Sample Youth Camp Schedule

This schedule provides an overview, but many details must be adjusted based on meal times, service lengths, climate, daylight, facilities, cultural expectations, and so on.

Arrival Day

2:00–4:00 | Arrival and Check-in *Note:* Any preregistration you can do will simplify this process.

4:00–4:45 | Orientation *Purpose:* Set expectations, communicate important details, and build excitement for the days ahead.

4:45–5:30 | Activity (Big Ball) *Note:* We love to start with a classic and exciting game! All activities should be designed for participation of all campers, often simultaneously, to promote teamwork, relationship-building, and energy.

5:30–6:30 | Cleanup for Supper

6:30–7:30 | Supper *Note:* Counselors eat with their campers to build relationships.

8:00–9:30 | Evening Service *Note:* We recommend a focus on the preaching of God's Word (not just worship or testimony).

9:30–10:00 | Get Ready for Sleep

10:00–10:15 —Group Devotions *Purpose:* Leave campers with God's Word on their mind as the last thing before sleep.

10:15 | Lights Out *Note:* Campers who sleep well, learn well.

Main Camp Days

6:45–7:00 | Counselor Meeting *Purpose:* A short opportunity for reminders and encouragement.

7:00–8:00 | Clean Rooms / Scripture Memory

8:00–8:45 | Breakfast

8:45–9:45 | Morning Service *Note*: Morning services often follow the camp theme particularly closely

9:45–10:15 | God and I Time *Purpose:* This is a personal devotion time for campers to study God's Word on their own. The goal is for them to see they can understand and apply Scripture to their lives by the help of God's Spirit.

10:30–11:15 | Activity

11:30–12:00 | Counselor Group Time *Purpose:* An opportunity for counselors to discuss with their campers the God and I Time in more detail.

12:00–12:30 | Free Time *Note:* Solid blocks of free time give prime opportunity for one-on-one conversations between counselors and campers. Some campers will want activity. Others will want rest. Either is fine—but counselors should intentionally spend time with their campers.
12:30–1:30 | Lunch
1:30–2:15 | Topical Lesson (Speaker) *Note:* This is a tough time of day. Campers are tired. Keep it energetic and highly applicable.
2:30–4:30 | Free Time *Note:* For a longer camp, consider scheduling an outing (such as a hike) one afternoon. This may replace an organized activity that day.
4:30–5:15 | Activity
5:15–6:00 | Clean Up for Dinner
6:00–6:30 | Activity (Bible Quiz) *Note:* A fun Bible Quiz can be added as needed.
7:00–8:00 | Supper
8:00–9:30 | Evening Service
9:30–10:00 | Get Ready for Sleep
10:00–10:15 | Group Devotions
10:15 | Lights Out
Potential Drama or Testimony Time *Note:* Consider a special prepared drama one night in the middle of camp—our team can help. A humorous, well-done drama helps break down barriers with more difficult campers. Adjust the schedule accordingly. On a longer camp, a campfire or testimony time on the final night can be a positive and reinforcing element.

Final Half-Day

6:45–7:00 | Counselor Meeting
6:30–8:00 | Clean Cabins / Scripture Memory
8:00–8:45 | Breakfast
8:45–9:30 | Morning Service *Note:* On a longer camp, it may be better to conclude major events on the final evening and simply have breakfast and departure this morning. On a shorter camp, a final service and activity before departure can be helpful.
9:30–10:15 | Activity
10:15–10:45 | Final Scoring
11:00 | Departure *Note:* This departure time avoids the cost of providing lunch.