

2026 Camp FAQs

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We know sending your child to camp can come with questions. This FAQ shares the answers we get most often from parents, and we hope it helps you feel ready and confident. If anything is still unclear, please reach out to your Kids, Students, or Special Needs Pastor - they are happy to help!

SAFETY & SECURITY

How do you choose camp coaches?

Your child's safety is a top priority for us. Every adult coach completes a screening process that includes a background check, an interview with CCV staff, and coach training meaning they are approved to serve as a CCV Coach. Coaches support CCV's core beliefs, mission, and values. Some camps may also have student coaches who are CCV HS students serving alongside an adult coach. Because they are minors (under the age of 18), student coaches do not complete a background check, but they do complete the interview and training steps.

What does security look like for my child at camp?

You can feel confident knowing our dedicated Safety & Security Team (comprised of adult CCV staff and approved volunteers) is present at every camp to help create a safe, welcoming environment. Each member of the team completes a background check, interviews with our staff, receives training, and supports CCV's core beliefs, mission, and values.

During camp, kids and students are with approved coaches and staff, and any concern is addressed right away and directed to our Safety & Security Team.

Kids & SN Camps (day camps)

1. We utilize at Kids Camp the same secure check-in / check-out procedures (with matching parent / guardian tags) as we do for our weekend services. You'll check in your child each day of camp and receive a pick-up tag. Kids will be released at the end of the day to the parent / guardian with the matching pick-up tag.
2. Kids Camp is held at several CCV campuses, with access restricted during camp to help keep our campers safe.

JH & HS Camps (overnight camps)

1. You'll check in your child with their CCV Camp Coach at drop-off on Day 1 and pick them up on the last day.
2. JH Camp is held at Grand Canyon University (GCU), maintained by GCU Security & Police and our Safety & Security Team throughout camp. CCV students are limited to the areas GCU has approved for our JH Camp.
3. HS Camp is held at Northern Arizona University (NAU), maintained by the NAU Police Department and our Safety & Security Team. CCV students are limited to the areas NAU has approved for our HS Camp.

If you have any questions, we're here to help. Our hope is that you feel fully confident and comfortable sending your children to camp.

ALL CAMPS (general questions for every camp)

What happens after I register my child for camp?

After you register, we will send a few emails to help you feel prepared. Here is what you can expect:

1. **Confirmation Email** — sent right after you register. It includes the waivers you signed, important details, and a packing list if your child is registered for JH or HS Camp.
2. **Payment Reminder Email** — sent every two weeks, and then once a week as camp gets closer. If you did not set up a payment plan, this email reminds you of your child's remaining balance and includes a direct link to make a payment.
3. **Camp Departure Email** — sent one week before camp starts. It includes camp-specific details like bus number, team color, your camp coach's name, packing list for JH & HS, and medication management information.

ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF CAMP

My child has an activity during camp hours. Can I pick them up and bring them back? For safety and security reasons, we are not able to check campers out and back in during camp hours. Thank you for understanding—this helps us keep a clear, consistent process for every child.

CAMP PAYMENTS

How do I make a payment for my child's camp registration? How can I check my balance and due date?

You can make a payment in either of these ways:

1. Open the Payment Reminder Email and use the link that goes directly to your child's registration; or
2. Log in to the **same** CCV account you used to register. Click **Profile** (under your picture), then **Registrations**, then choose the registration you want to pay.

Empowerment Scholarship Account (ESA)

Do CCV Summer Camps qualify for ESA? ESA is run by the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) and uses state tax dollars to help families with education options. According to the ESA Parent Handbook, CCV Summer Camps do not qualify as an [Allowable Expense](#) because they are not considered a sports or educational camp.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

I need help paying for my child's camp registration. What should I do? If you are experiencing financial hardship, we would love to help. Before you submit a request, please register your child and pay the deposit. Then visit our [camps webpage](#) and complete the form at the bottom. Select the topic "Financial Assistance." A team member will respond within 3–5 business days. If a discount is approved, it will be applied automatically to your child's registration, and you will be notified. Please complete this process for each child you are sending to camp.

FOOD ALLERGIES

My child has food allergies or sensitivities. What options are available? We offer meal options for these needs: Celiac/Gluten Free, Lactose Intolerant/Dairy-Free, Nut Allergy (any kind), and Vegan/Vegetarian. Your child may also bring their own food or snacks if you prefer. Please make sure your child tells their Camp Coach about any food allergies or food sensitivities.

Can my child bring extra snacks? Yes.

LOST & FOUND

If an item is found at camp and turned into CCV staff, we will do our best to return it. A helpful reminder: please have your child double-check their bus seat before getting off so they do not leave anything behind. CCV is not responsible for any lost or stolen items left at camp or left on the bus. If your child is missing something, please visit our [camps webpage](#) and complete the form at the bottom, select **General**, and provide specific details about the item such as where it was lost (at camp, on the bus, in the Dome, etc.). We will check to see if it was turned in.

OTHER QUESTIONS

What should my child bring to camp?

- ***Kids Camp*** - A refillable water bottle labeled with your child's full name. Please apply sunscreen daily.
- ***JH Camp*** - Please use the **JH Camp Packing List** (*attached*).
- ***HS Camp*** - Please use the **HS Camp Packing List** (*attached*).
- ***SN Camp*** - Optional: a refillable water bottle labeled with your child's full name.

What kinds of activities will my child do at camp? Activities vary by camp and will include indoor and outdoor options. We recommend applying sunscreen, wearing athletic clothing, and bringing a refillable water bottle.

Need help with a change to your registration? Your Kids, Students or Special Needs Pastor's contact information is in your **Confirmation Email**. Please reach out to them if you need help with:

- Accidentally registering yourself instead of your child
- Updating the gender or campus
- Adding or updating a student's roommate request
- Updating your child's registration with new information
- Dropping off late, picking up early, or bringing an item your child forgot
- Switching your child to a different camp group

Theme Days Each camp has its own theme days, and we will share them in your **Camp Departure Email** (sent one week before camp). Examples may be Camp T-Shirt Day, Sports Day, Team Color Day, etc.

KIDS CAMP (for kids entering 4th – 6th grade in the Fall)

What is the schedule for Kids Camp?

- Kids Camp is a 2-day experience (not overnight).
- A typical day runs 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Campers play games, worship, hear a message about Jesus, talk with their group about what they learned, and make new friends.
- All snacks, meals, and drinks are provided. Please send a refillable water bottle labeled with your child's full name. You are welcome to send your child with snacks if they have food allergies or food sensitivities that we are not able to accommodate.
- You will drop off and pick up your child at your CCV home campus each day. Several CCV campuses across the valley will serve as Host Sites for Kids Camp. Drop-off and Pick-up times are in your **Confirmation Email** and will also be in the **Camp Departure Email** sent one week before camp.

What if my child needs medication during Kids Camp? Please refer to the **Medication Management at Camp** document (attached). We will also include more details in the **Camp Departure Email** one week before camp.

Who will be my child's Camp Coach? We will share your child's Camp Coach in the **Camp Departure Email** sent one week before camp.

What should my child bring to Kids Camp? Kids Camp is a day camp. Please apply sunscreen each day and send a refillable water bottle labeled with your child's full name.

Cell Phone-Free Camp Experience To help kids unplug, connect with friends, and have space to connect with Jesus, Kids Camp is cell phone-free. During these three days, kids can call parents at any time using their coach's phone. If you need to reach your child, please contact your child's Camp Coach or Kids Pastor.

Does my child need spending money at Kids Camp? No. All food, snacks, and drinks are provided.

Camp Merchandise Each child receives a free camp T-shirt on the first day of camp.

JH CAMP (JUNIOR HIGH) (for students entering 7th – 8th grade in the Fall)

Where is JH Camp? JH Camp is held locally at Grand Canyon University (GCU). You will drop off and pick up your student at your CCV home campus, and we will transport students by charter bus to GCU and back.

What is the schedule for JH Camp?

- JH Camp is a 3-day / 2-night overnight experience.
- A typical day runs 7:30 AM - 11:00 PM. Students play games, worship, hear a message about Jesus, talk with their group about what they learned, and make new friends. All meals are provided.
- Drop-off and Pick-up times are in your **Confirmation Email** and will also be in the **Camp Departure Email**.

What should my student bring to JH Camp? The JH Camp Packing List is included in your **Confirmation Email** as well the **Camp Departure Email**. It is also attached to this document.

What if my student needs medication while at JH Camp? Please refer to the **Medication Management at Camp** document (attached). We will also include more details in the **Camp Departure Email**.

What group will my student be in? Who will be my student's Camp Coach? JH students are placed in the same group (and with the same coaches) they would be with when they attend JH services on the weekend.

Does my student need spending money at JH Camp? Spending money is optional (not required). All meals are provided, but students may bring money to purchase from local vendors on the GCU campus, CIY merchandise, or snacks at the GCU Store.

What will rooming be like at JH Camp?

- Students room only with other students of the same gender. Each GCU suite has two dorm rooms with a shared living / common area. Each dorm room sleeps 4 – 6 students (bunk beds). Each bedroom has its own bathroom.
- JH students will not receive room keys. The door from the common area to the dorm hallway will be propped open. Doors to dorm rooms and bathrooms can be closed as needed.
- Camp Coaches stay on the same floor to provide oversight and accountability.
- Our goal is connection - students with Jesus, their coach, and other students. We do our best to honor roommate requests, but we are not able to guarantee them due to group size and dorm space. Thank you for understanding!

Camp Merchandise Each student receives a free camp T-shirt. CCV partners with Christ in Youth (CIY) for JH Camp (CIY's JH program is called MIX). CIY merchandise is available to buy at camp and after camp on their [website](#). CCV merchandise is available for purchase at camp only.

Cell Phone-Free Camp Experience To help students unplug, connect with friends, and have space to connect with Jesus, JH Camp is cell phone-free. During these three days, students can call parents at any time using their coach's phone. If you need to reach your student, please contact your student's Camp Coach or Students Pastor.

HS CAMP (HIGH SCHOOL) (for students entering 9th grade - graduating seniors in the Fall)

Where is HS Camp? HS Camp is held at Northern Arizona University (NAU). You will drop off and pick up your student at your CCV home campus.

What is the schedule for HS Camp?

- HS Camp is a 4-day / 3-night overnight experience.
- A typical day runs 7:30 AM – 11:30 PM. Students play games, worship, hear a message about Jesus, talk with their group about what they learned, and make new friends. All meals are provided.
- Drop-off and Pick-up times are in your **Confirmation Email** and will also be in the **Camp Departure Email**.

What should my student bring to HS Camp? The **HS Camp Packing List** is included in your **Confirmation Email** and **Camp Departure Email**, and it is also attached to this document.

What if my student needs medication while at HS Camp? Please refer to the **Medication Management at Camp** document (attached). We will also include more details in the **Camp Departure Email** one week before camp.

What group will my student be in? Who will be my student's Camp Coach? HS students are placed in the same group (and with the same coaches) they would be with when they attend HS services on the weekend.

Does my student need spending money at HS Camp? Spending money is optional (not required). All meals are provided, but students may bring money to purchase from local vendors on the NAU campus, CIY merchandise, or additional CCV merchandise.

What will rooming be like at HS Camp?

- Students room only with other students of the same gender. NAU dorm rooms vary (single, double, triple, and quad). Some dorms have community bathrooms, and some have private bathrooms.
- Students will receive a room key. **Replacement cost is \$80.**
- Camp Coaches stay on the same floor to provide oversight and accountability.
- Our goal is connection - students with Jesus, their coach, and other students. We do our best to honor roommate requests, but we are not able to guarantee them due to group size and dorm space. Thank you for understanding!

Camp Merchandise Each student receives a free camp T-shirt. CCV partners with Christ in Youth (CIY) for HS Camp (CIY's HS program is called MOVE). CIY merchandise is available to buy at camp and after camp on their [website](#). CCV merchandise is available for purchase at camp only.

SN CAMP (SPECIAL NEEDS) *(for ages 4 and up)*

What is the schedule for SN Camp?

- SN Camp is a 3-day evening experience, with the last day as a Family Day.
- A typical day at camp is 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM. Your child will play games, worship, hear a message about Jesus, spend time with their group discussing what they learned, and meet new friends. Snacks are provided.
- Several of our CCV campuses will be Host Sites for our SN Camp. Please refer to our [camps webpage](#) for locations to select the one closest to you.
- Each day you will drop off and pick up your child at the Host Site Campus. Drop off is typically 30 minutes before the start of camp with pick up within 15 minutes after camp ends. More detailed times will be shared in your **Camp Departure Email**.

What if my child needs to take medication during SN Camp hours? Please refer to the **Medication Management at Camp** document (*attached*).

Who will be my child's Camp Coach? We will share your child's Camp Coach in the **Camp Departure Email** you will receive one week prior to the start of camp.

What does my child need to bring to SN Camp? Your child is welcome to bring a refillable water bottle labelled with their full name.

Camp Merchandise Each child will receive a free camp T-shirt.