

ABOUT US

Mt. Cross Ministries is a Lutheran summer camp and retreat center located in the breathtaking Santa Cruz Mountains of Northern California. Surrounded by towering redwoods, we provide a welcoming space for people of all ages to grow in faith, build community, and experience the beauty of God's creation through life-changing summer camps and meaningful retreat experiences.

Mt. Cross operates consistent with the theology and culture of the ELCA.

Activities include hiking, rock climbing, swimming, crafts, Bible study, and team-building adventures. All full-week programs also include a beach day, a hike day, and a camp cookout dinner. Mt. Cross programs are fun, safe, and Christ-centered!

BACKPACKING PROGRAM

WAYPOINTS

GRADES 6TH-12TH

Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
\$695	\$590	\$485

Waypoints takes the camp experience into the backcountry. Designed for 6th–12th graders, this wilderness program helps campers grow in faith, live simply in Christian community, and explore God's creation on a four-day trek through the Emigrant Wilderness. Through shared adventure, meaningful conversations, and life together on the trail, Waypoints campers discover how God guides each step of their journey.



TIERED PRICING

TIER 1 (Full cost)

Full Week: \$695

Half-Week: \$450

TIER 2 (15% off)

Full Week: \$590

Half-Week: \$380

TIER 3 (30% off)

Full Week: \$485

Half-Week: \$315

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

At Mt. Cross, we believe every child should have the chance to experience camp—no matter their family's finances. Our tiered pricing lets you choose the rate that works best for you, and scholarships are always available, no questions asked. All financial assistance, including scholarship requests, can be completed directly through our online registration portal.



2026
SUMMER CAMP



ON-SITE SUMMER SCHEDULE

WEEK 1 JUNE 10-12

- *Explorers (K-2nd)
- *Pathfinders (3rd-5th)
- *half-week session

WEEK 2 JUNE 14-19

Pathfinders (3rd-5th)
Trailblazers (6th-8th)

WEEK 3 JUNE 21-26

Trailblazers (6th-8th)
Confirmation (6th-8th)
Surf Camp (6th-8th)

WEEK 4 JUNE 28-JULY 3

Trailblazers (6th-8th)
Voyagers (9th-12th)
Surf Camp (6th-12th)

WEEK 5 JULY 19-24

Waypoints (6th-12th)

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ON-SITE SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMS

EXPLORERS

GRADES K-2ND

Tier 1 \$450 Tier 2 \$380 Tier 3 \$315

Explorers get their very first taste of summer camp! With lots of singing, games, crafts, and outdoor play, this half-week program is designed for our youngest campers to experience the wonder of God's creation in a safe, nurturing, and joy-filled environment.



PATHFINDERS

GRADES 3RD-5TH

Tier 1 \$695 Tier 2 \$590 Tier 3 \$485
(full week session)

Pathfinders build on the excitement of camp by exploring new activities, growing in confidence, and learning what it means to live in community. Through silly songs, outdoor adventures, and meaningful worship, campers discover the joy of faith and friendship.



TRAILBLAZERS

GRADES 6TH-8TH

Tier 1 \$695 Tier 2 \$590 Tier 3 \$485

Trailblazers are ready for bigger challenges and deeper connections. Middle school campers experience adventure activities, team-building games, and powerful worship that help them grow in faith, independence, and leadership — all while having an unforgettable time at camp.



CONFIRMATION

GRADES 6TH-8TH

Tier 1 \$695 Tier 2 \$590 Tier 3 \$485

Designed for middle schoolers in confirmation programs, this week combines the best of camp fun with faith formation. Campers enjoy all the traditional camp activities — from swimming to campfires — alongside intentional time in small groups and Bible study, deepening their understanding of faith in a supportive community.



Adult Leader
\$100

VOYAGERS

GRADES 9TH-12TH

Tier 1 \$695 Tier 2 \$590 Tier 3 \$485

Voyagers take their camp experience to the next level. High school campers dive into faith conversations, leadership opportunities, and camp traditions while building friendships that last well beyond the summer. Whether through service, adventure, or late-night campfire conversations, Voyagers discover how God is guiding their journey.



SURF CAMP

GRADES 6TH-12TH

Tier 1 \$895 Tier 2 \$790 Tier 3 \$685

Catch a wave and grow in faith at Surf Camp! Campers spend their days learning to surf on the beautiful California coast and their evenings back at Mt. Cross for classic camp fun — from games and worship to campfires under the stars. Surf Campers gain confidence, build friendships, and experience God's presence in the ocean, on the beach, and in the community they create together.

