

Elevate Summer Camp 2018

- Leader Manual -

JULY 18-23, 2018 (MS) | JULY 23-28, 2018 (HS)



Leaders,

For many of you, this is old news. You've been to camp a few times, and you can't wait for that one week of middle school boy stench or sharing a bathroom with 12 high school girls.

For others, even the thought of us asking you to come to camp makes you question our salvation.

We understand. And that's why we're here. We've done this for five years straight, and we think we're getting better each year. We hope that this guide will help answer any initial questions you may have. And if it doesn't, let us know, and we'll be happy to answer any questions you have.

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Elevate Summer Camp FAQs

When is camp?

Middle school: July 18-23 (Wednesday-Monday)

High school: July 23-28 (Monday-Saturday)

What constitutes MS and HS?

Middle school camp is for rising 6-8th grade students.

High school camp is for rising 9-12th grade students.

Graduating seniors are welcome to attend as a MS leader.

Where is camp?

Camp will be at the Ocoee Ridge Camp in Ocoee, Tennessee (about an eight-hour drive from Raleigh). You can check out their website below for more information.

ocoeeridgecamp.com

What is the cost of camp for leaders?

The cost of camp is \$175. This discounted cost covers meals (as we travel and at camp), lodging for five nights, transportation to/from camp, activities (including whitewater rafting), T-shirts, activity supplies, and administrative costs.

Please understand that we would love to cover the complete cost of every leader that comes to Elevate Summer Camp; unfortunately, we do not have the funds to do so. The scholarship money we have available is for both

students and leaders (we cover \$200+ per leader).

Are there scholarships/discounts available?

Camp is already discounted for leaders (\$399 regular price). However, if you need additional assistance, please speak with the student director at your campus.

How do you travel to and from camp?

We travel in charter buses. Each bus holds 55 people. We ask that all leaders ride buses and not meet us at camp.

Do you stop along the way?

We stop for lunch both ways. Lunch is provided and included in the cost of camp.

What does the chaperone/leader situation look like?

Our goal is to provide one chaperone for every six students. Most of our chaperones are your students' weekend small group leaders, but we also enjoy having parents and other adults there as well. If you are interested, we would love to talk more about it with you. Chaperones are with students throughout the day during worship, meals, small group time, activities, and lights out. And yes, every chaperone is background-checked and trained prior to camp.

Is the cost of camp the same for students?

No. The early bird cost for students is \$359. Regular registration is \$399. Late registration is \$449.

What do small groups look like?

We try our best to place students in their normal weekend small groups (separated by gender, grade, and campus). There are instances where we may have to combine/split groups because of size.

What about lodging?

Students will stay in bunkhouses. Each room has seven bunk beds for a total of 14 occupants. Each room will have two leaders and 12 students (to follow our 1:6 ratio), meaning each room will contain two small groups. Each room has its own bathroom for the 14 occupants. And we hope it's a no-brainer that boys and girls will be separated.

[Ocoee Bunkhouse Floor Plan](#)

What about safety?

All the activities are run by Ocoee Ridge Camp staff and Adventure Unlimited (whitewater rafting). Both of these organizations are in compliance with state and federal rules and regulations.

Are middle school students whitewater rafting?

No. Middle school students will be tubing instead of whitewater rafting. It will be an enjoyable experience for them.

First aid:

We bring two registered nurses with us to camp to assist with medication and any emergencies.

Lights out:

Lights out varies for MS and HS but is anywhere from 11-11:30 p.m.

Meals:

Ocoee Ridge Camp provides breakfast, lunch, and dinner and offers alternate choices (with advance notice) for those with dietary needs. We can work out what's best for your family after you register.

Technology:

Our desire is to be as distraction free as possible. Cell phones and other electronic devices are not permitted for students. We do ask that leaders set the example and use discretion with their own devices.

What if a parent needs to contact a student at camp?

In the event of emergencies, parents will be able to contact you or our Summit on-call staff member.

Worship:

Evening messages will be given by members of our student ministry team. Worship will be led by worship leaders from all Summit campuses.

Theme:

The theme of camp is, "Jesus is ...". We want students walking away from camp with a greater knowledge of who Jesus is and what that means for their lives.

What about preparation and training?

We do our best to provide you with all the training and prep you need well before camp. This includes knowing who your small group is, the curriculum for small group times, and practical advice on how to be the best leader you can.

And the biggest question: What do we do?

We will do a full training with you prior to camp, but your responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Leading your small group throughout the day and ensuring they are where they are supposed to be and doing what they are supposed to be doing
- Facilitating discussion during small group time
- Having deeper and more meaningful conversations with each of your students
- Participating in all worship services and activities with students
- Setting the example in speech, actions, and attitudes

Do we have free time to rest, relax, do work, etc.?

You get to rest and relax as much as your students do. We really want your time at camp to be focused on your students. If you do need to check in with a spouse or children, there are times during the day where you can arrange for another leader to watch over your group and be able to do so.

Schedule (tentative)

Day 1

6:30 a.m.	Check-in
7:30 a.m.	Departure
12 p.m.	Lunch, Chick-fil-A (stopping at Biltmore Baptist, Asheville, NC)
5 p.m.	Arrive at camp
5:30 p.m.	Welcome party
6 p.m.	Dinner
7:30 p.m.	Worship
9 p.m.	Family groups (small groups)
10 p.m.	In rooms (MS)
10:30 p.m.	In rooms (HS)
11 p.m.	Lights out (MS)
11:30 p.m.	Lights out (HS)

Days 2-5

7:30 a.m.	Breakfast
8:45 a.m.	Devotions/quiet time
9 a.m.	Morning rec time
10 a.m.	Morning show
11 a.m.	Middle school small groups/high school workshops
12 p.m.	Lunch
1-5 p.m.	Afternoon activities
6 p.m.	Dinner
7:30 p.m.	Worship

9 p.m.	Family groups (small groups)
10 p.m.	In rooms (MS)
10:30 p.m.	In rooms (HS)
11 p.m.	Lights out (MS)
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Day 6

7:30 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 a.m.	Closing session (Assembly Hall)
9:30 a.m.	Load buses/depart
12 p.m.	Lunch on the road
6:30 p.m.	Arrive at the Summit