

# A SNAPSHOT OF CAMP

## DAY 1: LAUNCH DAY

Camp begins at Shepherd Church Porter Ranch with check-in and orientation, where we prepare campers for the week ahead and set expectations together.

After departing for Forest Home, campers will arrive, settle into cabins, eat dinner, and jump straight into the first evening of programming, including our Welcome Meeting, first Gathering, Small Groups, and a fun Late Night activity.

The first day sets the tone spiritually and relationally for everything that follows.

## DAYS 2–4: FULL CAMP DAYS

Our full camp days follow a consistent and intentional flow:

- Morning opportunities for worship
- Breakfast together as a camp community
- Morning Gathering (worship + teaching)
- Team Competitions
- Lunch
- Personal “Time with God”
- Supervised Free Time
- Dinner
- Evening Gathering
- Small Groups
- Late Night activities
- Cabin wind-down and leader checks before lights out

Each day is thoughtfully paced, active and engaging, yet structured in a way that allows students to process, connect, and rest.

Optional elements (like early morning worship) are always supervised, and cabin checks happen nightly to ensure safety and accountability.

## DAY 5: CLOSING & RETURN

On the final morning, campers will pack up, share one last Gathering together, and begin the trip back to Shepherd Church Porter Ranch.

We expect to arrive around midday, though travel timing may vary slightly. Families will receive communication updates as we head home.



## CHECK-IN & CAMP ORIENTATION

You will arrive at Shepherd Church Porter Ranch (19700 Rinaldi St, Porter Ranch, CA 91326) for check-in and orientation before we make our way to CAMP!

During check-in, we will confirm your information, pack your luggage in the buses (***leave your luggage in your car until AFTER you've checked in by the prayer tower***), collect medications, and answer any last-minute questions.

***After check-in, campers and parents/guardians will gather for a mandatory Camp Orientation*** where we'll go over rules and expectations, pray over the students, and set the tone for an incredible week.

Parents will say goodbye after orientation, and we're off!

## BUS RIDE

The bus ride is part of the fun! Campers will sit with friends, meet new ones, and start building excitement for the week ahead. Please note buses are assigned by cabin and campers must ride on their assigned bus. Students will be allowed to bring one personal item that fits with them in their seat onto the bus, all other luggage must be loaded in the bottom of the bus before orientation ([LINK TO PACKING LIST](#)). Restrooms are available onboard but we encourage students to use the restroom before leaving.

Leaders will be present for the entirety of the ride to ensure safety and enforce the rules ([LINK TO RULES](#)) from the get go!

## GATHERING

Worship and teaching happen two times each day as we unfold the theme of the week.

Each Gathering includes powerful worship, clear biblical teaching, and intentional moments for reflection and response. Our desire is that students don't just attend camp, they encounter Jesus in a real way and become fully alive.

## TIME WITH GOD

Each day, your camper will have intentional, set-aside time to learn how to connect with God through different spiritual disciplines. Our goal is not just a "camp high," but spiritual rhythms they can carry for a lifetime.



## TEAM COMPETITIONS

There is a week-long competition to see who will be CAMP CHAMPS, so bring the team spirit!

Every camper is placed on a team and will compete in games throughout the week. Games can be intense, so make sure you pack the clothes and shoes you need ([LINK TO PACKING LIST](#)). You will receive your camp team color from your leader the week before camp... so feel free to bring some extra gear to show your team spirit! Please note that optional team competition shirts are available for purchase at the time of registration.

## FREE TIME

Free time is epic at Forest Home. Some options include:

- Canyon Park – Zipline, Giant Swing, Sky Trail
- Laser Tag
- Mini Golf
- The Den – Billiards, Ping Pong, Foosball, Air Hockey, etc.
- Lake – Blob, Giant Water Slides, Floating Pyramid, Kayaks, Paddleboards, etc.
- Pool
- Craft Cabin (additional cost – varies by project)
- Retail (Clubhouse, Stagecoach, Roundhouse)

Please note that for Middle School, a portion of free time is guided and experienced as a group with leader presence.

All students are required to stay in designated areas and in groups of 3 or more at all times.

If your student would like to have extra money to spend during free time, the camp recommends \$20-\$40 for the week. They may bring a card or convert their cash to a gift card onsite.

## LATE NIGHTS

Each night, under the stars, we let campers experience one last activity together. Whether it's a swim party, glow night, team challenge, or movie night, it's always a blast!

## SMALL GROUP TIME

Your camper will be placed in a small group for the duration of the week. This creates space for meaningful conversation, prayer, and deeper relationships. We work to make these groups in line with your student's D-Group but cannot guarantee this.

Please note that small groups consist of one adult leader who has gone through a screening and background check process, as well as completed training to prepare for camp. Be praying for them as they lead the students in this time!



## MEALS

All food is provided at designated meal times. Please make sure your student is prepared to eat (and drink plenty of water) at each breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

If your camper has allergies or dietary restrictions, you can find more information by clicking here—[LINK TO HEALTH/DIETARY PDF](#).

## CABINS

Campers don't spend much time in their cabins, except for sleeping and cabin devotion moments.

Each cabin has an adult leader with regular checks by staff. Cabins are separated by grade and gender (meaning biological sex). Your cabin group will also be your small group for discussions... and you are all on the same team for competitions!

All cabins are different in style, with some having bathrooms connected and others using a shower house. Your housing assignment will be given to you at the time of check-in.

Please note that you will have everything you need if you follow the packing list provided here—[LINK TO PACKING LIST](#).

## DECISIONS

Camp is a powerful environment for spiritual decisions. Throughout the week, students will have opportunities to respond to what God is doing in their hearts, whether that's placing their faith in Jesus for the first time, recommitting their lives, pursuing baptism, or sensing a call to leadership or ministry.

We handle these moments with care and intentionality and may contact you about them if we feel it would be beneficial to your student. We do not baptize students at camp, but rather, give them an opportunity to join us on the weekend once we are home so that their friends, family, and church can celebrate alongside them.

## MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

Camp is for any student entering 6th grade in fall 2026 through those just graduated from 12th grade. Please note that while some activities are in the same location, most camp experiences are separate for Middle School and High School.

*If you have additional questions, please email us at [camp@shepherdchurch.com](mailto:camp@shepherdchurch.com)*

