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# LIFE CHANGING OPPORTUNITIES

IDAHO FALLS FAMILY YMCA & BIG ELK CREEK CAMP  
SUMMER TIMELINE



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March 29, 2018

Dear School Leaders, Teachers and Guidance Counselors,

As a part of our 2018 Send Kids to Camp Campaign, the Idaho Falls YMCA received a six week \$6,250 challenge grant from an anonymous national foundation committed to impacting youth through camp. The grant will match dollar-for-dollar all donations from supporters to send youth with diverse abilities, underserved youth, and children of active duty military/veterans to camp. Over 40 deserving youth will have the unique opportunity to build character, confidence, relationships, and lifetime memories through these generous scholarships.

This is a powerful opportunity to help impact East Idaho youth through camp. Please consider helping make a child's dream come through by donating. To donate, please visit our website [www.idahofallsymca.org](http://www.idahofallsymca.org).

To those that may not have been aware of this program, or are new...welcome to an exciting opportunity to reach beyond the school year to provide a summer experience of a lifetime.

### **ABOUT BIG ELK CREEK CAMP**

Big Elk Creek Camp offers high quality camping programs in a caring family environment to boys and girls ages 6-18. While at Big Elk Creek Camp, youth participate in activities such as canoeing, hiking, nature challenges, star gazing, polar bear challenges, exploring our waterfront, making friendship bracelets, skits, enjoying s'mores, night games, arts & crafts, campfire songs and so much more! All of the activities are designed to foster healthy decision making while learning new skills and strengthening values.

The Idaho Falls Family YMCA will pay camp fees, provide transportation to and from Big Elk Creek Camp and will assist with additional necessities for camp. We are able to do this through donations made...

### **HOW YOU CAN HELP**

Enclosed you will find camp information, nomination forms and our timeline. We ask that you complete the nomination forms on any youth you feel would benefit from this experience. Please make as many copies of the form as you need and pass them on to as many teachers/support staff as necessary. If you would like an electronic version, please email me and I will forward it to you. We ask that all forms are returned to the YMCA by May 1, 2018. The YMCA will then select up to 40 youth from the applications received and offer them scholarships. It is very important that the child's parents/guardians become involved after selection for camp registration and other specifics.

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**IDAHO FALLS FAMILY YMCA  
2018 BIG ELK CREEK CAMP NOMINATION FORM**

**Please complete the entire form and print clearly**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents or Guardians: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

The legal guardian of this youth (if different than above): \_\_\_\_\_

**Please give a brief explanation of why Big Elk Creek would be a beneficial experience for this youth:**

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**What hardships/situations has this youth faced in the past few years?**

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**Describe this youth's personality:**

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**Why is this youth worthy of a camp scholarship?**

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**How will this youth respond to other youth and staff at camp?**

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**Additional Comments:**

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Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ May we contact you with questions/concerns?    Yes    No

Has this child attended Big Elk Creek Camp?    Yes    No

**Nominations should be returned by May 1, 2018. They can be returned via:**

**Fax: 208-523-8217**

**Mail: 155 N Corner, Idaho Falls, ID 83402 Attn: Erin Williams**

**Scan and Email: ewilliams@idahofallsymca.org**

**Thank you for taking the time to nominate this child for this unique opportunity. Your support is greatly appreciated. You will be notified which students have been selected by June 1, 2018.**

**Thank you for your support of youth programs at the Idaho Falls Family YMCA. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Erin Williams at (208) 523-0600 or ewilliams@idahofallsymca.org**