

Camp Cadiz FAQ for Student Campers and Parents

Who will be in charge of my child during Camp Cadiz?

Camp Cadiz is run by dedicated volunteers, including your youth leader, pastor, or church representative. These unpaid adults are committed to sharing the love of Jesus and often invest their personal time and resources to support your child and the community.

What time is check-in?

Check-in starts on Sunday night, June 22nd, at 5:30 PM and typically lasts 1-1.5 hours. Please do not arrive before this time, as we need to prepare.

What do I need at check-in?

You need to bring your parent/guardian and all medications in a labeled Ziploc bag. Prescription medicines must be current and in their original containers with your name on them. If you have emergency medications, bring those in also and inform the medical team upon arrival. Do not bring your stuff in until after check-in is complete, ONLY MEDICATIONS

Does a parent have to come to check-in?

Yes, a parent or guardian must accompany campers under 18 to verify emergency contact information, medications, and sign off on attendance.

How long will check-in take?

We aim to check in around 100 campers in about an hour. Completing your registration form accurately before camp will help speed up the process.

What is the check-in process?

Do not bring your stuff in until after check-in is complete, ONLY MEDICATIONS. You will go through stations to get your camp swag, head check, verification of emergency contacts and medication. Then you will retrieve your items & set up your sleeping area.

Is a head check required?

Yes, every camper must have a head check. If completed by a licensed cosmetologist or health care professional between the Thursday and Saturday prior camp, bring the signed form found on our website. Otherwise, our team will conduct the check on-site. Please do not have hair braided or styled, it will be taken down.

What if I am suspected to have nits or lice?

If suspected, you'll be discreetly informed and must leave to treat the condition. You can return the next morning for a re-check.

How do I know what team I am on?

Teams are assigned after registration based on project needs and volunteer availability. Students are then divided based on registration form information and previous Camp Cadiz experience. Unfortunately, not everyone will get their first choice. For example, one year we had 2 completely new cooking teams. We pulled a couple of students who had served in Camp Cadiz for multiple years to be on those teams to help the adults who were new to camp also. We aim to finalize teams by Sunday night and share at worship.

What if I don't like my team?

We encourage you to embrace this opportunity to serve, even if it's not with your friends. If you're very unhappy after Day 1, we'll try to accommodate a change based on team needs.

What time do we wake up?

Wake-up is at 6:15 AM. There will be a call to each room. Please be respectful of others still sleeping if you wake up earlier. Everyone is to be up and moving by 6:30.

What should I wear?

You will wear your camp t-shirt daily. After Sunday night, they will be washed each night and returned by 6:30am. Specific attire may be required for certain activities, such as long pants or closed toed shoes. Your adult leader will share specific information with your team.

What time is breakfast?

Prior to going to breakfast, you need to be dressed for the day, have your backpack, water bottle, sunscreen, cooling towel, feminine products or other items you might personally need. Take these items to breakfast and to morning devotion with you.

A light breakfast is served at 6:30 AM. The food will be blessed and then you may proceed through the line, thanking the individuals who brought and served. Clean up after yourself, use the restroom, take your items for the day and proceed to morning devotion in the Family Life Center by 6:55 AM.

What should I expect during morning devotions?

Devotions start at 6:55 AM with worship music and a short message. Not everyone attending camp has been to church or goes regularly. This is your time with God, not to impress or distract or be distracted by your friends. This is a time for personal reflection and discussion, so be respectful. When you arrive please fill the front rows and work back. You will be provided guiding thoughts and questions for your group to discuss throughout the day.

Can I have my cell phone?

Yes, but it should not be a distraction. Use it to take pictures for our PhotoCircle, and be respectful if asked to put it away. If you need to use your phone, talk to your adult leader. Worship time- Phones are permitted to use for the Bible App during worship time, please take notes on paper. Phones should be put away during the invitation time at the end of service.

What can I expect during the day?

Flexibility is key! Daily activities may vary, and every task, no matter how small, is important.

What meals are provided?

Meals are provided by local churches and businesses. You'll have light breakfasts, lunches, hearty dinners, and snacks throughout the evening.

What if I have dietary restrictions?

Inform us of any restrictions on your registration form. Those will be shared with the individuals preparing meals. Sometimes they keep those in the kitchen, so you may need to ask one of the servers or an adult leader. You can also bring personal meals/snacks to keep in the kitchens.

What do we do after serving all day?

After returning, check in with your adult leader to see if you can assist with loading or unloading, gather your toiletries & change of clothes. Shower EVERYDAY, change clothes, put your camp shirt in the basket by 5:30 and relax with friends until dinner.

What is evening worship?

Similar to morning devotion, this time includes praise, worship music, and a message. It's important to engage respectfully. At the conclusion of the service, a time of invitation will be held. This is a time when there is music and the opportunity to sit in your chair and pray, go to the altar and pray, find an adult to talk and pray with you or just worship through music. Again this is not a time for show, you do what you feel led to do during this time. After the invitation, you will be dismissed to go in groups back to your room/designated area with an adult leader to discuss the day, the sermon, what's on your heart. Your adult leader will dismiss you for free time until 9:45.

Why do we have to go to bed early?

Adult & Student volunteers need rest to participate fully in daily activities. We ask for respect regarding bedtime. Students may be on their phones as long as the light is dim and no noise is being made (including laughing out loud) and as long as you are up on time the next morning.

What if I feel homesick?

Let an adult leader know. We can arrange a call to your parents if needed.

Can I leave camp and return?

We encourage campers to stay the entire week. Please plan ahead with your schedules to avoid missing any part of camp.

Can others visit during Camp Cadiz?

Visitors are welcome at evening worship but should leave afterward to allow campers a focused worship experience. We ENCOURAGE all parents to join us on Thursday night as we conclude and share the opportunities we had to share Jesus throughout the week.