

Summer Camp

For many Obsidians, the high point of the year is the annual Summer Camp, a week long campout with meals provided. The location of past Summer Camps reads like a roster of scenic Northwest America: The Wallows, the Grand Tetons, the High Sierras, the Sawtooths, the North Cascades, Mt Rainier, the Strawberries and of course the Oregon Cascades, to name but a few!

Camp Fontana-Obsidian Summer Camp 2024

Silver Lake Campground, Mt Baker Wilderness, Wash

Monday August 12 – Sunday August 18, 2024

<https://www.whatcomcounty.us/3517/Silver-Lake-Park>

Summer Camp 2024 will be held near the Mt Baker Wilderness area. We'll have access to a variety of beautiful hikes in the Mt Baker and Mt Shuskan area plus a short drive to British Columbia will offer even more hikes in Canada.



The Facility: We'll be camping at the Silver Lake Park group campground in Whatcom County Washington. The group campground is separate from the other campgrounds at Silver Lake so we won't be sharing our site with anyone outside of our club. The site offers 33 RV sites with water and electrical hookups plus an area for tents in both the shade and the sun. There's also a small shelter at the site and plenty of

picnic tables. We'll need to bring in portable toilets for our campground; however flush toilets and showers are only a short walk away at the Maple Creek campground. The closest cell service and wifi is three miles away in Maple Falls which also has a small store and a gas station. With an elevation of less than 800 feet the average temperature ranges from the lower 50's at night to the upper 70's during the day although temperatures can reach up into the 90's.

For those who prefer to stay in a cabin or motel the options are limited. There are cabins at Silver Lake but they were all reserved on December 1st so you'll have to try for a cancellation. The closest motels are about 13 miles away towards Mt Baker however there are vacation rentals in the area through VRBO and Airbnb.

Meals: We provide all food for the week at Summer Camp including 6 breakfasts, 5 lunches, and 6 dinners. Our dinners will be prepared by a private caterer. Each meal includes a vegetarian option. Breakfast will be served continental style and include hot oatmeal with toppings, cold cereal, fruit, yogurt, hard boiled eggs, coffee and tea. Each person will prepare their own sack lunch from items provided that include bread with lunch meat, cheese, tuna, and tofu pate plus fruit, cookies, and chips.



What to do: We're currently working on a list of hikes in the area, but there are more than 30 hikes for all fitness levels. There are boat rentals and concessions at Silver Lake plus you're welcome to bring your own water craft. The closest town is Sumas, WA, about a 15 mile drive and Bellingham is about 30 miles away.

Important Dates:

- March 29: Potluck at 6:30, Summer Camp Rally at 7:30. **Become an Obsidian member by this date and qualify for early registration**
- May 11, 7 AM.: Summer Camp registration for members
- May 13, 7 AM.: Summer Camp registration for non-members

Summer Camp Booklet: Those signed up for Summer Camp can pick up a camp booklet at the Obsidian Potluck, May 31, 6-8:30 PM. PDF versions of the camp booklet will be posted on the website when available.

Cost for campsite and all food:

Members: \$270

Non-members: \$310

For Questions: Refer to your 2024 Summer Camp book or you may email the Summer Camp Committee: summercamp@obsidians.org



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