IRONWOODCAMP



CUSTOM CAMPS

2025



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For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

Galatians 5:3

INTERESTED IN A CUSTOM CAMP?

We would love to help you put together a camp that is enjoyable for your folks, safe for each person, and most importantly, challenging in their spiritual life. At Ironwood, we believe that every group is unique, and with that comes our responsibility to provide a custom camp with your group's needs in mind. Your goals become our passion! A custom camp allows you to design the schedule, activities, and sessions to meet the goals of your people and your ministry.

Five things should happen at every camp.

These five things are crucial to making
your custom camp work. We call these the
HEART of camping.

- **H**earing the Word of God
- Eliminating worldly influences and the distractions of life
- Away from home overnight in a new setting
- Reflecting on the Word and my life in a creation context
- Trained staff leading unique organized activities







Our hope is that you would consider allowing us to join you in the privilege of designing your next custom camp. Please call 760.257.3503 or e-mail custom@ironwood.org if you have any questions. If you are ready to start setting up your own custom camp, just follow the steps below:

- Use the Custom Camp Worksheet to answer basic questions such as how many and during what time of the week. Knowing the answers to these questions helps you with step 2.
- Call our office at 760.257.3503 or e-mail custom@ironwood.org to set up a custom camp.
- Share what type of camp you would like to do, dates that are possible (we recommend having three), and number of campers.
- Your request will be taken to a calendar meeting to ensure that we can serve your group properly.
- 5. After date, price, and numbers are agreed upon, a contract with all the details will be sent to you.
- Once we receive your signed contract and positional statement (see pages 17-19), and your deposit, your dates are reserved. The balance of the contract is due upon your arrival for camp.
- Two to three months before your custom camp, an Ironwood camp coordinator will contact you to confirm numbers and work through your desired schedule and activities. Our registration office will also e-mail you information to help you streamline your check-in process.





ARCHERY TAG

What would happen if you combined archery with dodgeball? Archery Tag! The field is ready, filled with giant inflatables to take cover behind! With elements of the fun of paintball but without the mess or pain it is intense enough for thrill seekers and safe enough for kids to play. Add a few elements of capture the flag and every game can be different. Best for groups of 16-20, the fun only grows the more players you add!



ARENA ANTICS

Love the idea of competition, lots of laughs, and horseback riding at the same time? Arena antics are the perfect combination of fun and challenging games for both new riders and old pros. Always entertaining, this activity is almost as much fun for the spectators as the riders! A short time of instruction is included. Ages eight and up.



CRAFTS

When you choose crafts as an activity option, each camper will be given a \$5 voucher towards any craft offered in the store. Our goal is to have at least ten options available, and each year we will have at least three new options. Pick several from our list for your group to enjoy. Includes an instructor to give help, if needed.



THE EDGE

A high-ropes course that will thrill even the biggest adrenaline junky! Events include the Leap of Faith—climb a pole, then leap out for a dangling trapeze bar; the Wall—30-foot-high climbing wall; Narrow Way—think tightrope with a bit of help from above; Giant Swing—get hoisted up into the air, pull your rip cord for a free fall, then swing to a stop; and Jacob's Ladder—grab a trusted friend and work together to get to the top. Ages eight and up.



ESCAPE ROOM

You and your team of 6-10 will assemble in a themed room and will have 45 minutes to complete your mission and "escape" the room. "Escape" requires teamwork, speed, creativity, and patience. You will find hidden clues and solve challenging puzzles throughout the room. Experience storytelling in a whole new way, an interactive adventure immersed in an entirely different world with a storyline that will capture your imagination.



JEEP TOUR

The modern day equivalent of a trail ride, jeep tours last 30 to 60 minutes (depending on the size of your group). Your driver can share area history and take your group picture at the vista point of your destination. The beauty of the desert is best seen away from man's buildings. Our CJ-8 jeeps are outfitted with padded seats, easy step-ups, and "open air conditioning" system. Your appreciation of God's creation will grow from a ride across the desert.



LASER TAG

Pick an alias, get a tagger, headband sensor, and team vest. Now you're ready to enter into an ultimate game of tag! Taggers work during the day or night and are accurate up to 300 yards. Each game scenario can be set up with variables including health points, friendly fire, clip size, reload time, and game time. We have grenades, ammo supply depots, and a medic station! A little strategy and no pain make this a favorite. Ages twelve and up.



PAINTBALL

For an hour and a half, you'll take part in several missions where stealth, tactics, and teamwork are paramount to completing the objective—avoid being hit by the enemy and emerge the winner! Paintball promotes communication, organization, stress relief, teamwork, leadership skills, outdoor exercise, and morale. Ages twelve and up.



RIFLE RANGE

The rifle range gives each camper the option of shooting a pellet gun with scope, or a .22 rifle. We provide both the ammunition and the guns. You may also bring your own legal firearms. Shaded seating areas and a qualified range master are provided to keep the area safe and comfortable. Ages twelve and up.



SANDBOARDING

No snow? No problem. All the fun of snowboarding without the extra layers of clothes and sub-freezing temperatures! Try riding across or down a sand dune while standing with both feet strapped to a board. Sitting or lying on a board is an option for the more "balance-challenged" participants. You'll go home with stories...we promise.



SHOTGUN RANGE

Ever wonder if you really could "bring home the bacon (or duck, or turkey)?" Try out your shooting skills on a moving target! Our automatic skeet thower features a variety release mechanism to toss out clay disks that simulate flying birds. Choose our traditional range, or river bottom course. We'll provide the shotgun and the skeet, you bring the mad skills. Ages twelve and up.



SKIT SHOW

Enjoy a 30 to 45 minute show of good clean fun. Our team performs on a weekly basis and has a new program each year. Proverbs 17:22 states, "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones." Our goal is to present a program that beats any prescription! Typically the show follows a meal. Classic skits such as "Three Wheels On My Wagon" will be joined each season with new and exciting scripts and characters.



TRAIL RIDE

Experience the beauty of the Mojave Desert on horseback! No experience necessary. One-hour rides include basic riding instruction and a ride on one of the many trails both on Ironwood's property and the adjoining Fish and Game land. The striking beauty of the mountains, desert plants, and wildlife is twice as nice when viewed from the back of the West's original "four-hoof drive ATV!" Ages eight and up.



ZIP DIP

The Zip Dip is a popular activity during the "spicier" days of the year. Starting at the top of the large hillside above the lake, a staff member will hook your harness to the zip-line cable. Once your feet leave the platform enjoy the rush of adrenaline as you fly down 600' of cable and splash safely into the lake. Chances are you will run back to the top to do it all again! *Ages eight and up*.

ALSO AVAILABLE...

Team Builders (ages 12 and up)	Activities designed to build unity in your group and to establish a way of thinking that applies spiritual truths to everyday situations. New and experienced groups will realize anew the need for communication, encouragement, planning, and cooperation.
Meal on Location	Enjoy a meal outdoors in the panorama of God's glorious creation with your group.
Message MP3	Recordings of each message uploaded to our online audio site with a username and password for access to listen or download at will.
Child Care (ages 5–17)	Focus on God's Word during family camp adult sessions while our staff provide up to five hours of age-appropriate biblical teaching, singing, and activities.
Nursery (ages 0–4)	Children will be cared for in a clean, safe, climate- controlled room set up for infants and toddlers with age-appropriate toys and books and sleeping accommodations. Up to five hours provided.
Coffee Service	A table spread with coffee (decaf and regular), tea, apple cider, hot chocolate and ice water options with a variety of creamers and sweeteners. Refreshed five times (after breakfasts and before dinners).

Choose one premium activity per scheduled meal



ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
Hayride	Starlit ride with a tractor and hay wagon
Watercrafts	Two and three-seater canoes, sit-on-top kayaks, or standup paddleboards
Guided hikes	Ascend 1000 feet up Soldier Mountain or explore historic Camp Cady
Lake activities	165-foot giant slide, rope swing, raft, and water basketball
Field Games	A variety available tailored to specific age and size of group
Archery	Hone your Robin Hood skills at our range with equipment for all ages
Fishing	Catfish and blue gill—catch and release only
Campfire	Enjoy a time of fellowship around a campfire and roast some marshmallows!

Added as possible with schedule









RIVERTOWN ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
Land Trolley	Race across the Giant Sandbox on our 25' high 150' long ride
Human Foosball	You've tried the table game, now try this human- size version of foosball
Doc's Wonder Wheel	Gyroscope that will cure whatever ails you!
Livery Stable	Racquetball sized room with a variety of set-up options, an indoor space for some crazy fun

Number limited only by schedule









BROKEN I RANCH & IKES' ROOST ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
Barrel of Fun	Round and round, round and round
Tumbleweed	Experience the viewpoint of a tumbling tumbleweed

Number limited only by schedule







Rivertown with its Old West decor has been Ironwood's primary facility for 40 years. It hosts our teen campers in the summer and the majority of our sponsored fall and spring retreats.

Meeting Rooms

- Meetin' Hall—40' x 60' room seating up to 225 with sound, video, padded chairs, and piano
- Cattleman's Lodge—20' x 40' room with couches, overstuffed chairs, a fireplace—informal seating for 30 people. Perfect for a planning group!
- Rusty Wheel—24' x 30' room seating up to 60, with sound and video, a digital piano, small kitchenette, and padded chairs
- Sheriff's Office—24' x 20' break out room seating up to 40
- Town Hall—36' x 50' room that can seat up to 120 and can be used for either games or a meeting room

Cabins

- 24 Large western cottages
- 10 Small western cottages

Unique Activities & Attractions

- Land Trolley
- Human Foosball
- Pony Espresso Coffee Shop
- Doc's Wonder Wheel
- Uncle Wally's Snacks and Souvenirs
- Town Hall Game Room



Broken I Ranch was started in 2003 to allow us to dedicate a facility to mid-size groups. It hosts our junior camps in the summer. Ike's Roost was established in 2007 to fill the niche of small, intimate groups in the fall and spring and hosts our horsemanship and junior high camps in the summer.

Meeting Rooms

- Eureka—30' x 45', seating up to 120, sound, video, piano, padded chairs
- The Twig—32' x 40', seating up to 40, digital piano, informal living room seating
- The Ranch House—seating up to 70, sound, video, digital piano, padded chairs

Cabins

- 9 Large western cottages
- 3 Bunkhouses

Unique Activities & Attractions

- Tumbleweed
- Barrel of Fun
- Bonanza Playhouse

- 12 Small western cottages
- Trading Post Store
- Mo'Java River Coffee Shop
- Corral Game Room



We provide refrigerated and freezer storage for special diet items brought by campers to supplement the regularly served items from our menu. We provide a microwave, toaster, and toaster oven for preparation by campers of any food items brought to meet special diet requirements. We endeavor to provide a quality menu selection for the groups being served; variation in food types, choices offered, and number of options are based on the majority (adults or youth) being served. Items that meet a special diet requirement may be among the provided options.

Special diet needs may be accommodated by using one of the provided "to go" boxes at a meal with a menu that is within the acceptable range for the special diet requirements and then storing it in the provided refrigerator in anticipation of an upcoming meal that does not fit within the camper's special diet requirements. Most adult retreats have salad bar options that may meet some special diet requirements.

Our food service team leader or a head cook are often able to answer questions regarding the ingredients in menu items served. Ironwood's kitchen facility is unable to provide for special diet requests.

We work with a wide variety of ingredients in preparing camp meals. Cross-contamination is a possibility with all preparation.





GOOD GRUB AND PLENTY OF IT!

We believe that food is a vital part of the camping experience. When you visit the Homestead, you will find food prepared from fresh ingredients. Our chefs work hard to provide a meal that is delicious and nutritious with plenty of variety. One thing we do really well is barbecue. Included in the price of each adult camp is a tri-tip steak seasoned to perfection and cooked over mesquite for our signature taste!



SAMPLE ADULT MENU

BREAKFAST

Cinnamon rolls our famous old fashioned recipe

hash browns • sausage links • scrambled eggs • fresh fruit • orange juice & milk

LUNCH

Burger & chicken bar charbroiled beef patties and chicken breasts with a bounty of topping choices

french fries • onion rings • fresh fruit salad bar • lemonade and iced tea

DINNFR

Pasta bar
red and white sauces • chicken, sausage,
zucchini, mushrooms, and peppers •
cheese (mozzarella and parmesan) • italian
bread • salad bar • chocolate cake • lemonade and iced tea

SAMPLE YOUTH MENU

BREAKFAST

Pancakes light and fluffy with your choice of toppings sausage links • oatmeal • fresh fruit orange juice & milk

LUNCH

Pizza

our homemade crust topped with pepperoni and mozzarella cheese

fruit bowl • salad vanilla or chocolate pudding • lemonade

DINNFR

Chicken strips
crispy and tasty with your choice of dips
rice pilaf • green beans • biscuits
strawberry freeze • lemonade

WHAT KIND OF CAMPS?

AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOLS

Christian Education Outdoors

Cowboy History Camp

Senior Trip

Spiritual Emphasis Camp

AVAILABLE FOR CHURCHES

Singles' Retreat

Couples' Retreat

Youth Leadership Camp

Family Camp

Father-Son Camp

Junior Camp

Junior High Camp

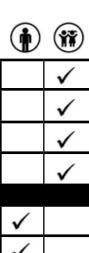
Men's Retreat

Mother-Daughter Retreat

Paintball Camp

Teen Camp

Women's Retreat



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Camp programs for adults



Custom camp options



Camp programs for youth



Custom school camp options

IRONWOOD CUSTOM CAMP WORKSHEET

Contact Information

GROUP INFORMATION Type of Camp				
O Couples O Planning O Family	_	Adult Youth Singles		
O Other				
# of campers Preferred Date(s)_				

ACTIVITY OPTIONS

Premium Activities—choose one per scheduled meal

Facility ○ Rivertown ○ Broken I Ranch ○ Ike's Roost

0 Trail Ride 0 Laser Tag 0 Old West Photos 0 Skit Show 0 Ω Painthall The Edge 0 0 Rifle Range Zip Dip 0 Arena Antics Shotgun Range 0 0 Message MP3 0 Team Builder 0 Crafts 0 Jeep Tour 0 Meal on Location 0 Sandboarding 0 Child Care (ages 5–17) O Nursery (ages 0-4)

Additional Activity Possibilities

O Lake Activities O Archery
O Campfire O Fishing
O Watercrafts O Hayride
O Field Games O Guided Hike

Rivertown only Broken I Ranch & Ike's Roost only

O Doc's Wonder Wheel O Tumbleweed
O Human Foosball O Barrel of Fun
O Land Trolley O Teepee Sandbox

MEETING ROOM OPTIONS

- O Split Sessions (2)O Multiple Workshops
- O Cry Room RT & BIR only
 - Overflow Room RT & BIR only

Room Setup Preference

Audio/Video Needs

- O MP3 Recording
- O PowerPoint
- O Video
- O Music (mic, stands, AMPs, etc.)
- O Other

Music

- O Song Leader
- O Piano Player

Other Needs

- O Table
- O White Board
- O Other _____

ADDITIONAL NOTES



POSITION STATEMENT for all groups using Ironwood

with, fellowship with, or join together with unbelievers for religious or spiritual endeavors. This includes those who do not believe in the veracity of the Scriptures as the only source of absolute truth or do not believe that salvation is by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone, apart from any additional works or second acts of grace. Furthermore, we do not subscribe to any belief that the revelation of God is incomplete or that visions, dreams, speaking in tongues, or any additional contemporary inspiration gives new revelation that would add to, amend, or in any way contradict the literal, historical, contextual interpretation of the Scriptures long established as the Canon of the Word of God.

One area of literal interpretation under cultural attack today deals with God's established roles of leadership in the home and church. It is Ironwood's position to serve churches who believe that the Bible teaches that qualifications of a pastor found in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1 indicate clearly that the office of pastor of a local church should be filled by a man. We understand that Ironwood recognizes the priesthood of the believer, the autonomy of the local church, and individual soul liberty and accountability to our Lord Jesus

Christ. Nevertheless, if necessary in the interest of not being offensive to the conscience of other believers (1 Corinthians 10:23–33), we agree in Christian love (Romans 14) to put others first by limiting our liberty so as not to be a stumbling block (1 Corinthians 8), and thereby glorify our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 10:31). Therefore, we agree to operate within the application guidelines of practice and behavior established by Ironwood while conducting a custom camp retreat at their facility.

While the absolutes of the Scripture and the principles derived from them never change, specific practices may change as churches make new applications in a changing society. We understand that in order to deal with such applications in a way that is non-offensive for some believers Ironwood has adopted some application guidelines of practice and behavior for custom camp groups.

Application Guidelines of Practice and Behavior

It is understood that these guidelines are for members of our group while at Ironwood and may or may not reflect our church's beliefs or practices when not at Ironwood.

- Ironwood requests that every retreat or camp have at least one gospel or Bible-based message or service each full day they are on the camp facility.
- Ironwood requests that groups focus on Bible preaching and teaching, testimonies of praise to the Lord, workshop and seminars on biblically related subjects, songs of worship and praise to God above, and prayers; while refraining from any outward manifestations of sign gifts.
- Ironwood requests that participants refrain from smoking, vaping, and use of tobacco or tobacco-like products, drinking alcoholic beverages, or using recreational drugs.
- Ironwood requests that all campers follow the dress guidelines regarding modesty and appropriateness outlined in "What to Bring" on our website (ironwoodcamp.org/what-to-bring).

- Ironwood requests that groups conducting their own music use sacred traditional music, Scripture songs, or praise and worship choruses whose lyrics are in agreement with Scripture.
- Ironwood requests that musical instruments used for accompaniment be limited to a piano and/or acoustical guitar.
- Ironwood requests that the use of media and videos be consistent with the requests above.
- Baptism and communion are ordinances of the local church and will be practiced at Ironwood only if a specific local church does so under the leadership of the pastor/s of that church.

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Addendum to Position Statement

For groups or individuals organizing more than one church or Christian school coming as one group to a camp or retreat.

Ironwood requests that if the speaker is not from our church or ministry that the speaker sign Ironwood's Position Statement. By signing this contrat, the organizing ministry agrees to help Ironwood monitor who is invited to speak or teach at an Ironwood retreat so that Ironwood can honor its biblical convictions to maintain purity through biblically mandated separation.

Ironwood also respectfully requests that we honestly consider the statement before signing it. Ironwood's wish is to work with as many Bible-believing churches as possible while remaining true to the Word of God. As a sponsoring group or individual, we will not invite churches that obviously do not adhere to Ironwood's Position Statement or have ecclesiastical compromising leanings. It will only create difficulties since these are non-negotiable areas for Ironwood.

ADULT GUIDELINES

- 1. Everyone at an Ironwood camp, retreat, or conference must register at the office. Please do so upon arrival. The office is open at arrival times and each weekday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- 2. Please...no smoking or alcoholic beverages in the buildings or on the grounds at any time.
- 3. If firearms are brought, they are to be used only at the shooting range and at scheduled times. They should be locked in your car at all other times.
- 4. Please do not use the lake facilities without the supervision of the Ironwood staff.
- Please be sure to abide by our regular Ironwood standards concerning dress and behavior while you are our guest.
- 6. Please do not use your car for transportation around camp. During warm weather, it is advisable to leave the windows of your car rolled down at least one inch.
- 7. Please do not bring food or drink into the cabins. The Ironwood "critters" will no doubt stop by to visit.
- 8. Our desire is for our guests to get away from the hectic pace of life at home and work and enjoy the peaceful, quiet desert. Our hope is that our guests can live gadget-free during their stay—free from distractions, considering the Word of God and its impact in their lives. If necessary, Wi-Fi access is limited to areas around the Way Station.



YOUTH GUIDELINES

Please be on the lookout for the notorious outlaw, NOBODY. You'll recognize this no-good varmint from the following clues:

- 1. NOBODY sits on the sidelines and refuses to get involved in the Ironwood program.
- 2. NOBODY tampers with other people's personal property.
- 3. NOBODY goes around camp with bare feet.
- 4. NOBODY takes food into the cabins; the ants and other desert critters have a feast.
- 5. NOBODY forgets to get cleaned up before meals and services.
- 6. NOBODY ignores the "no trespassing" areas.
- 7. NOBODY touches members of the opposite sex.
- NOBODY damages or destroys camp property purposely or during horseplay. "Somebody" has to pay for it.
- NOBODY leaves litter lying about the camp. "Somebody" will no doubt pick it up and claim the Ironwood reward.

We have dealt with this type of varmint before. If NOBODY is seen at Ironwood (or anybody of similar despicableness), he will be prosecuted to the full extent of Ironwood tradition. If you happen to see NOBODY, please do not hesitate to notify "Somebody"!



LODGING & MEALS



LODGING—Youth should bring their own sleeping bag, towels, and pillow.

MEALS—Buffet style, all-you-can-eat meals that are prepared to be enjoyed by youth! There is a special diet area available for those who may need to prepare their own food.

Adult menu available for \$6.50 per day.



LODGING—All linens are provided including pillow, sheets, blankets, and towels. Of course, this is camp, so your bunkbed will not be made up on your arrival. Each adult gets his/her own bed and the bottom bunk mattress is the real deal.

MEALS—Buffet style, all-you-can-eat meals with two main course options. A well-stocked salad bar and scrumptious desserts will make the time spent at the Homestead a favorite on your schedule. Most menus will include our famous tri-tip barbecue and fresh baked cinnamon rolls.

	Cost per day per person		
CAMP COSTS	Youth	**Adult	
	2025	2025	
120+ full-pay campers			
• 3 leaders free • Counselors ½ price*	\$98	\$111	
80+ full-pay campers2 leaders freeCounselors ½ price*	\$103	\$116	
40+ full-pay campers • Counselors ½ price*	\$106	\$119	
15-39 campers	\$111	\$125	
Conference Pricing (Church/School Planning) \$6/person to add 1 premium for 2 hrs per 24 hrs	_	\$102	
Church Banquet (6:00–9:00 p.m.)		\$28	
Family Camp (18+ linens, 4 & under free)	_	\$99	

Counselors: All groups with youth coming from September through May must bring their own counselors. A minimum of one adult to every nine campers is required (minimum of one adult per youth cabin).

Reservation Fees for custom camps are a minimum of \$300 deposit and maximum of \$1,500. Because they cover office expenses, they are non-refundable and non-transferable. Deposits are not required for banquets.

^{*}Groups over 40 may bring one counselor per youth cabin at half price.

^{**}Adult fees are based on double occupancy when using small western cottages.

