



What is the mission of the camp?

Our mission at Idyllwild Pines Camp is to create quality- affordable camp experience that provide space for God to move our campers, staff and partners to live lives that inspire the next generation of believers to trust, treasure and take after Jesus.

Why send my child to a Christian Camp?

Idyllwild Pines Camp (IPC) is a place for everyone to experience God, adventure, growth and expand their own potential. We host a variety of different Christian churches which run programs to build Godly men and woman. Camp is a special type of community, bringing kids together to share in the joy of good old-fashioned fun. Campers make new friends, explore, and learn new adventures away from home. All fun, learning, and growth takes place in a safe Christian environment ideal for helping kids gain self-confidence and deepen their relationship with God.

But why should I send my child to an overnight camp?

Adding to the growth experience available at camp, kids also gain an invaluable set of social skills, including communication and conflict resolution ability. A landmark research study on the positive outcomes kids experiences at summer camp across the United States proves kids walk away from camp with invaluable growth experiences and many of the skills necessary to assume roles as successful adults. According to the study:

- 96% of kids said, "Camp helped me make new friends"
- 93% of kids said, "Camp helped me to get to know kids who are different from me."
- 92% of kids said, "The people at camp helped me feel good about myself."
- 74% of kids said, "At camp, I did things I was afraid to do at first."

The same study confirms similar results from parents: "My child gained self-confidence at camp." (70%); "My child continues to participate in some of the new activities he or she learned at camp." (63%); and "My child remains in contact with friends made at camp." (69%). Commenting on the study, the American Camp Association (ACA) also confirms camp is both a laboratory and a catalyst for child development.

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Is camp safe for my child?

Idyllwild Pines Camp is a member of both the Christian Camp and Conference Association and the American Camp Association (ACA). Our Camp goes through a yearly systems review along with a peer on-site review every five years, to ensure we are running the camp safely with the best practices for our industry. In addition to ACA accreditation, IPC has always retained an A rating with the Riverside County Health Department. All adult staff undergo child abuse recognition and mandated reporting training.

Now that you have decided to send your child to camp, let's answer a few questions to make sure your child is prepared during camp and your mind is at ease.

What should I pack for my camper?

Probably less than you think. Often parents pack a ton of clothes, and the campers wear their favorite stuff more times than they would at home. It's easier to have your camper involved in the packing. Make sure they want to wear what you are packing. Closed toe shoes are a must. It's helpful to have a 'grooming kit' to take to the showers instead of fumbling with a separate holder for soap, toothbrush and toothpaste. Please refer to the [What to Pack](#) list for some suggested items.

What kind of lodging will my child be in?

IPC has several types of lodging options. Where your child will be staying will depend on the church or schools' choice. Please refer to [lodging options](#) for virtual tours of each section of camp.

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What about my child's food allergies?

Food allergies do not have to be a deal breaker when making a choice to send your child to camp or not. Please let the group leader know about your child's allergies when you are registering for camp. IPC can accommodate a variety of dietary restrictions. For example: Vegan, Vegetarian, Gluten-free. We are a peanut free kitchen. If your child has a severe food allergy, we request they bring their own food. Label the pre-made meals. Items are stored in our kitchen facility, during mealtimes, our staff will heat up the food and serve the camper so they can eat with the rest of the group. This includes anyone with celiac disease. We can serve gluten free meals; however, we cannot guarantee there will not be any cross contamination of gluten products.

Can I send them letters?

Yes! Handwritten letters to your camper will be exciting to read. Mail can be a big deal for campers. Please send the letters to the PO box listed below. Always check with your group leaders on their specific policies regarding letters and packages. We suggest you send a letter with a return address on it. Sometimes the mail is not delivered on time for the camper to receive the letter and will need to be returned home. Postcards are fun, but there is no way of returning them if they do not arrive on time. Allow 4-5 days for mail delivery. If your child is at camp for only a few days, send the letter prior to their leaving home to ensure the camper will receive the letter.

For all USPS mailings:

Camper Name and Group name (name of church or organization)

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For all UPS or FED-Ex Mailing

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Can my child write me back?

Yes! Be sure to send them with a stamp, addressed envelope and paper. The camp counselor will give them to our camp host to mail home.

Do campers get home sick?

Sometimes, and it's perfectly normal. Different camps use different strategies to help campers deal with homesickness. Talk with your camp leaders about their specific approach. Often, there are far more 'camper sick' parents than 'home sick' kids. You are going to miss your kids, but they are going to be having an amazing time building bonds that last.

Each group is different. Check with your group's leader for information about any of the following:

- Camp Schedule.
- Drop off- pick up time and area of camp.
- Cancellation policy.
- Pricing.
- Required forms.
- Medical policy for any special medication and medical needs for your camper.
- Camp preparation.
- Camp goals.

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