



## MINI CAMP

### Spiritual Outcomes

Our goal for:

#### All Ages

- The gospel of Jesus Christ will be presented with an opportunity for individuals to make a decision to become disciples of Jesus Christ.

#### Elementary

- Focuses on students understanding God's love for them.
- Discovering Christ's promises.
- Offering opportunities to explore examples of Christian character.

### Theme & Worship

This year's curriculum is called Beyond Belief and asks the questions What if God was bigger than you ever imagined? Beyond Belief invites our campers to ask the big questions about God and explore how God can be seen in the vastness of creation, the power of community and even in their own hearts.

Each day, campers will explore the big questions of faith:

- What if...We Belong to God?
- What if...God is Bigger?
- What if...Hope is Real?
- What if...There is More than Enough
- What if...We Speak Up?
- What if...We Change the World?
- What if...We Go Beyond?

Morning Focus is a time of worship held in the Chapel. We use a Large Group worship and teaching time led by a director, followed by small group discussion and activity application in their cabins.

Vespers is our evening worship time and is usually held in the Outdoor Tabernacle. We use a large group setting for worship and teaching time by a director.

### 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.

#### Swimming

The swimming pool is divided into three sections, designed for all levels of experienced and inexperienced swimmers. The level of experience will be determined during swim tests on the first night of camp.

#### Zip Line

Participants fly down our zip line while being encouraged and cheered on by their friends and counselors.

#### Climbing Wall

A 35 ft. vertical, outdoor climbing wall will challenge campers to trust, overcome fears and to be encouragers for their camp friends.

#### Teambuilding

Participants will be led through a series of activities to build trust, communication and teamwork amongst their team.

#### Crafts

A chance for campers to be able to creatively express themselves through art.

#### Nature Walks

An opportunity to learn to appreciate and care for nature through exploration.

#### Free Play Area

A variety of opportunities are provided for children to practice decision-making skills, to share, to negotiate, and to resolve conflicts. Children are allowed to discover areas of interest on their own and engage in the activities they choose to pursue.

#### Hayride and Campfire Cookout

Campers will enjoy a leisurely wagon ride around the camp with singing and fellowship. Campers will have the opportunity to have a meal cooked outdoors at least once during their week of camp.

## What is unique about Mini Camp?

Mini Camp is our 3 day, 2 night experience for grades Kindergarten - 2nd graders . What makes our Mini Camp special is that this is the perfect experience for first time campers. This is a safe place where kids will learn about their great and loving God through age-appropriate teaching, engaging worship, and time outdoors in His Creation. It's an opportunity to meet new friends and learn about how we are designed for Christ-centered community while staying away from home for the very first time.

## Daily Schedule Sample

7:00a	Rise and Shine
8:00a	Breakfast
8:45a	Morning Focus
9:15a	Morning Devotions
9:45a	Activity Rotations
11:45a	Front Porch
Noon	Lunch, Singing & Announcements
1:00p	<i>Horizontal Hour</i>
2:00p	<i>Activity Rotations</i>
3:30p	Snack &Swimming
5:00p	Dinner
6:15p	Free Time in the Field
6:45p	Evening Activity
7:30p	Large Group Game & Snack
8:00p	Evening Worship
9:00p	Cabin Reflections
9:30p	Ready for bed, Lights Out

## Cabin Life

### Cabins

*Whitefield and Wesley Lodges are used for our youngest campers. Both lodges are air-conditioned and have bathroom facilities located inside the building. Lodges are dormitory style with bunk beds. Each lodge has two dormitory rooms, each with its own bathroom. Whitefield Lodge sleeps up to 40 campers, while Wesley Lodge can accommodate up to 32. Counselor to camper ratios are two adults for every 10 campers. There are also camp parents, camp medics, camp staff and CITs involved with caring for the campers.*

### Cabin Groups

A Family Group is comprised of the boy and girl cabin in a cluster. Many activities throughout the week will be done with your Family Group, while some others will be just with your cabin. The purpose of the Family Group is to “create short-term communities in which persons experience the Christian faith.” You will share meals together, play games, study the Bible, etc all as a giant family. This is a wonderful experience for campers. Within a couple days, many campers will take pride in their Family Group and start to feel more at home.

We offer family style meals here at Camp Rivervale. This means that your Family Group will gather around the same table at every meal. Food is served in large bowls and passed around the table for everyone. This creates a wonderful experience for our campers who may not always have the chance to enjoy this kind of setting, have these conversations, and explore the manners at home.

## Bring A Friend Or Come With A Church

Camp is a great place to solidify relationships within a student's faith community. Invite a friend to join or come with your church to create maximum impact in helping to find stability and foundation in your child's relationship with Christ.