About Camp Fire

Our Mission and Vision

Growing up is hard. That's why Camp Fire connects young people to the outdoors, to others, and to themselves. We envision a world where all young people thrive and have equitable opportunities for self-discovery, community connection, and engagement with nature.

Statement of Inclusion

Camp Fire believes in the dignity and the intrinsic worth of every human being. We welcome, affirm, and support young people and adults of all abilities and disabilities, experiences, races, ethnicities, socio-economic backgrounds, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, religion and non-religion, citizenship and immigration status, and any other category people use to define themselves or others. We strive to create safe and inclusive environments that celebrate diversity and foster positive relationships.

Free Events

Haunted Hantesa: October 21st - 22nd Bring your family to Camp Fire's

haunted forest!

Volunteer Days: October 8th, April

22nd & May 13th

Camp Hantesa Open House: May 6th



Learn More and Register

To learn more or register, visit our website: www.campfireiowa.org

All Camp Fire camps are accredited by the American Camp Association (ACA), a nationally recognized organization. Accreditation requires an on-site visit, annual reporting, and compliance with more than 150 standards to ensure the health and safety of our campers and staff.





Des Moines, IA 50310





Overnight Camps

Experience the magic of overnight camp in a whole new way, year round! Join us at Camp Hantesa for fun, games, and catching up with camp friends. Financial assistance is available to qualifying families (excluding Family Camp).

Overnight Camps Ages: 6 - 12 Price: \$175 - \$300	October 21 - 23 (\$175) March 15 - 17 (\$300)
Teen Retreats Ages: 12 - 17 Price: \$125	October 21 — 23 March 31 — April 2
Family Camp All Ages Welcome Price: \$95/person	November 4 - 6
Winter Camp Ages: 6 - 15 Price: \$575	December 26 – 30
Outrageous Nights Ages: 10 - 13 Price: \$115	February 3 – 4 April 14 – 15

Register at the link below

https://www.campfireiowa.org/programs/schoolyear-programs/



School Day Off Camp

School Day Off camps bring all the fun of summer to one action-packed day! Each day includes a hot lunch and a full day of fun camp activities.

Financial assistance is available to qualifying families.

Price	e: \$50/day	Age: 5-12
Drop-Off	: 7:00 - 8:00am	Pick Up: 4:30-5:30pm
Drop Sites	 Camp Fire Service Center, 5615 Hickman Road, Des Moines Camp Canwita, 2807 Duff Ave, Ames Camp Hantesa, 1450 Oriole Road, Boone 	

Parents Night Out

Let our counselors provide a fun-filled evening of activities while you treat yourself to a night out! These are paired with one of our School Day Off camps for a full day and evening of Camp Fire fun for your child.

This is only offered for Des Moines School Day Off program on November 8th, December 9th, and February 14th. Financial assistance is available to qualifying families .

Price: \$35 Site: Camp Fire Service Center, 5615 Hickman Road, Des Moines

Drop Off: 4:30 - 5:30pm Pick Up: 8:30pm

School Day Off Camp Dates

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Boone Dates	 October 10 November 11 December 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 January 2, 16 February 13, 20 March 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 April 7, 10, 11
Des Moines Dates	 September 29, 30 October 31 November 7, 8* December 9*, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 January 2, 3, 16, 17, 18 February 13, 14* March 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21 April 21, 24 Dates with * are Parents Night Out