



2026

CAMP BROCHURE



Camp Mary White



About Camp Mary White

Camp Mary White, established in 1927. The camp is situated on 200 acres near Mayhill, New Mexico in the Lincoln National Forest. It has been home to generations of girls, who learned stewardship of nature and community at the camp. This private rustic residential camp for girls entering 4th-12th grade in the fall of 2025 offers a mountain outdoor experience with archery, horseback riding, leadership skills, arts & crafts, hiking and much more. Our campers will experience the "Magic of Camp Mary White" a magic that will enrich them with a sense of accomplishment and independence. It will also offer a treasure trove of wonderful memories that they will carry for a lifetime.

Camp Mary White Open House

Saturday, April 25th - 11:00am-2:00pm

Come visit and learn about Camp Mary White, come and meet some of the camp staff, and tour the grounds. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Wear comfortable closed toed walking shoes and bring your water bottle.

Please leave pets at home.

Registration

Registration opens January 2025

Register online at www.campmarywhite.com - A \$100 deposit for a 1-week session and \$200 deposit for 2-week session is required at the time of registration to reserve your camper's spot. The balance must be paid in full by June 1, 2026.

Sibling Discount

CMW offers a \$25 discount per sibling for families that register more than one camper.

Cancellation and Refund Policy

The deposit is non-refundable. Registration fees will not be refunded after June 1, 2026

Camper Physical

In order to attend camp, a completed health history form and a physical are required. Forms will be available when registering for camp.

Transportation

Parents/guardians are responsible for arranging transportation for their child to and from Camp Mary White.

Camperships

Don't let cost be a barrier to your amazing camp experience. Funds for partial camperships are available at the discretion of CMW for families that demonstrate financial need.

Working at Camp

Job descriptions and employment applications are available online at www.campmarywhite.com. The following staff positions are available:

- Camp Counselor(s)
- Nurse
- Assistant Cook





Camp Sessions

Summer Sessions

The grades listed for our camp sessions refer to the grade your camper will be entering in the fall of 2026.
Our camp activities are geared towards the age level in each unit and will progress in skill level.

Pathfinders - Grades 4 & 5th

Session A June 27th-July 4th - \$650
Session B July 5th-July 12th - \$650

PROGRAM: The Pathfinders will experience the fun of outdoor programming which includes: archery, outdoor cooking, art, music, CMW traditions, nature study, conservation, camp-craft, hiking, and horseback riding.

Trekkers - Grades 4, 5, & 6th

Session A June 27th-July 12th - \$1,000

PROGRAM: In addition to participating in the listed above camp activities, the Trekkers unit will focus on sharpening their camping skills and will have the opportunity to put these skills to use when they go on an overnight sleeping in tents (pending forest conditions), cooking each meal over campfire/propane stove and participating in campsite activities.

Adventurers - Grades 9&10th

Session A June 27th-July 12th - \$1,000

PROGRAM: The Adventurers will explore enhanced outdoor programming which includes: archery, outdoor cooking, art, music, dramatics, CMW traditions, nature study, conservation, camp-craft, trail hiking, tent camping and horseback riding.

CIT 1 - Grades 11

Session A June 27th-July 12th - \$1,000

PROGRAM: Our CIT 1 program gives our oldest campers the opportunity to participate in all the fun activities CMW has to offer while learning and practicing leadership skills to prepare them to be counselors. Our CIT 1's are still considered campers; however CIT 1's will help plan and supervise special camp events, take part in a camp service project, and finally get their own camp nickname!

Explorers - Grades 6,7,&8th

Session A June 27th-July 4th - \$650
Session B July 5th-July 12th - \$650

PROGRAM: The Explorers will experience the fun of outdoor programming which includes: archery, outdoor cooking, art, music, CMW traditions, nature study, conservation, camp-craft, hiking, and horseback riding.

Trailblazers - Grades 7&8th

Session A June 27th-July 12th - \$1,000

PROGRAM: In addition to participating in the listed above camp activities, the Trailblazers unit will focus on sharpening their camping skills and will have the opportunity to put these skills to use when they go on an overnight sleeping in tents (pending forest conditions), cooking each meal over campfire/propane stove and participating in campsite activities.



CIT 2 - Grades 12

Session A June 27th-July 12th - \$1,000

PROGRAM: Our CIT 2 program takes a deeper dive into what our CIT 1's learned and practiced in 2025. They will hone their leadership skills while working side by side with other counselors in their units. Our CIT 2's are still considered campers; however they will get real first hand experience with the younger campers in their daily activities.

Note: CIT 1 Must have been completed. If not completed then register for CIT 1.

Mission Statement



FCMW provides girls and women rustic outdoor experiences which foster confidence, independence, and leadership.

All of our camp programming embraces this mission statement. Our goal is to encourage our campers to try new things and to support their personal growth. Whether it's her first time hiking in the rain, making new friends, riding a horse, building a campfire, or even washing dishes, each camper has a chance to learn and to grow.

There are many ways in which campers grow from their experience at CMW including:

- **Developing an affinity for nature and a respect for the environment**
- **Growing healthy relationships and learning to work together as a team**
- **Gaining confidence and becoming more independent**
- **Nurturing a sense of belonging and a connection to the camp community**

Camp Mary White's goal is to focus on the "whole girl" with an emphasis on these areas of growth, and our programming is developed to promote these areas. After camp, you will be asked to complete a survey asking if you have noticed growth in your camper. Your input is appreciated for us so that we can continue to develop meaningful programming at Camp Mary White.

Our programming, and even our facilities, works to promote our mission statement and our desired outcomes/goals while carrying on the traditions that CMW has been built upon for over 98 years.

"What [we] are doing comes from many years back. It's tradition, and tradition is valuable. It's something that makes you be somebody you didn't know you could be. It goes with you from others who did the same thing and did it well and are proud of it. And you become proud yourself." - Paula "Robin" Homer - Camp Director 1977-1986

NEW IN 2026

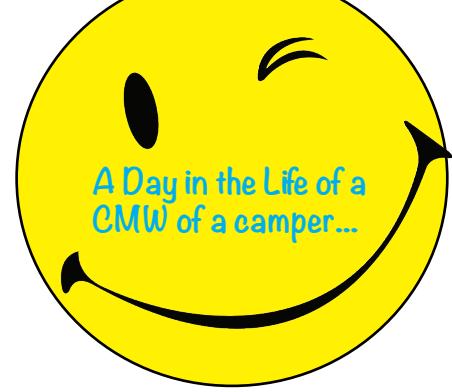
We have partnered with Sacramento Retreat Center to provide our equestrian program.



Our campers will be shuttled to Sacramento Retreat Center to enjoy 1-1/2 hour trail rides. They provide a year round equestrian program and have dedicated staff that will ride with our campers and their counselor. We believe this will give a new experience for returning campers and new campers will get to enjoy the trail rides for the first time.

Sacramento's philosophy mirrors our own which is simple. They teach safe horsemanship from the ground up and are dedicated to helping our riders reach their goals in a safe and structured environment. Whether you're an experienced horseman or a beginner, Sacramento's horse program has something to offer to all riders.

An experience designed to build confidence, connection to their horse and the outdoor environment.



Units: Each unit of campers has their own cluster of rustic “Adirondack” cabins which sleep 4-5 girls each. Sleeping in these cabins, without electricity or plumbing and with a half-open front wall, feels like sleeping in a tree-house. Every unit also has their own latrine and outdoor campfire area.

Flag Ceremony: Continuing the tradition from when CMW was a Girl Scout camp, we start and end every day with a flag ceremony. This is a meaningful way for us to gather together as a whole camp, and every camper will have the opportunity to help design and participate in a ceremony.

Meals: We eat our meals together in our main lodge (Ingham Hall, which was built in 1928.) Our sit-down “family-style” meals are great times for girls to get to know staff and campers from other units and to chat and laugh with each other. After each meal, the campers all work together to clean up - often washing dishes while singing camp songs together!

Singing Trees: Before and after every meal, campers gather under the Ponderosa Pines to sing together. Our camp songs range from silly songs with hand motions and dances to beautiful melodies. These songs become the soundtrack for our camp life and are often sung while doing other activities and will almost certainly accompany families on the drive home from camp!

Horseback Riding: Under the supervision of our experienced riding staff, our campers first learn about safely interacting with horses, grooming, saddling, and leading the horses. Campers then learn basic riding skills, and as they accomplish these skills, they are able to add more advanced skills and techniques.

Arts and Crafts: Campers express their creativity with projects using things found in the natural forest environment, leather, and a wide variety of craft materials. There is a blend of guided projects and independent “maker’s space” type activities.

Outdoors Skills: Our camp’s location, nestled in the beautiful Lincoln National Forest, gives us many opportunities for outdoor activities. Campers learn nature, outdoor safety, and campcraft skills while hiking and going on overnight tent-camping trips (pending forest conditions). Encouraging our campers to feel comfortable in and appreciate the outdoors is a main focus of our camp programming.

Most of our activities take place outside in the natural environment. Campers wake to the mountain air and sunshine coming into their cabins, and return to their units at night under the blanket of a star-filled sky.

Archery: Using equipment approved by the National Archery in Schools program, campers learn basic archery safety and target skills. As their skill level increases, they are able to practice with engaging archery challenges.

Special Programming: Each summer, we offer special programming to add to the camp experience. In the past, this has been presentations from professional astronomers, nature hikes with experienced naturalists, and visits from Rangers from the Lincoln National Forest.



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