during your stay.



## **Small List of Out of Camp Activities**

### **Shopping**

A variety of shops and galleries are found throughout the area with everything from antiques, fine clothes, wildlife art, crafts, and handmade furniture.

### **Horseback Riding**

There are several stables providing trail rides in our area.

### **Lumberjack Show**

In the town of Woodruff, experience the excitement as the local's contest for best lumberjack. This is a weekly showing.

### **Minocqua Bats**

No they're not real bats! It's Minocqua's own water-ski show held Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday nights at 7PM.

### **Northwoods Wildlife Center**

Tours are available for this wildlife rehabilitation center and hospital. The center is located on Hwy 70 west, Minocqua.

### **Waswagoning Native American Village**

Just down the road from Camp Nawakwa is a beautiful reconstruction of a Native American Village. Many Nawakwa campers take time during their stay to visit this village and learn more about the traditions of the Ojibwe tribe.

## **Other Vacation Days**

### **Memorial & Labor Day Vacations**

All cabins are available for a three day weekend each Memorial Day and Labor Day weekend. Longer stays are welcome. This is a great time to begin or end your summer vacation. Please check our availability chart at [www.nawakwa.com](http://www.nawakwa.com) for the latest availability and prices.

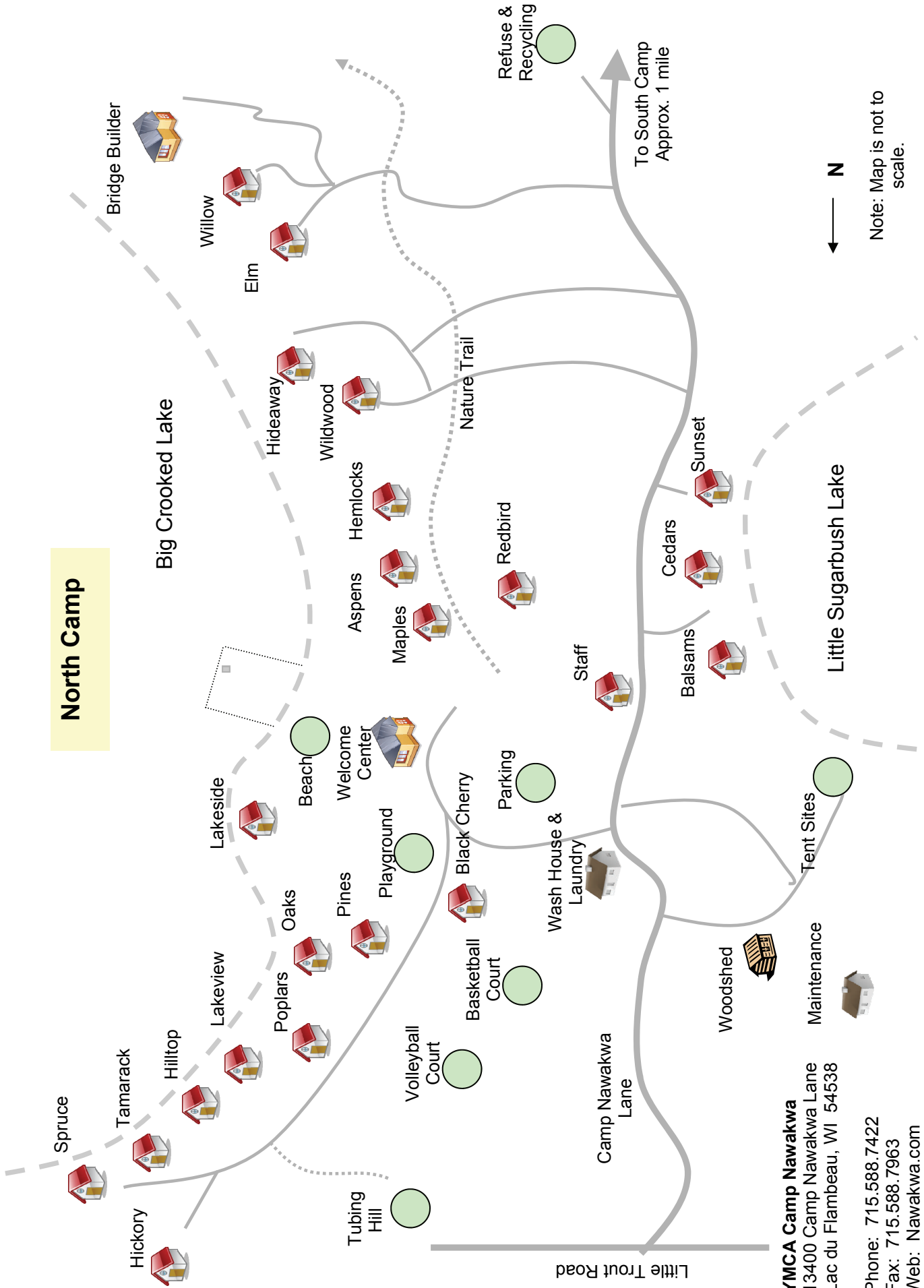
### **Volunteer Work Weekends**

Volunteer work weekends at camp are arranged for opening and closing the seasonal cabins for the year. This is a great time for you to volunteer your work skills in exchange for free lodging and four meals provided by the camp. Carpentry, electrical, staining, cabin cleaning, general cleanup, wood cutting, boat & canoe storage, and pier installation and removal are all responsibilities of the weekend. Here is your opportunity to get away to the north woods and help open and close camp each season. These weekends are host to approximately 70 volunteers. Join us and have a great time.

### **Fall, Winter, Spring Vacations**

Camp Nawakwa is open year round. Our six cabins, Elm, Tamarack, Pines, Willow, Hickory & Spruce rent for a nightly rate and each cabin can sleep up to 6 people. Our 24 person family and retreat center called the Bridge Builder is perfect for the family reunion, church outing, or other special interest group.

# North Camp



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# South Camp

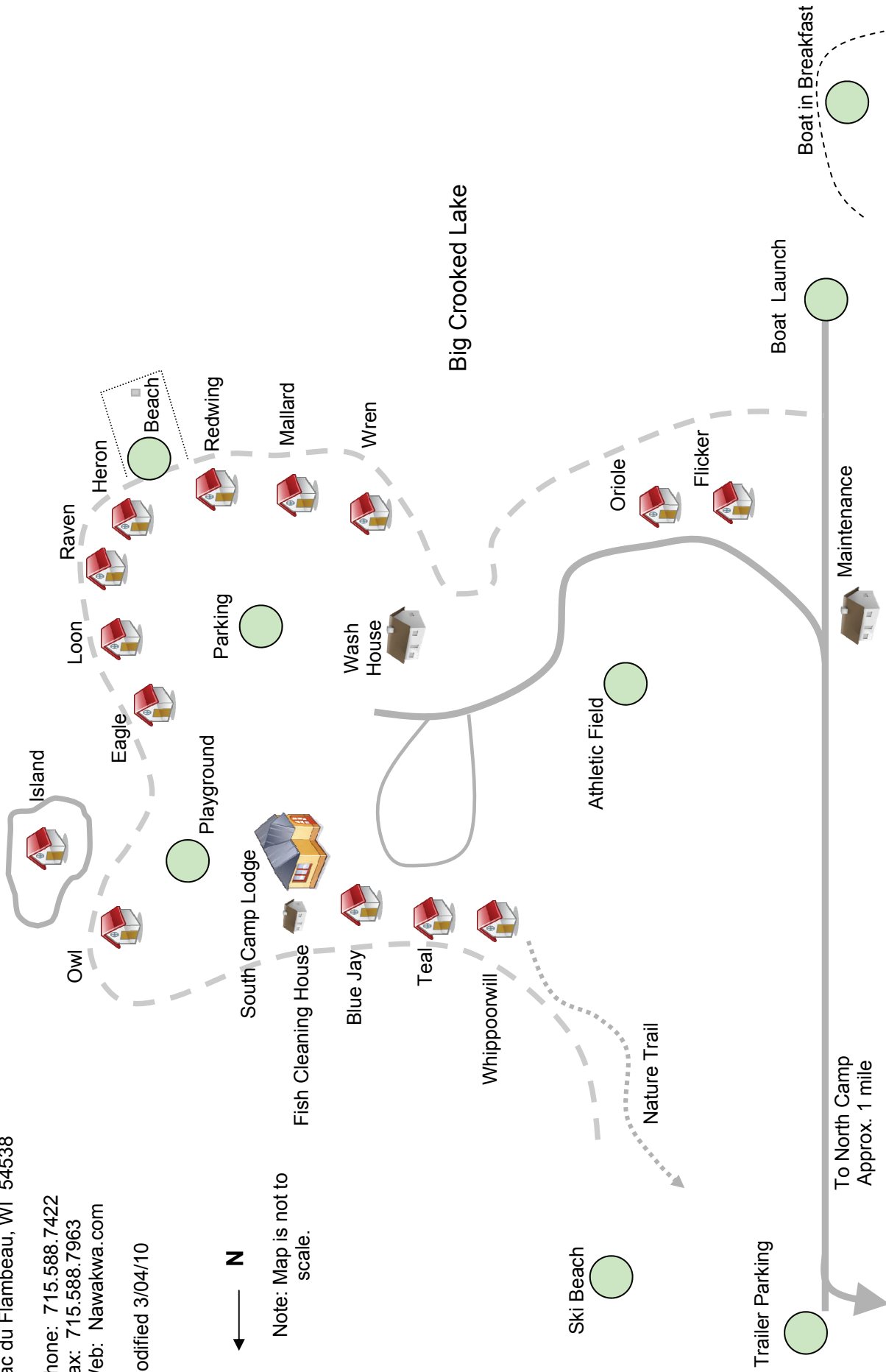
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Note: Map is not to scale.



## Directions to YMCA Camp Nawakwa

### From the South

Take I-90 North to WI Rt. 78 (bypass Portage) to U.S. 51.

Take 51 to Woodruff Rt. 47.

Left on Rt. 47.

Approximately 10 miles to County H; Right on County H.

Follow 1 mile to County D.

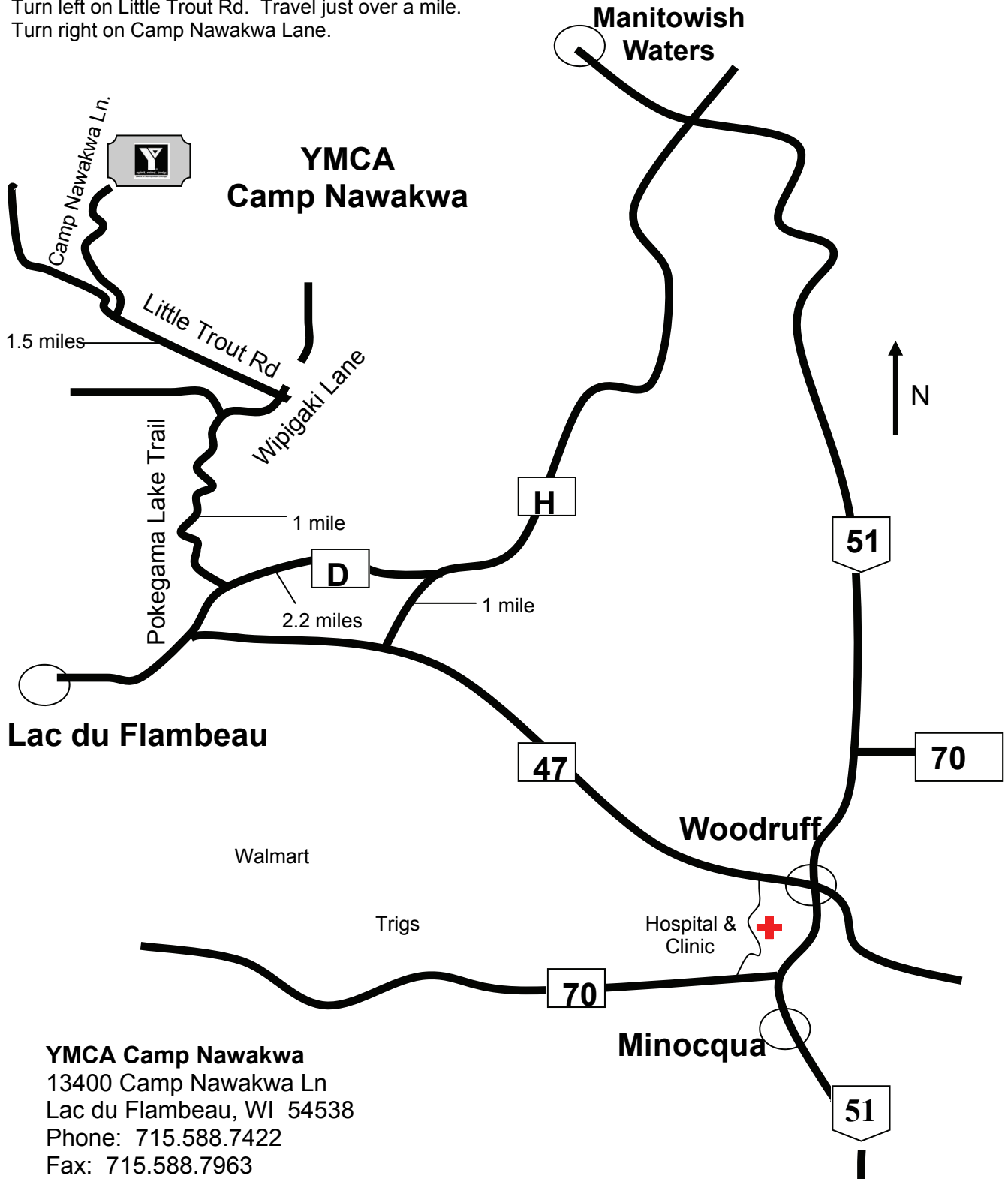
Turn left on D and follow to Pokegama Lake Trail.

Turn right on Pokegama Lake Trail. Pokegama turns into Wipigaki Lane.

Veer right and follow briefly to Little Trout Rd.

Turn left on Little Trout Rd. Travel just over a mile.

Turn right on Camp Nawakwa Lane.



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## **Contributions**

*Family Camp Nawakwa depends on various contributions to help continue its mission. If any of the giving opportunities are of interest to you or your family, please contact Kirby Petersen– Executive Director (715) 588-7422.*

### **Faith in Families Annual Campaign**

Each year Camp Nawakwa volunteers raise funds and contribute dollars to help underwrite the cost of camp for other less fortunate families, and to help improve and upgrade the cabins and camp equipment.

### **New Cabin Construction:**

You or your family can help secure camps future by making a significant capital gift to the Nawakwa building fund. Naming opportunities and reservation priorities are available.

### **Endowment Gifts and Heritage Club Members**

Many families have named Camp Nawakwa as a benefactor of their will or estate. Endowment funds of friends or relatives have been established with the passing of a loved one.

**Thank you to all of our Volunteers and Donors who have helped to secure Nawakwa's future by giving your time and generous donations. We can't do it without you. Your unconditional gifts to camp have helped to continue our work with families!!**



**Facilities**  
Family Camp Lodging

## North Camp

If your family is active and social, then North Camp is the place to be. The larger swimming area and Welcome Center complete with free wi-fi are preferred gathering places. North Camp has 22 cabins, eight of which are for use during the fall, winter, and spring. [View rates and availability](#)

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### **Bridge Builder Family Reunion and Retreat Center**

The Bridge Builder sleeps up to 24 and has five bedrooms and five bathrooms. The building includes a great room with fireplace, a kitchen with dishwashers that feeds up to 50, laundry facilities, screened porch and deck. It is handicap accessible with air condition and heat. [View photos and more information](#)



### **Elm, Tamarack**

Elm and Tamarack sleep six and include two bedrooms (two bunk beds in one bedroom, two twin beds in master), shower/tub combo, kitchen, deck and screen porch.



**Pines, Willow**

Pines sleeps six in two bedrooms (queen bed in one bedroom, two bunk beds in one bedroom) and is handicapped accessible with ramps. It also includes air-conditioning, bathroom, kitchen, and screened porch.

Willow sleeps six in two bedrooms (two twin beds in master bedroom, two bunk beds in other bedroom) and includes a bathroom, kitchen, screen porch.



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**Hickory, Spruce**

Hickory and Spruce sleep 6 in two bedrooms (queen bed in one bedroom, two bunk beds in one bedroom) and include a kitchen, fireplace, bathroom, and screened porch.



**Lakeside, Wildwood, Hideaway, Redbird**

Wildwood sleeps 6 in two bedrooms (two bunk beds in one bedroom, two twin beds in master) and include a bathroom, kitchen, and screened porch.

Lakeside, Hideaway, and Redbird sleep six in two bedrooms (Lakeside - 2 twin beds in master and double twin bunk in other bedroom, plus a futon in living room; Hideaway – two double twin bunk beds in both bedrooms, plus a futon in living room; Redbird - 2 twin beds in master and double twin bunk in other bedroom, plus a futon in living room) and screened porch in all three cabins.



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**Hilltop, Lakeview, Balsams, Cedars, Hemlocks**

Hilltop and Lakeview sleep four (pop-up trundle bed (2 twin beds) in living area, one bunk bed in bedroom) and include a bathroom, screened porch, and fantastic lake view.

Balsams, Cedars, and Hemlocks sleep four (Balsams and Cedars - pop-up trundle bed (2 twin beds) in living area, one bunk bed in bedroom) and include a screened porch, bathrooms nearby, and a gorgeous lake view on a private lake. Hemlocks – two bunk beds in one bedroom, kitchen and screened porch)



### **Black Cherry**

Black Cherry sleeps five (double/twin bunk in bedroom, double futon in living room) and includes a bathroom, kitchen, and screened porch.



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### **Aspens, Maples, Oaks**

Aspens and Maples sleep 6 (double size futon in living area, two bunk beds in bedroom) and includes a screened porch, kitchen, and bathrooms nearby. Oaks sleeps six and has two bedrooms (one set of bunk beds in each bedroom, one double futon in living area) and includes a screened porch, bathrooms nearby, and gorgeous lake view.



### **Poplars**

Poplars sleeps six-seven in two bedrooms (two bunk beds in one bedroom, double/twin bunk in other bedroom) and includes a screened porch, full bathroom, kitchen, and beautiful lake view.



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### **Sunset**

Sunset sleeps six in two bedrooms (one bedroom has two sets of bunk beds, other bedroom has a double/twin bunk) and includes a full bath, kitchen, screened porch, and gorgeous lake view on a private lake.

**Cabin under construction. Photos coming soon.**

### **Tent Sites:**

Tent sites are located in North Camp. Each site sleeps up to 4 people. Water supply and bathrooms are nearby.

You must bring your own camping gear including dishes and coolers. There is no refrigeration provided. Tents or pop-up campers are allowed. No RV's.

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## **South Camp**

South Camp has 14 cabins and is considered the quiet end of camp. The cabins on the ridge have a beautiful view of the lake and the wind will flow through the screen porch and warm your soul. The beach and swimming area are quiet and peaceful. The view of the sunrise and sunsets are a great way to begin and end your day. [View rates and availability](#)

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**Flicker, Oriole, Wren**

Flicker, Oriole, and Wren sleeps six in two bedrooms (one bedroom has two bunk beds, the other has two twin beds) and includes a bathroom, kitchen, screened porch, and beautiful lake view.



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**Teal & Whippoorwill, Blue Jay, Heron, Redwing, Mallard**

Teal and Whippoorwill sleeps four (one bunk bed in bedroom, one pop-up trundle bed (2 twin beds) in living area) and includes bathroom, kitchen, screened porch, and beautiful lake view.

Blue Jay, Heron, Redwing and Mallard sleep four (one bunk bed in bedroom, one pop-up trundle bed (2 twin beds) in living area) and includes bathroom, kitchen, screened porch, and beautiful lake view..



### **Raven, Loon, Eagle**

Raven, Loon, and Eagle sleep five to six in two bedrooms (double twin bunk in each bedroom) and include a half bath, showers nearby, kitchen, screened porch, and lake view.



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### **Owl**

Owl sleeps six-seven in two bedrooms (two bunk beds in one bedroom, double/twin bunk in the other bedroom) and includes a full bathroom, kitchen screened porch, and 180 degree beautiful lake view.



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### **Island**

Walk over the bridge to the Island cabin where it sleeps nine in three bedrooms (two sets of twin bunk beds in one of the bedrooms, one double twin bunk bed in one of the bedrooms, one bedroom with 2 twin beds in master bedroom) and includes a kitchen, screened porch, half bath and showers nearby. This cabin is on an island with a 360° lake view!



## **Shower and Bath Facilities**

North and South Camp have very modern bath/shower facilities that were renovated in 2009 and 2010. They have ceramic tile floors, individual showers, high rise toilets, and hot and cold running water. Campers who rent a cabin without a bathroom will find the central wash houses both attractive and clean. We encourage guests who want a more economical vacation to consider renting cabins that utilize the central wash house.

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*\*Cabin photos are representative of each cabin type.*

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