

SESSION 1

Info from your Head Leader team:

We are so looking forward to hosting you and your Young Life friends as you join us during the first session of Summer Camp in the beautiful surroundings of Lost Canyon. As your Head Leader team, we are blessed to have the opportunity to be a blessing to you during your week at camp.

To assure that your camp experience will be a memorable one for all who attend, it is vital for each and every one of us to do our part. This includes creating a culture that ministers to and encourages our young friends and one another. With that in mind, let us each make it our personal responsibility to consistently uphold and demonstrate Ephesians 4:29-32.

“Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.”

Words have power. As your Head Leaders, we are committed to upholding that the words spoken at camp, by each and every group and/or individual, are spoken from a place of love, encouragement, and blessing. Even in correction, let love, grace and patience be the guiding principles for healing and reconciliation. That includes us, your Head Leaders. Simply put, we all want you and our friends to have the best week of their lives and part of that experience is their own sense of emotional peace and physical safety. You have all worked SO hard to get your friends to camp, and our desire is that no one is intentionally made to feel marginalized by careless, inappropriate or hurtful words that would steal their joy. Most importantly, it sets the tone for an opportunity to hear the most powerful, living Word of all ... “Jesus!”

We know that your kids come with their own unique cultures, beliefs, identities, and backgrounds. We want to do everything that we can to help make camp a safe place for you and your campers. You can expect us to start reaching out to check in with you mid-April, but feel free to contact us prior to that date, if needed! We will do our best to answer your questions and support your needs, requests, or special situations so that we can serve you .

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MEET YOUR HEAD LEADER TEAM

My name is Va'a Wong, and I serve as Young Life staff in Oceanside. I've been on staff for about 11 years now, and it's been one of the biggest joys of my life getting to walk alongside students, leaders, and families in our community. A lot of my heart is simply about showing up for kids, building real relationships, and helping them see that they are known and loved by Jesus. If you knew me, you'd know I'm a big family guy. I love spending time with my family, getting outdoors whenever I can, and I'm almost always holding an iced coffee. I'm really excited for the chance to serve you and your students.



Wassup!! I'm Ben Chambers - I just celebrated my 15th year on staff with Young Life College (9yrs at USC & now 6yrs at UofA) where I serve as the College Director. I look forward to serving you and your area YL-ers at Lost Canyon for what will be my 13th or 14th Summer Camp assignment (Not sure. I've lost count). Lost Canyon is my favorite camp for many reasons...most of all is the LC Staff and the way that they sincerely care about each individual that steps onto the property. As your head leader team, we would like to be an extension of that hospitality for you, this summer! I will be joined by my wife of 38+yrs, Leslie and my daughter, Acacia (1 of my 4 adult kids) who has been coming to LC since she was 5 yrs old...now 20. You will see her hanging around, helping out here and there. SO looking forward to serving you and helping to make your camp experience a memorable and life-changing one for you and your group!



Hello friends! I am Aubrey Ashford- I have the joy of working with Young Life ONE Orange County and LOVE every moment of it. I am so excited to come alongside you all this summer for my first YL Summer Assignment! With a large family we waited until bringing a couple less was an option (#ashfordpartyofeight 😊). Scott, Jackson (14), Greyson (9), Mason (7) and Hudson (7) will all be joining me as soon as their summer break starts in June. Lost Canyon is one of Scott and my favorite places and sharing it with our littles this year is such a gift from God. I feel blessed beyond measure to be a person you can come to, trust, and rely on to ensure your time with your teens and leaders is as glorious as He intends for it to be. At over a stunning 7,000 feet elevation we are EVEN closer to heaven on earth and His presence is intense! I am praying

for each of YOU and everyone joining you often. See you soon!



Hi! My name is Taneisha Matthews and I have been married to my husband Shane for 13 years. We have 3 children, McKenly, Kaden and Korbin.

I have been on staff with Young Life in Elko/Spring Creek for almost three years. Young Life is incredibly personal to me because it's actually where I met Jesus — at Winter Camp at Woodleaf. That experience changed my life, and it's a huge part of why I love getting to serve at camp.

This will be my first time serving at Lost Canyon and I am pumped to be part of your week and support you however I can. My heart is to help make this trip amazing for you and your friends.

Whether it's helping solve a problem, praying with you, or just being an extra set of hands, I am so excited to serve alongside you and watch what God does in the lives of everyone at camp this week. Let's make this the best week of the summer for our friends and create space for them to experience the love of Jesus in a real way. See you soon!!!! Taneisha