



GUIDE FOR MINISTRY LEADERS



Thank you for choosing Carol Joy Holling Camp as your destination for outdoor ministry with your youth and confirmation students. Our goal is to provide a solid summer camp program that offers youth a community of caring adults who nurture experiential education, resulting in strengthened self-respect, appreciation for human value, leadership skills, compassion, and faith formation. We are thrilled that you see the value of a camp experience, and we want to help make sure it is as successful as possible!

We have prepared this quick-view guide to give you an idea of what to expect during your week.

YOUR ROLE

- **Ministry leaders at Ranch Camp or The Springs** have the option of preparing for time with their students or joining the larger group for Bible study led by The Summer Ministry Team. Ministry Leaders are welcome to use NLOM's summer curriculum, which is available upon request to NLOM.
Note: Some ministry leaders work together before the week begins and teach a joint group.
- From 10:30 a.m. - noon, villages do Co-Op. This includes cooperation activities focused on teambuilding. Members of our Summer Ministry Team will lead this with their villages. We encourage you to participate and watch how your youth grow throughout the week together.
Note: If you wish for your youth to all do Co-Op together, please let your site coordinator know Sunday night or first thing Monday so they may alter the Co-Op groups as needed.
- You are always welcome at meal times and you are counted at the site where your largest number of students are. Please eat at that site.
- If you would like to eat a meal with campers at a site other than where you are counted, please speak to the Site Coordinator the day before to ensure they will be prepared for you.
- If you have other engagements or you need to leave camp for some reason, please use the sign in and out sheet at the Main Office. We ask you to let us know when you are not around and how to reach you.

Your time and role at camp can vary a great deal. We love to see Ministry Leaders experiencing camp with their youth! You can choose to be highly involved or just involved in the lesson/Bible study time. One way is not necessarily better than the other and is entirely dependent on how you wish to be involved.

YOUR PRESENCE

You are asked to be present at the following activities during the week:

- **Ministry Leader meeting with the Program Team & Site Coordinator on Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at the grassy area by Swanson Center.** Join us after the opening program. We will use this time to assign meeting spaces, get your material needs, discuss the schedule for the week, and get to know each other.
- **Living In Faith Together (LIFT) Wednesday morning worship at 7:30 a.m. at Inspiration Point.** This is also where breakfast will be served camp-wide on Wednesday morning at 8 a.m.
- **Thursday's All Site Witness Event.** You are welcome to bring your gifts/talents to share with all or work together to come up with an entertaining act.
- **From Wednesday on, Co-Op** time may be at a low ropes site. Your presence is welcomed and appreciated.

We run on a Village system. Each Village is made up of campers from across the program site. This gives the kids a chance to meet new friends and build a stronger community within their site. You are welcome to join with the villages throughout the week. Activities during Village time could include boating, fishing, hiking, TAWG (Time Alone with God), creative arts, naturalist activities, high ropes and horse riding (only at Ranch Camp and Tipi Village sites). Please check with your site coordinator ahead of time for ropes and horses, as these activities have capacity restrictions.

GUIDELINES

While at camp, the campers are Carol Joy Holling Camp's responsibility. Safety is our **NUMBER ONE** priority; each camper's safety is our main concern. Please help us out with this by abiding by the following guidelines:

- **Name Tags** - You will be given a ministry team nametag when you arrive and check-in. This is how our staff knows who you are and that you belong at camp. Please wear your name tag at all times while on site.
- **Inconspicuous Cell Phones** - It is CJH Camp's policy that no camper should have a phone or call home from a phone when at camp. This is a time apart, and we find the experience is much more powerful when we detach from the cares of the world back home. We allow adult leaders to keep their phones, but ask they are not used publicly except for picture-taking.
- **Homesickness** - Homesickness is a normal and healthy reaction from children. Our Summer Ministry Team is trained how to deal with homesickness. When a camper calls home, it tends to exacerbate the homesickness. Not only does calling home escalate the camper's case of homesickness, but other homesick campers around will then want to call home. This creates an atmosphere that is less about camp and more about how to get home. Do not let a camper call home; instead, please bring the problem to the Site Coordinator.
- Please do not drive campers around during the week.
- Please do not borrow golf carts.
- **Candy & Pop** - We do not give candy or pop to campers and prefer they do not have it during the week. Please speak with the Site Coordinator if you would like to provide some.
- **Visitors during the camp week are not permitted.** If a parent needs to come to camp, they must stop at the office. All pick ups and drop offs of campers or items must be coordinated with NLOM staff.
- The only time the camp store accepts cash is after closing program on Friday.
- Rules will be given to the campers on Sunday before supper and during the opening program. Please join that conversation.
- **Footwear** - For safety, CJH Camp requires closed-toe shoes at all sites at camp for the following activities: hiking, high ropes, horseback riding, and running games. Please set a good example for your youth by wearing close-toed shoes when taking part in these activities.



SCHEDULE

Sunday Schedule:

4:00 p.m.	Village Time
5:30 p.m.	Supper
6:00 p.m.	Site Tour/Covenant
6:45 p.m.	Opening Program (@ TrailHead)
7:30 p.m.	Big Group Games & Ministry Leader meeting (on the Grassy Hill)
9:00 p.m.	Worship

General Schedule for the Week:

Please speak with your youth's Site Coordinator(s) on Monday to get a copy of Village schedules

7:30 a.m.	First Word
8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:30 a.m.	Bible Study or Confirmation
10:30 a.m.	Co-Op Activities (counselors lead - you are encouraged to be present and/or participate)
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Feel free to join campers during program time or do your own thing
5:30 p.m.	Evening Meal
8:00 p.m.	All Site Program
9:00 p.m.	Snacks and gather for evening worship



CONTACT INFORMATION

Most importantly, if you have any questions or concerns, please talk with Korey, or Bailey, as soon as possible to ensure we are all on the same page. It is our goal that everyone CJH Camp, including Ministry Leaders, has a positive experience.

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WE HOPE YOU HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!