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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT  
YOSEMITE SIERRA SUMMER CAMP



Yosemite Sierra Summer Camp is affectionately known as “The Home of the World’s Greatest Campers!” We have shaped the lives of thousands of campers. While most Christian camps on the West Coast offer only weekend or one-week long programs, Yosemite Sierra Summer Camp’s two-week long sessions allow more time for campers to feel at home and benefit from our goal of helping them grow in character, relationships, skills and faith.

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why invest  
in camp?



## CAMP IS AN INVESTMENT IN THE WHOLE CHILD

Kids learn differently away from the protections and familiarity of home. So whether at day camp or sleep away camp, children are shaped by a new setting and discover wholesome role models, strengths and skills they did not know they had.

Invaluable life skills such as healthy independence, problem solving, empathy, resilience and courage are readily uncovered at summer camp. Friend-making and friend-keeping skills equip youth with confidence. Shedding the pressure of regular life, letting go of technology, diving into nature and exercising imagination give children a renewed sense of freedom. Rituals and traditions are plentiful at camp and offer children these elements of life that they long for.

Finally, discovering God's love and voice in a new way, and ushering in a personal awakening of faith that is not inherited from parents or youth workers, is often the result of a summer camp experience. Research on the impact of quality camp experiences is clear: Camp does kids a world of good!



Why two  
weeks?





## TWO WEEKS IS PERFECT FOR IMMERSING KIDS INTO THE FUN

Yosemite Sierra Summer Camp is focused on developing the “whole child” by helping youth grow in character, skills, relationships and faith. Over many years, we have found that this mission is best accomplished through a longer residence experience, rather than a short one-week program.

It typically takes campers three or four days to feel at home in their new camp setting. Once they do, they get more benefit from their experience. With two or more weeks at camp, children are more deeply immersed in a fun, nurturing environment, innovative programming and surrounded by gifted staff who serve as attractive role models.

Campers develop broader community living skills, establish more significant relationships, have more practice stepping out of their comfort zone and bouncing back from setbacks. They also can gain a deeper understanding of God and His love for them. One week at camp is good, but two weeks at camp are great!

## A TYPICAL\* DAY AT CAMP

There is a daily schedule, but each day is anything but “typical”.

7:00 a.m.	Wake-up bell
7:40 a.m.	Flag raising
8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
8:45 a.m.	Cabin clean up
9:30 a.m.	Discovery Bible study
10:00 a.m.	Cabin activity
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:15 p.m.	Kickback/rest period
2:00 p.m.	Cabin activity
4:30 p.m.	Free time
5:30 p.m.	Dinner
7:00 p.m.	Group games
8:00 p.m.	Campfire/evening meeting
9:00 p.m.	Cabin recap
9:30 p.m.	Lights out

\*Please note the following are anything but typical: Star Rock, Uzemahti, Outpost, Day at Yosemite, Backpacking, Dance Parties, and more.

how's the  
food?



## CAMP FOOD IS AWESOME

Nutritious, kid-friendly food is served every day at Yosemite Sierra Summer Camp. (In fact, campers love it so much that they often ask for recipes to take home).

Breakfast favorites include eggs and bacon, homemade cinnamon rolls and yogurt, French toast and pancakes, served with fruit and cereal options. Lunches are often finger food favorites – sandwiches, burritos, and salad bars for example. Dinners often follow a theme: western barbecue on the meadow, Hawaiian luau at the pool, and the end of session tri-tip banquet.

Wheat breads, fresh fruit and vegetables, and real dairy products are important to our menu. And a yummy dessert can always be expected after dinner. It isn't a surprise that campers chant "1, 2, 3, kitchen staff rocks!" at mealtime.



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YOURSELF**



**MAKE  
LIFELONG  
FRIENDS**



**HAVE AN  
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