



That Thing

Spiritual Outcomes

That Thing is a summer conference for high school students to come together in pursuit of Christ, overwhelming themselves and their communities. This is not spring break with a little bit of Christ sprinkled in and it's not bible boot camp either. It engages students into a deep pursuit of the heartbeat of our Creator as they pursue reconciliation, justice, and discipleship through small groups, corporate worship, and personal devotion encounters.

Our heart is to help students discover a passion and purpose for their faith beyond listening and into living in a way that impacts their families, friends, communities, and the world.

Activities & Recreation

All of the campers enjoy great activities using our challenge by choice philosophy to help them discover not only adventure, but something about themselves.

- Waterfront with Kayaks, Canoes, Aqua Rocker, Slide, Stand-Up Paddle Boards, Water Volleyball, Tubing
- Paintball
- Archery Tag
- Giant Swing, Sky High
- Crate Climbing
- Recreation Games: Soccer, Sand Volleyball, Gaga, 9 Square, Dodgeball, Ultimate Frisbee, Street Hockey, etc.
- Crafts: Tie Dying, Lakeside Painting, Wood Burning, etc.

Theme & Worship

Whether it's through social media, entertainment, friends, hobbies, relationships, or success, we are a culture that is desperately trying to connect. There are cravings and aches that we try to satisfy with things and people of this world but always come up short.

Maybe that's because that space in our hearts and minds is not meant to be filled with things of this earth. We want to connect so we can be known and feel loved; that desire is innate and it was given to us by the Creator. That persistent yearning is actually our God-given longing to know Him and be known by Him. So what if we sought to connect on the deepest level first, with the one who created the desire to begin with?

Daily Schedule Sample

Sunday

- 5:00-6:00 Group Lodge Check-In
- 6:30 Group Lodge Leader Meeting
- 8:15 Doors Open for Worship
- 8:30 Evening Worship Session
- 10:30 In Cabin Curfew

Monday-Thursday

- 7:30 Experiential Morning Worship
- 8:00 Breakfast Break
- 9:30 Morning Worship Session
- 11:00 Small Groups or Team Building
- 12:00 Lunch Break
- 1:00 Learning Labs
- 1:45 Cabin Challenge
- 2:30 Free Block
- 5:30 Dinner Break
- 7:00 Learning Labs
- 7:45 Mixer Activities
- 8:30 Evening Worship Session
- 10:30 In Cabin Curfew
- 10:30 Small Group Evening Devotions

Something Unique About Event

This is a place to belong. If you ask nearly any student who attends, you'll hear that this is *home*. This is possibly the only place they can let down their walls, take off their masks, and just be the person God has created them to be without fear of rejection, judgement, condemnation, or abandonment. This is a place of God's unfailing love and grace.

Cabin Life

A beautifully unique aspect of That Thing is that students have the opportunity to attend with their faith community. This provides for innumerable moments to grow deeply with one another through conversations, experiencing new things, challenging and encouraging one another, and worshipping all together in new ways. The bond created within a youth group who attends That Thing together is immeasurable compared to a couple hours a week on Sundays.

The amount of time students and leaders have together and the type of life-changing experiences they get to encounter here are, well, life-changing!

Freedom or Structured, You Choose!

The way That Thing is run, lodge leaders bringing students have the power and flexibility to make the event whatever they need it to be or to simply show up and follow the schedule. We strive to create the best programming, but if you're students need something else, please feel free to change and adjust as needed!