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## **2019 DAY CAMP PREVIEW**

*Bringing camp to you!*

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## Thanks for partnering with us!

It can be difficult to balance the need and desire for summer programming for children with the limited resources our congregations often have. We know; we've tried.

### Here's the good news:

- You're clearly committed to developing faith in your young people. That alone is to be celebrated!
- Camp (and day camp) provide clear benefits to the process of faith formation in children.\* Some of these include:
  - Increased belief that God and faith matter in life
  - Increased interest in worship
  - Increased conversations about faith at home - the primary place where faith is developed
- *We're* committed to helping you do the work of faith formation in your congregation, including partnering with you to put on a great day camp!

### Here's the struggle:

- Day Camp isn't a silver bullet, meaning that if you don't integrate your children into the life of your congregation in other ways, you won't see the benefits. The week will end up being nothing more than a week where you spent a lot of money just to have fun.
- No matter how much you do for children at your church, you'll always be secondary to the parents.\* That doesn't mean we shouldn't work as a church on behalf of our children. It just means that efforts will have to be put towards equipping and encouraging parents, too.
  - (It also means to have a little grace for yourself as a congregation!!!)
- **Day Camp is truly a partnership.** What we bring is a huge benefit to you - staff, curriculum, materials, energy, etc. However, **we absolutely need you to provide volunteers**, including volunteers to help during day camp and volunteers to transport our staff if they have no vehicle. Not only are we not able to do it all ourselves, but your kids need to see your adults leading, too.

### Bottom Line:

- Day Camp is awesome. It's great for you and fun for us and we're excited about it!
- Day Camp can be a catalyst for some really amazing things in your congregation.
- Day Camp isn't effective unless it's part of a larger effort to work with, and learn from, your kids.

### *So with that, let's get to planning!*

*\*If you'd like to receive more information on these points, let us know and we'll be happy to pass it on.*

# 2019 Theme:

## earth creatures

*“LORD, by your wisdom you made so many things; the whole earth is covered with your living creatures!”  
- Psalm 104:24*

The biblical story shows we're both *of* the earth and *for* the earth. We're part of creation - Genesis 1 includes us with the mountains and air and seas and animals - we're earth creatures! But clearly, God also sees us as special and unique. And not only are we important to God, but we're the image of God - called to be creators in and for this world. Over the course of the week we'll look at how we're both creatures of the earth and also creatures for the earth - creating new life for it and all who live in it.

- **Monday: Creatures of the Earth**
  - Genesis 1
- **Tuesday: Creatures Loved by God**
  - Psalm 8
- **Wednesday: Creatures Called by God**
  - Matthew 14:13-21
- **Thursday: Creatures for the Earth**
  - Isaiah 61
- **Friday: We pull everything together!**

### Need more information?

There's more in both the planning guide and the volunteer handbook. Of course, you're always welcome to call or email us with questions, too.

# Day Camp Daily Schedule

8:00 - 8:15 am	Day Camp staff arrives at the church
8:30 am	Morning meeting/check in with volunteers
8:45 am	Meet & Greet/Camper check-in
9:00 am	Gathering activity or sing-a-long
9:15 am	Morning Worship
9:35 am	Group Time*
10:15 am	Snack Time
10:30 am	Group Time*
11:15 am	All Camp Activity
12:00 pm	Lunch
12:30 pm	Quiet Time
1:00 pm	Sing-a-long/Theme Refresher
1:15 pm	Group Time*
2:00 pm	All Camp Activity (or extra group time, if needed)
2:30 pm	Closing Worship
2:55 - 3:10 pm	Goodbye!
3:15 - 4:00 pm	Clean up/Planning time for Day Camp staff

\*Group Time includes Bible study, crafts, and other games/activities that support the theme of the day.

## Other Schedule Notes:

Programming is condensed on Friday and ends at noon; you may schedule a closing program within this time frame if you'd like.

Congregations also have the option to schedule a Thursday evening activity; talk to us about ideas and what that could look like.

## How does this work?

- 1) Let us know you want us to come! Fill out a registration form (attached), including your preferred dates, anticipated number of campers, and a 25% deposit. We'll contact you to confirm!
- 2) You'll get access to our Leader Page that has everything you need to plan - an advertising timeline, sample bulletins and flyers, graphics, a volunteer handbook, ideas for an optional Thursday night event, etc. Look through the material and start planning!
- 3) We'll have Day Camp Preview Days in the spring. Plan to attend in order to receive the most relevant information and help and ideas for planning a great week. Beyond that, always feel free to reach out to us with any questions that you may have.
- 4) Get us your final registration numbers two weeks before we come out.
- 5) We arrive on Sunday of your week, ready for a great time!

## Who does what?

The following are just the *rough basics*. There are a lot of things that go into making Day Camp a success; once you book with us, you'll receive a planning guide that has a lot more detail.

### Mt. Cross Provides:

1. **A Day Camp Team**
  - a. We provide a team of three counselors for each church. They have the training to work with you and with the campers to have a great week!
2. **Curriculum, Materials, Training, and Fun!**
  - a. Our staff come trained, excited, and ready to lead all aspects of the week in ways that are safe and engaging. They also guide and manage the volunteers.
  - b. **We provide programming for kids who have just completed Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.** Unfortunately, we can't serve kids outside this age range, but you're welcome to if you'd like and we can provide curriculum for pre-school aged children upon request.
3. **Day Camp Planning Assistance**
  - a. Day Camp Preview Days in the spring to give everyone a successful foundation for planning.
  - b. Access to the Day Camp Leader page on our website, which includes:
    - i. Publicity aids, registration forms, health forms, volunteer handbook, info on summer curriculum and themes, and a planning guide (Please use the provided registration and medical forms instead of your own; if you desire to use different ones, please talk with us first.)
  - c. We work with your Site Coordinator throughout the process of organizing and hosting your day camp with monthly check-ins and an optional site visit before the summer begins
4. **Transportation to and from your church and Mt. Cross**

## Your Church Provides:

1. **Campers!**
  - a. Thanks for getting them to come! We'll need a rough number estimate to secure your week.
2. **A Site Coordinator**
  - a. The Site Coordinator is the liaison between the church and the camp, both before and during day camp.
  - b. If your Site Coordinator cannot be present for the full week of day camp, then another person needs to be assigned to function as such while we're there.
3. **Host Family and/or Room & Board for our Staff**
  - a. The Day Camp Team needs accommodations from Sunday lunch to Friday lunch! They need a place to stay that is clean, safe, and has some form of couch/air mattress/bed, whether at a host home or at the church if there are showers. They will also need their meals provided.
  - b. Host families may also need to provide transportation to and from the church and their home each day.
4. **Volunteers**
  - a. We require at least the Site Coordinator or a point-person onsite the entire week.
  - b. If you have more than 21 campers, we strongly recommend a volunteer to help with programming. If you have more than 30 campers, we require enough volunteers to keep our ratio of adults:campers at 1:10 or less.
  - c. You may want additional volunteers to help with check-in/check-out, meals, decorating, etc.!
5. **Publicity**
  - a. Let your congregation and community know that we're coming! Invite the neighborhood!

## 2019 Day Camp Prices

### Base Cost: \$2,000

This is for a team of 3 Mt. Cross staff and up to 30 campers. This includes transportation to/from the camp and your congregation, and all supplies and materials.

**For every 10 campers above 30: \$50** (i.e., 32 campers = \$50; 47 campers = \$100; etc.)

This covers the extra craft and program materials needed.

### Additional Staff Member: \$400

You may request additional staff. However, we cannot guarantee availability until early June.

### Two Teams: \$3,350

There is limited availability for you to book two teams for your week. This means you'd be given 6 staff for up to 60 campers.

### T-Shirts: \$9-15

Cost depends on when you order (cheapest before Feb. 1) and whether you want your church name printed on them.

Not included are costs for food for the staff (to be provided by host families or the congregation), morning snacks, and optional costs, such as decorations or Thursday night activities.

## Want to book?

Attached you'll find the Day Camp Registration Form. Please fill this out and scan/email or send it to: [mtcross@mtcross.org](mailto:mtcross@mtcross.org) or PO Box 387 Felton, CA 95018 along with a check for a 25% non-refundable deposit. Once we receive your form and deposit, we'll contact you to confirm your booking. 50% of the remaining balance will be due 30 days before your day camp and the remainder will be due no later than the last day of your camp.

### Please Note:

- All registrations **MUST** be received into the camp office by May 1, 2019. After that, we will no longer be accepting new churches.
- Please look at the dates and availability information on the day camp page of our website before filling out the registration form. Some weeks may already be filled.
- If your preferred week(s) are filled, we are happy to put you on a waitlist.

## Have further questions?

We're just a phone call or email away and are eager to begin planning with you! There's also more information on our website.

Thank you for your interest in partnering with Mt. Cross!

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# 2019 Mt. Cross Day Camp Registration Form

*This form and the deposit must be received in the camp office by May 1, 2019.  
No registrations will be accepted after that date.*

Name of Church or Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Phone (indicate type): \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor of Congregation/Director of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Requesting Day Camp Team For:	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice	3 <sup>rd</sup> Choice
Week 1: June 16-21			
Week 2: June 23-28			
Week 3: June 30-July 5			
Week 4: July 7-12			
Week 5: July 14-19			
Week 6: July 21-26			
Week 7: July 28-Aug 2			

Anticipated number of participants (completed K - 5<sup>th</sup> grade): \_\_\_\_\_

*Please note that we cannot accommodate participants outside of this age range, but we are happy to consult with you on how you can run concurrent programs with those children and youth.*

Would you like to pre-order T-shirts?  Yes  No If so, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

*Sizes will be ordered at a later date, but are Youth S, M, L and Adult S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL*

*Pre-order prices are: \$9/general shirt or \$12/shirt with your church name. Ordering after Feb. 1, 2019 bumps the price up \$3/shirt.*

Are you requesting additional staff?  Yes  No If so, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

*All teams consist of 3 staff. There are very limited weeks where you can reserve two teams. You may request additional staff at \$400/staff, but we cannot guarantee availability and will not know whether we can accommodate requests until early June.*

**Pricing:**

\$2,000 = a day camp team of three (3), and up to 30 campers

\$50 = additional 10 campers above 30 (i.e. every 10 campers above 30 is an additional \$50)

\$400 = additional staff member (please note: we cannot guarantee this, and this would not be charged unless we are able to grant this request)

\$3,350 = two day camp teams (total of 6 staff), and up to 60 campers (please note this has very limited availability)

By Feb. 1, 2019 - \$9 for pre-ordered general T-Shirt and \$12 for pre-ordered T-shirt with church name

After Feb. 1, 2019 - \$12 for general T-Shirt and \$12 for T-shirt with church name

Example: One day camp team and 37 campers  
\$2000 base price + \$50 for additional above 30 = \$2050 (deposit: \$512.50)

One day camp team, 25 campers, and 30 general T-shirts  
\$2000 base price + \$270 for T-shirts (30\*9) = \$2270 (deposit: \$567.50)

Your Total Price: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \*0.25 = Deposit Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Questions/Additional Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Mt. Cross will provide a team of three (3) staff, the programming, materials, and transportation to/from your church and the camp. As the congregation, you are responsible for providing space for the day camp to be held, lodging and meals for our staff, and possibly transportation for our staff to/from the church each day, as well as an available, onsite point person throughout the week. If your congregation has more than 21 campers, we deeply appreciate an additional volunteer to help with programming. If your congregation has more than 30 campers, we require additional volunteers to get us to a ratio of 1:10 or less. Your main contact person and/or your primary point person during the day camp week are strongly encouraged to come to one of our Day Camp Preview Days at Mt. Cross; a doodle poll will be put online in early spring to determine best dates. If it is impossible to come one of those days, alternative arrangements must be made with the camp. To fully register your congregation for a day camp, we must have this completed form as well as a non-refundable deposit of 25% of the total cost. We will then require 50% of the remaining cost 30 days before the day camp and the remainder of the balance no later than the last day of your camp.

Contact Person's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's/Director's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please scan and email (or mail) this completed form to: [mtcross@mtcross.org](mailto:mtcross@mtcross.org)  
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