



# BYU | Aspen Grove

## Family Camp Guide

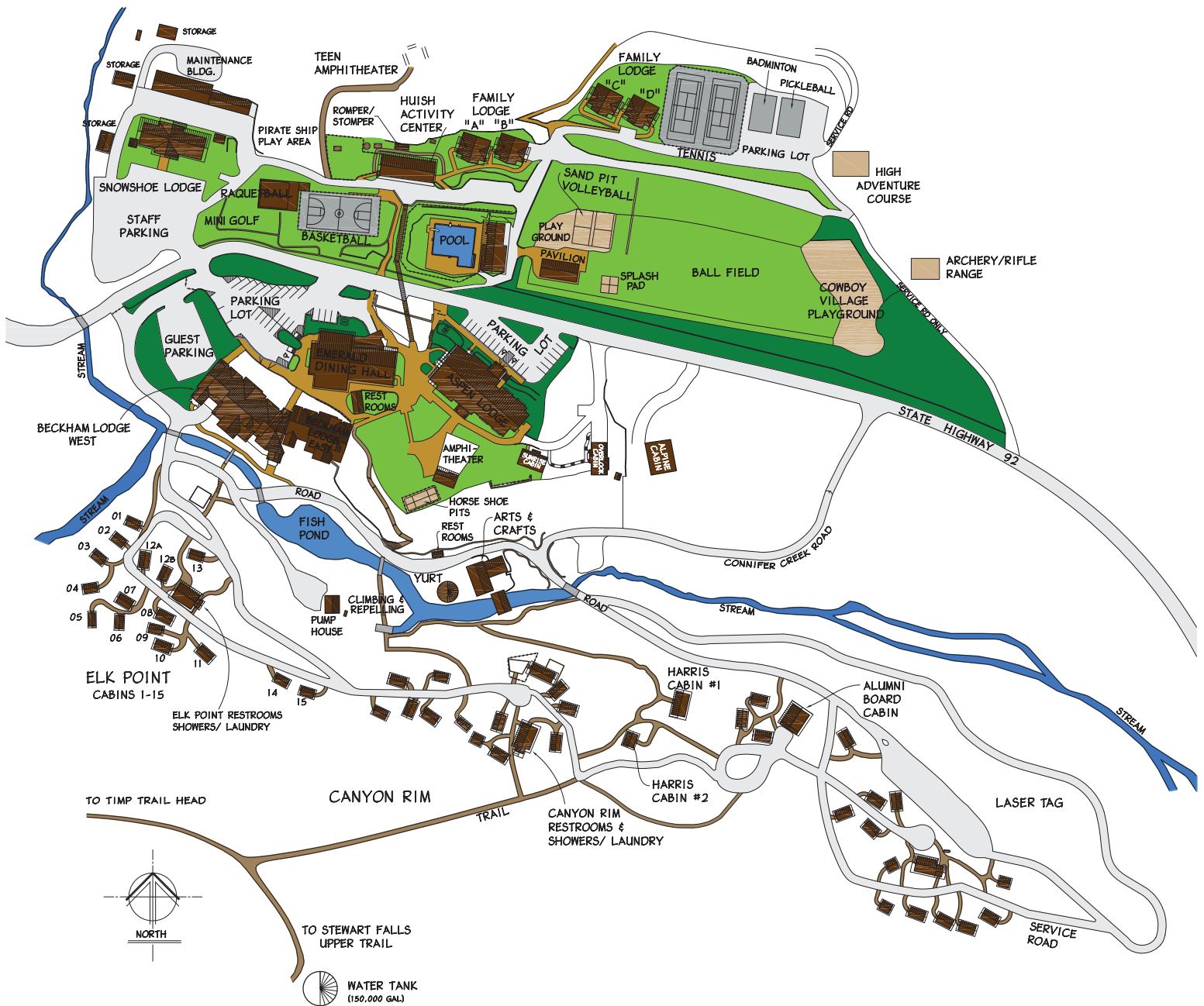
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# BYU Aspen Grove Camp Map



## BYU Aspen Grove History

BYU Aspen Grove is Brigham Young University's place away from the ordinary day-to-day. In The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' faith, the seeds of the restoration started in a simple grove that we now call sacred. Early members of the Church used groves to gather for comfort, inspired learning, and relief from their labors. Our programs and activities are meant to echo those origins.

As an auxiliary organization of BYU, we strive to contribute to it's mission by assisting individuals in their quest for perfection through providing a wholesome, educational, recreational environment that enriches lives and cultivates a spirit of faith, intellect, and service.

Today, Aspen Grove runs year round. Family Camp is still the heart of camp, and is the only program we run in the summer (May-August).

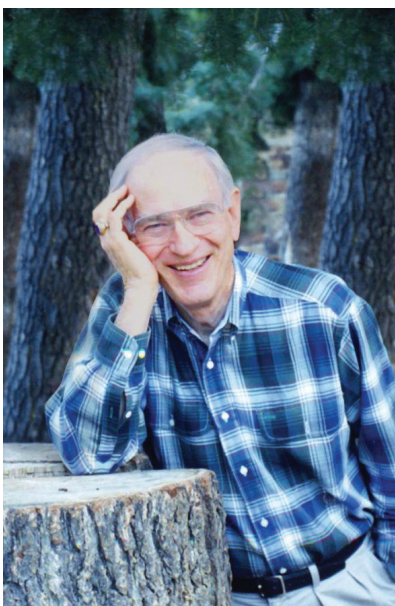
Campus departments and local community organizations use the facilities during the fall and winter for retreats. In addition, programs, such as marriage and family weekend getaways, youth conferences, and holiday reservations and getaways are offered. Facilities are available for corporate and non-profit organizations to use for their own educational conferences from September through May.

Aspen Grove began as the starting point of the world-famed Timpanogos hike in 1911. About 10 years later, the Stewart family deeded the land to BYU for educational purposes. BYU held summer school from 1924 until World War II, and faculty members and students used the area for picnics and outings.

As executive secretary of the BYU Alumni Association, Ray Beckham saw Aspen Grove as one of BYU's greatest treasures. In 1960, he contacted Stewart heirs to request the rights to the land and their blessing in converting it to family use. The Stewarts agreed such a purpose would fulfill the wishes of those who homesteaded the property at the beginning of the century.

The nearest electricity was five miles away, and the closest telephone was half-way to Provo. At least fifty cabins, a kitchen, dining hall, restrooms, trails, roads, parking lots, and playing fields would be needed to transform the camp. In 1962, his three-man crew selected cabin sites. Water lines and other necessities were placed with careful consideration to minimize impact on the natural environment. The camp's popular dinner bell came from a steam engine, donated by the Union Pacific Railroad.

BYU Aspen Grove opened on July 13, 1963, and served eight families that first summer. Now, nearly 60 years later, the camp hosts over 20,000 guests each year.



Left picture above: Ray Beckham at Aspen Grove. Front cover and right picture above: Drone photo of Aspen Grove property from BYU Photography, 2019.



## Contact Information and Using the Guidebook App

### General Information

We know questions come up as families enjoy their stay at Aspen Grove. This guide includes answers to many general questions. Please feel free to call or come to our front office in the Aspen Lodge for assistance.

Phone: 801.422.6100

After-hours: 801.592.3539

Wi-Fi: Aspen Grove

Password: byucougars

### Family Camp Office Hours

Sat: 3:00 PM - 7:30 PM, 8:30 PM - 10:00 PM

Sun: Closed. Limited guest services available in store from 2:00 PM-

5:00 PM, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM, AND 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

M-TH: 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM, 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Fri: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

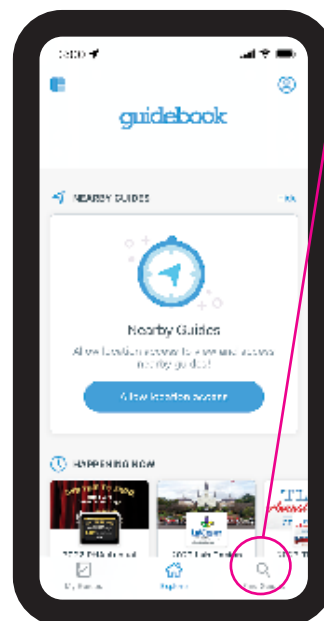


We recommend that adults at BYU Aspen Grove download the Guidebook App.

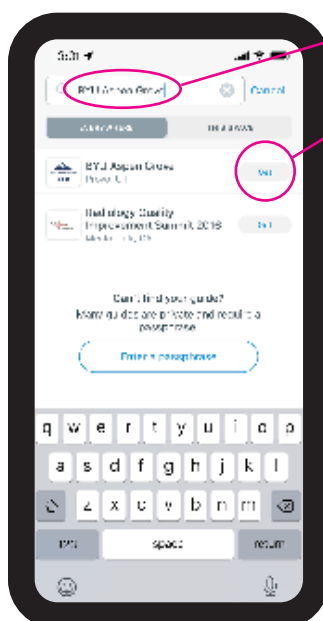
This will allow you to have direct access to a BYU Aspen Grove guide. As you use it, you will be able to create your schedule, find answers to questions, and request needed services.



1. Go to app store and Download Guidebook.

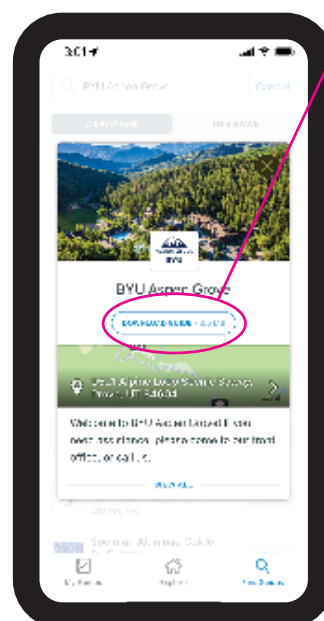


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## General Information

### Age Groups

Children will be divided into groups according to age, and number of guests in camp. Send swimsuits with your children daily. Towels will be provided at pool. Late arrivals to age groups should check the whiteboard outside the south Aspen Lodge exit for the first location of their group.

#### Rompers and Stompers

Meet and pick-up at Huish Activity Center.

#### Trompers, Kittens, Bobcats

Meet and pick-up at lawn behind the Aspen Lodge

#### Cubs, Wildcats, and Panthers

Meet and are dismissed at the lawn behind the Aspen Lodge. Children are dismissed at end of activity. Parents who wish to pick-up their children during program-time must make arrangements with counselor in advance.

#### Cougars, Mtn. Lions, Pumas, and Teens

Meet at the Aspen Lawn behind the Aspen Lodge.

### Age Group Schedules

Full schedules are posted on the bulletin board on the south side of the dining hall, the calendar in this booklet, and on the Guidebook app.

The white board mounted outside the south exit of the Aspen Lodge lists the first location of the age groups in case you are a little late to drop off.

#### Arts & Crafts Registration

Make and pay for reservations for pottery and watercolor workshops at the Arts and Crafts area on Saturday evening 8:30 PM – 9:30 PM. No reservations for pen turning needed.

#### Birthdays & Anniversaries

If you're celebrating a birthday or anniversary during your stay, be sure to visit the office to get a gift. Guests may sign upon the bulletin board south of the dining hall to have the staff sing the birthday song during a meal.

#### Business Center

Computers for adults only, are available with internet service on the second floor of the Aspen Lodge.



GaGa Ball, a game similar to dodgeball is a fun game for all ages. BYU Photography, 2019.





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Guests play volleyball in the pool with a majestic view of Robert's Horn. BYU Photography, 2019.

**Crossing the Street:** All guests are encouraged to use the pedestrian bridge to cross the street.

### Dining

Meals are served in the Emerald Dining Hall. Each meal is served buffet-style. Dishes/Cleanup procedure includes "stacking" your family dishes and cups before taking them to the dish window. Children must be accompanied by an adult in the dining hall.

### Drones

Hobby or recreational UAS operations are not allowed at Aspen Grove. For questions regarding this policy, please contact the BYU Risk Management, Safety, and Compliance Department at 801.422.4468.

### Evening Family Activities

Each evening, you will find a variety of campwide activities.

Sat: Opening Show

Mon: Family Talent Show

Wed: Movie Night

Sun: Evening Fireside

Tues: Frontier Night

Thurs: Closing Show  
and Family Dance

### Family Conference Rooms

You can make reservations at the front office for rooms on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Aspen Lodge to gather your family together. No food is allowed. Chairs are available for use and will be in stacks in the corner of the room. If used, chairs need to be returned to their stacks at the end of your reservation.

### Fitness

Fitness Center entrance is near the basketball court. The building includes two racquetball courts, and an exercise room.

Lap swimming is available at the pool M–TH at 7 AM. Yoga is available in the Pine/Spruce Tree Rooms in the Aspen Lodge Monday through – Thursday at 7 AM.

### Games and Puzzle Library

Games and puzzles are available in the store during store hours and Sundays from 2:00 PM– 5:00 PM, 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM, AND 8:00 PM – 9:00 PM in the store.





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### Guest Passes

Passes for friends and family who would like to join registered guests for short periods of time are available on a space available basis. There are a limited number of guest passes per time period. To check availability for and purchase guest passes, come to the store or office during business hours at least 24 hours prior to guest's arrival. During check-in on Saturday, guest passes should be purchased from the store.

Guests must check-in at the front office upon arrival. A required waiver needs to be signed in order to receive a guest pass. Passes are limited to a maximum of two days. Guests check-in at the store on Sundays.

### Health, Safety, & Wellness

- Acute Mountain Sickness (flu-like symptoms) are associated with traveling to higher altitude. Treatment may be as simple as descending to a lower altitude (as little as 1,500 feet), and drinking plenty of fluids.
- Emergency Bells will sound as a long continuous bell then three short blasts from an air horn. If the emergency signal sounds, go to the Emerald Dining Hall as soon as possible for further instruction.
- Fireworks, fires, and firearms are prohibited in camp.
- First Aid station is on the first floor of the Aspen Lodge and is equipped to handle scratches, bruises, cuts, and other minor injuries.
- Streams and ponds may have bacteria that can cause illness. Please do not drink this water. Please avoid high and fast moving water.

Wash hands regularly throughout the day to avoid illness, especially before meals. Watch for Cosmo "Clean Paw Zones" as a reminder to wash your hands frequently.

### Kitchen appliances

All rooms are furnished with a microwave and mini-refrigerator. In addition, each wing of each floor of the Beckham Lodge has a small kitchen. Family Lodges have kitchens as well. Kitchens are not available in the Aspen Lodge or the Elk Point Cabins.



Frontier Night. BYU Photography, 2019.



Pedestrian Bridge. BYU Photography, 2019.



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### Laundry

Washers and dryers are adjacent to the rustic cabin restrooms in Elk Point, in the lofts of the Family Lodges, on the third and fourth floors of the Aspen Lodge, and on the first floor of Beckham West Lodge. You can purchase laundry soap in the camp store.

### Linens

Linens are provided, but there is no maid service. If needed, you may request new linens in the app under "Contact us". Please leave dirty linens outside your room and our staff will deliver new linens. Please do not take camp bedding outside.

### Lockers

Available in the pool dressing rooms. Locker combination numbers are available in the front office.

### Lost and Found

Located in the camp store.

### Mobile room-keys

Mobile keys are used to access most rooms using the app OpenKey. A cell phone number is required. Keys are assigned to one guest per room, and can be shared by that individual. Cell phone settings must have bluetooth turned on to use.

### Parking

Please use designated parking lots for your vehicles. Unless there is a serious health restraint, we ask that you walk throughout camp. Please lock vehicles at all times and do not leave valuables in your car.

### Shoes

Please wear footwear that is appropriate for the activity you are participating in. This would include closed-toed shoes when hiking or on the ropes course, etc.

### Sports Sign Up Sheets

Tournaments and activities are located on the bulletin board south of the dining hall.

### Standards

All are welcome. We encourage our camp guests to abide by the standards of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints while in camp, as outlined at: [aspengrove.byu.edu/about-us/guidelines-policies](https://aspengrove.byu.edu/about-us/guidelines-policies)

### Staff Gratuity

Because many staff members work behind the scenes to make your family's stay enjoyable, we prefer that you leave a general staff gratuity in the Aspen Grove office. You may also choose to take advantage of our online giving option, to donate to our camp improvement fund at: [give.byu.edu/aspengrove](https://give.byu.edu/aspengrove)

### Stone Walls

Please do not climb or sit on the landscaped stone walls.

### Weather

Due to unpredictable weather conditions, we reserve the right to change or cancel any activity or event. For example, lightning storms result in cancellation of campwide activities and closure of the swimming pool and the high adventure ropes course.

