

SIXTH GRADE CAMP: PARENT ADDITION

We are so grateful for the opportunity to have your campers here with us this Fall. Indian Hills Camp was founded in 1960 by Bertha Watts and Ruth Folsom with the mission of reaching and teaching children for Jesus Christ through a traditional camp experience, and that remains our vision today. Our heart for Sixth Grade Camp is to teach your campers the wonders of science found in nature, and how it all points back to the Creator of it all. Our prayer for your camper is that they see and experience Jesus in a new and deeper way and that their relationship with Him will be forever changed.

In today's technology and media engrossed world, children need a chance to take a break from the distractions and over-stimulation of screens. Sixth Grade Camp is a great way to focus their attention on the world around them and to engage their minds as they consider, perhaps for the first time, the wonder of creation and the One who created it all. Our classes are designed to view God through the lens of science and nature. They are structured to broaden your camper's view and awareness, teaching them to see Jesus in the big and small details from the vast expanse of the universe to the important role the tiniest ant plays in the ecosystem of camp.

Our staff are committed to teaching children for the purpose of Jesus. We are all Christians devoted to spreading the Gospel and raising up the next generation of believers. Many of our staff serve here as missionaries to impact campers just like your child. They will lead with biblical principles and godly character and will invest in your child beyond teaching them science. We hope your child sees great examples of living for Christ which they will carry home with them.

When your camper is not in classes, they will be playing games, riding the BMX track, zip lining, swimming, practicing archery, perusing the camp store, or whatever else they can dream up during their free time. In the evenings they will play exciting night games, sit around the campfire, or gaze up at the stars during astronomy night. We have many fun activities for your camper planned so they can bond with their teachers and classmates and be more open to the lessons they will be learning about God

Thank you for entrusting us with your child for a few days. We are so excited to get to know them and see them grow here mentally and spiritually, to impart upon your students a love for nature and a deeper understanding of, as well as a love for, the God who created it. We believe God uses outdoor education and camping to change students' lives. Sixth Grade Camp Thanks for choosing us for your adventure!

SAMPLE CAMP SCHEDULE

This is an example schedule and may not represent the final timing or logistics for camp.

TUESDAY

9:00 Arrival/Check In
10:00 am Move into Cabins
11:15 Orientation
12:00 Class 1/Counselor Meeting*
12:30 Lunch
1:15 Class 2*
2:15 Class 3*
3:15 Free Time**
5:10 Flag Lowering
5:30 Dinner
6:15 Playground Time
7:00 Campfire
8:00 Night Game
9:10 Evening Devotion
9:45 Lights Out

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Wake Up
7:45 Morning Devotion
8:10 Flag Raising
8:30 Breakfast
9:15 Barn Meeting
11:00 Class 4*
12:30 Lunch
1:00 Class 5*
2:45 Class 6*
3:30 Free Time**
5:10 Flag Lowering
5:30 Dinner
6:30 Astronomy Night
9:10 Evening Devotion
9:45 Lights Out

THURSDAY

7:00 Wake Up
7:45 Morning Devotion
8:10 Flag Raising
8:30 Breakfast
9:15 Barn Meeting
10:30 Get ready for hike
11:15 Hike Class 1*
12:15 Hike Class 2*
1:15 Hike Class 3*
2:45 Free Time
5:10 Flag Raising
5:30 Dinner
6:15 Playground Time
7:00 Campfire
8:00 Night Game
9:10 Evening Devotion
9:45 Lights Out

FRIDAY

7:20 Wake Up
8:05 Morning Devotion
8:30 Breakfast
9:00 Test
9:45 Final Contest
10:00 Barn Meeting
11:00 Game
12:00 Lunch
12:30 Check Out

* **Possible Classes:** Aware Class, The Web of Life, Animal Adaptations, Mighty Oaks, Rattlesnakes, Ancient People, Astronomy, and Survival Hike. See the next page for class descriptions.

** **Free time Activities:** Dirt boards, BMX, Obstacle Course, Sports, Farmyard, Game Room, Playground.

CLASS OVERVIEW

AWARE CLASS

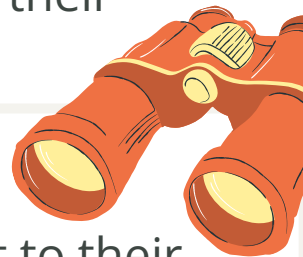
Students will learn how God equipped them to use their physical senses to be aware of the world around them. We will discuss the importance of physical awareness to survival as well as how physical awareness and deepen our spiritual awareness.

Throughout the week, students will be challenged to take their eyes off of themselves so they can see God and others more clearly.

THE WEB OF LIFE

Students will learn the basics of an ecosystem. We will discuss the critical role each organism plays in relationship with one another and how God thoughtfully designed organisms to live together to perfectly provide everything the ecosystem needs to survive.

Students will learn what their role is in an ecosystem and their responsibility as stewards of God's creation.



ANIMAL ADAPTIONS

Students will learn how God designed organisms to adapt to their changing surroundings. As environments change, animals, plants and other organisms

MIGHTY OAKS

Students will learn about the ecosystem of an oak tree. We will discuss how God designed all of the organisms that live in and around oak trees specifically to interact with each other. Students will investigate the main three types of oak tree that grow in the California Chaparral, learning to identify them based on their bark, leaves and acorns.

CLASS OVERVIEW

RATTLESNAKES

Students will learn about the main types of rattlesnakes found in San Diego County, and how to identify them. We will discuss how pit vipers strike and how their venom works. Students will also learn basic outdoor safety in areas where snakes can be found and what to do in the event of a snake bite

ANCIENT PEOPLE

Students will learn the basic human needs for survival and how ancient civilizations would have supplied these needs. In particular, we will discuss the Kumeyaay people who lived in Southern California and what they did to survive. We will discuss the idea of stewardship and how we can efficiently use, without exploiting, the resources God has given His people.

ASTRONOMY

In this special evening presentation, students will learn about the components with which God has constructed the universe. They will learn about the vast immensity of space, revealing to them a glimpse of how big our God is. Our goal is to wow the students with the intelligence, creativity and power of the God who created the universe and them.

THE ULTIMATE HIKE

On the last full day of camp, students will apply what they have learned on an all afternoon adventure. They will go on an instructional hike in which they learn about the native plants and their uses for outdoor survival. They will practice building shelter and a solar still to collect water. Students will also learn the key components to making a fire and heat their lunch on a fire they make with their cabin group.

WHAT TO BRING

- Sleeping Bag
- Pillow
- Daily Change of Clothes
- Pajamas or Sweats
- Bible, Pen, and Paper
- Towel & Washcloth
- Toiletries (shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.)
- Tennis Shoes or Boots (closed-toe)
- Warm Jacket/Sweatshirt
- Shower Shoes - recommended for wearing while in the shower
- Modest Swimsuit / Beach Towel
- Chapstick and Sunblock
- Hat / Beanie
- Flashlight

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Electronics include but are not limited to cell phones, iPods, MP3 players, games, etc.
- Expensive items such as designer clothing, toys, electronic games, etc.
- Gum or Messy snacks
- Pocket knives, weapons, etc.



PLEASE BE SURE TO LABEL ALL OF YOUR BELONGINGS!

WHAT TIME IS CHECK IN?

Schools can check students in between 9:00 - 10:00 am on Tuesday

WHAT TIME IS CHECK OUT?

Check-out is from 2:00 - 3:00 pm on Friday



WHAT'S THE WEATHER LIKE?

October in Jamul can have warm days and cool nights, sometimes with rain. Be sure to check your weather app and pack an appropriate sleeping bag, some warm layers, and rain gear.

HOW MUCH MONEY SHOULD I GIVE MY STUDENT?

We recommend at least \$30-\$50 for your student. That is enough for snacks, souvenirs, and other fun things throughout the week.

WHAT THINGS CAN MY CAMPER PURCHASE AT THE STORE?

Our camp store sells treats – candy, soda, chips, and ice cream, along with souvenirs such as – rocks, arrowheads, small jewelry, sunglasses, shirts, hats, and more. Items cost between \$5-\$40.

DOES YOUR KITCHEN ACCOMMODATE DIETARY RESTRICTIONS?

Yes! Please include that information in your camper's registration form. If your camper has a serious or life-threatening allergy, please contact the office so that we can best facilitate that need. Our kitchen does not serve nuts, fish, or shellfish of any kind.

CAN MY CAMPER CALL HOME?

To discourage homesickness and help your camper enjoy his/her time as much as possible, we work to connect campers with parents in other more intentional and engaging ways. Calling home can sometimes cause further homesickness, so we encourage parents to write letters or send packages. Remember that these will take time to post to camp, so prepare accordingly (see question Can I send mail to my camper? below). Additionally, parents can email campers at any time. Their teacher will relay these messages every day at dinner so they must be sent by 3:00 pm. In the event of an emergency, parents will always be notified of any information regarding their camper(s).

IF MY CHILD GETS HURT OR SICK, HOW WILL YOU CARE FOR THEM?

First aid supplies are always available to the primary medical caregivers of each group to aid campers with any bumps, scrapes, or basic medicines in the event of sickness. In case of emergency, our staff is equipped with first aid training, and we are less than 25 minutes away from the nearest urgent care.

CAN I SEND LETTERS OR MESSAGES TO MY CAMPER?

Yes, and it's usually a highlight for campers. Mail is delivered nightly before dinner. Remember to send your emails to registration@indianhillscamp.com with the subject line "Sixth Grade Camp" by 3:00 pm that day or send mail the week before your camper is due to arrive. Please address your camper's mail like this:

Indian Hills Camp
Camper Name
Church Name (if applicable)
15763 Lyons Valley Rd. Jamul, CA 91935

