



More Information

Who Owns and Runs the Hostel?

Birch Grove Community School/Service, a non-profit 501c3, owns and runs the hostel. All profits from the hostel go to support our K-5 elementary school. To find out more about Birch Grove Community School, visit the other pages on this website. Your stay at the Birch Grove Youth Hostel supports elementary education!

When Is the Hostel Open?

September - May:

- When Birch Grove Community School is not in session (see the school calendar on this page)
- Weekends (Friday after 4pm-Sunday afternoon)
- 3-day holiday weekends such as Presidents Day, MEA, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Memorial Day (see the school calendar on this page)
- Birch Grove Community School's winter or spring break (dates vary each year-see the school calendar on this page)

June - August:

- Every weekday and weekend - late August dates are limited, contact us for availability
- The 4th of July is not available due to the Annual Tofte Trek

What Meals Are Included with a Stay? (See menu at the bottom of the page)

- Regular Weekend - Friday after 4pm to Sunday afternoon
 - Breakfast Saturday
 - Dinner Saturday night
 - Breakfast Sunday
- 3-Day weekend - typically a holiday weekend (see the school calendar on this page)
 - 3 Breakfasts
 - 2 Dinners
- Custom Stays - call us and we can discuss it!

How Much Does It Cost?

- A Regular Weekend costs a flat rate of \$149 per person, tax-free, including meals
- A 3-Day Weekend costs a flat rate of \$199 per person, tax-free, including meals
- Custom stays may be available - a quote will be given dependent upon days and number of participants

What If I Have Other Questions?

- Be sure to check the rest of this page for other information, you may find the answers there
- Contact us at bghostel@boreal.org or call/text 515-822-4266 or 515-822-4266

Complimentary Comfort Bar Available During Your Stay

- Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Tea

Meal Menu:

- Regular Weekend
 - Saturday Breakfast: Waffles, sausage, multiple choices of cereal, muffins, toast/English muffins with various spreads, orange juice, milk, and the Comfort Bar
 - Saturday Dinner: Sven and Ole's pizza, salad, fruit, desert, milk, and the Comfort Bar
 - Sunday Breakfast:
- 3-Day Weekend – same as regular weekend except one additional breakfast and one additional dinner
 - Additional Breakfast:
 - Additional Dinner: Spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread, salad, fruit, dessert, milk, and the Comfort Bar

How Do I Book A Stay at the Youth Hostel?

- Fill out the Book Your Stay form on this page
- Email the Book Your Stay form to bghostel@boreal.org
- We will call/email you to confirm and review details or you may call 515-822-4266 or 515-822-4266 after sending the form

What Else Is Needed to Book a Stay at the Hostel?

- A signed release of liability is required for all hostel guests (the form be sent once the stay is scheduled)
- A Certificate of Insurance for your group
- A sleeping bag/pillow for each guest
- A towel for each guest that wishes to shower