

# CAMP FIRE

## A Prayer Guide for the 2015 Camps

Basketball Camp, June 15-18

Sixth Grade Camp, June 16-20

Soccer Camp, June 22-26

Fourth & Fifth Grade Camp  
June 27-July 1

High School Camp, July 6-10

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Junior High Camp, July 20-24





# 2015 SUMMER CAMP PRAYER GUIDE

Jesus said to go and make disciples. One way we can obey his command is by doing so among our children (Deut. 6:4-7). And, one of the best ways we do that is through our camps. For most campers, it's a week they spend away from life's pressures; the media that seeks to shape them; and all other distractions which might compete with God's still, small voice.

Over the course of the summer, more than a thousand students are served by hundreds of volunteers. These dedicated camp staffers are the workers who Jesus sends into the ripe fields (Matthew 9:37-38). And the kids? They need a life-changing encounter with God, and camp helps arrange the meeting. If you listen to even a few testimonies among the adults and older students who serve at camp, you're bound to hear how their experience as campers was instrumental in their decision to follow Christ.

So we pray. Planning is good, and resources are helpful, but we pray because they are not enough. We need God to lead us and bless the work He wants to do among our students. We pray because there is a real spiritual enemy who opposes God's Kingdom. We pray because we believe everything God invites us into should first be birthed, and then bathed, in prayer.

This small guide is designed to help our church do that together throughout this year's camp season. It offers specific prayer request for the week of each camp, and a general guide for our nurses and staff towards the end of the booklet.

Thank you for your commitment to pray for our camps.

# BASKETBALL OUTREACH CAMP

**DIRECTED BY JEREMY STILLWELL**



In 1 Cor., Paul writes, “Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some. I do everything to spread the Good News...” (from 9:22-13). And so, we hold a basketball camp, becoming coaches, and refs, and scorekeepers, so that we might introduce some of our neighbors to Jesus, sharing the good news of his Gospel through basketball.

**Please read these requests, look up the verses, and pray accordingly for this camp.**

- *Pray for our camp speakers, coaches and counselors to lovingly and boldly make Jesus known in every way possible. (Rom. 10:1, 2 Cor. 5:20, 2 Peter 3:9)*
- *Pray that we continue to have favor with unchurched families through Barnes Elementary, the SHINE Program and other local schools. And we pray that their hearts would be softened to hear the Gospel! (Psalm 51:10, Ez. 26: 36, Eph. 3:16-17)*
- *Pray for spiritual covering, safety, unity and health for all who attend and serve at camp! (Eph. 6:12, 14-16, Rom. 8:31, Psalm 91:1-2)*
- *Pray for the volunteers who serve these campers. Since we will have 240 campers this year, pray that God will continue to strengthen and prepare the volunteers who demonstrate the love of God to these amazing young hoopsters. (Matthew 9: 37-38, Rom. 10:15)*

*I am believing God for these things, and celebrating these answers to our prayers:*

# 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp

**DIRECTED BY JIM NEWBY**



God offers us a strong and encouraging word in Revelation 5:5, "Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David has Overcome. This exhortation will inform the teaching, worship, and disciple-making for this year's camp, where students will be challenged to embrace the story of God's redemption, make it their own, and live in it richly.

**Please read these requests, look up the verses, and pray accordingly for this camp.**

- *Pray that from day one, the students will see Jesus as the Overcomer—the glorious, risen Savior, the Alpha and Omega who is the Lord of the Church. Pray that their hearts would be captured by this vision of Jesus. (Revelation 1)*
- *Pray that the campers would hear the Holy Spirit's encouragement to live boldly for God through his Word, their worship, and in prayer. Intercede for ears to hear and soft hearts. (Isaiah 30:21, 41:10, Mark 4:9)*
- *Pray that as the students study the churches in John's Revelation, they will be freed from hurt, disappointment, lies, loneliness, fear, and shame. (Rev. 2:1-7, 3:1-6; 14-22)*
- *Pray for a glimpse of eternity—that God would establish a vision of eternity in the hearts of these campers so that they might see all which happens to them leading to an absolutely sure future with Jesus. (Rev. 21:1-7)*
- *Pray for spiritual covering, safety, unity and health for all who attend and serve at camp! (Eph. 6:12, 14-16, Rom. 8:31, Psalm 91:1-2)*

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# SOCCER OUTREACH CAMP

**DIRECTED BY BRENT MILLS**

There are two sports that are beloved by kids of all cultures: basketball (more recently, of course) and soccer. That's why we've picked these two for our sports outreach camps. The aim is similar in both cases— to introduce some of our neighbors to Jesus, sharing the good news of his Gospel through a free sports camp.



**Please read these requests, look up the verses, and pray accordingly for this camp.**

- *Pray that those kids who God has drawing to camp will respond, to Jesus' invitation. Pray also for all logistics (bus routes, food service, etc.). This is more than a soccer camp, and as a result there will be spiritual opposition. Pray for spiritual covering, safety, unity and health for all who attend and serve at camp! (Eph. 6:12, 14-16, Rom. 8:31, Psalm 91:1-2)*
- *Pray for strength, unity and joy among the coaching and support staff. Pray also for flexibility. This camp serves populations where the language and cultural barriers sometimes prevent proper per-registration and precise planning for attendance. (1 Cor. 1:24-25)*
- *Pray for Holy Spirit's "translation" in communicating God's love. Those who serve are ambassadors, bringing the love of Jesus to children from many nations through soccer. (2 Cor. 5:19-21)*
- *Pray for the daily speakers who will address the campers, proclaiming the Gospel—that they would speak the truth boldly, graciously and with great love for the campers. (John 8:32)*

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# 4TH/5TH GRADE CAMP



**DIRECTED BY TODD CRIST**

In Luke' gospel (9:46-48), Jesus turns the world's values upside down. Calling a child to himself, He tells his followers that it is not the obviously powerful and important who are the greatest in his Kingdom, but the ones who are humble and at home among the least—those who are truly "Not of this World." This year, campers will study the other-worldly quality of a disciple through the life of Joseph.

**Please read these requests, look up the verses, and pray accordingly for this camp.**

- *Pray for our campers to be transformed by their daily study of Joseph's life. (Gen. 37, 39-41, 42-47, 50:15-21)*
- *Pray that the campers would find their identity in God's love for them (John 15:19);...*
- *...that they would know the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives (1 John 4:4);...*
- *...that they would remain in God's love, choosing to live in a way that is consistently motivated by His love for them (John 16:27);...*
- *...that they would experience the hope and peace that Jesus assures them is theirs (John 16:33).*
- *Pray for spiritual covering, safety, unity and health for all who attend and serve at camp! (Eph. 6:12, 14-16, Rom. 8:31, Psalm 91:1-2)*

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# High School Camp

**DIRECTED BY SAM NUNEZ**



Breath and bones come together in Ezekiel 37. After taking the prophet Ezekiel by the hand and leading him by the Spirit to a valley of dried bones, God asked him an important question “Can these bones live?” Ezekiel’s response “Sovereign Lord, you know alone.” This leads us to believe that there are some things only God knows, and can ultimately do. We are eager to spend a week inviting Him to breath life into the dry bones of our lives so that we too can rise—as did the bones in that valley—a vast army!

**Please read these requests, look up the verses, and pray accordingly for this camp.**

- *Pray for the salvation of those campers who don't yet know and follow Jesus! (Luke 19:10, 1 Timothy 2:1-6, 2 Peter 3:9)*
- *Pray for revelation. We're not just interested in sharing information and experience. We're believing God for revelatory transformation, where the students are fundamentally changed as they encounter God in the Scriptures, in worship, in prayer, and in community. (Psalm 51:10-12, Romans 12:2, 2 Cor. 5:17)*
- *Pray that our speakers would share God's truth in the power of the Holy Spirit, leading many students to make decisions to follow Jesus and be water baptized. (Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 1:8)*
- *Pray for spiritual covering, safety, unity and health for all who attend and serve at camp! (Eph. 6:12, 14-16, Rom. 8:31, Psalm 91:1-2)*

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# DAY CAMP

**DIRECTED BY LINDSAY HORNE**



Day campers are the youngest of our students, but God still invites them into His Kingdom work as heartily as He does any of us. They are a force. A Son Force, and we believe that God wants to do great things in them and through them. We want them to leave camp believing that too, as they study the life of Joshua (ch. 1-6)

**Please read these requests, look up the verses, and pray accordingly for this camp.**

- *Pray that every child will take one step closer to Jesus as they interact with incredible role models who are living for Christ. Also pray for those who serve as those role models (1 Cor. 11:1)*

- *Pray that the Holy Spirit will powerfully teach us what it means to stand firm on the promises of God. (Psalm 145:13, 2 Cor. 1:20, 2 Peter 1:4)*

- *Pray that the Bible adventure they share will cultivate a deep love in their hearts for God's Word (Psalm 119:15-16, 46-48)*

- *Pray specifically that these promises would be bound to the hearts of our campers, countering the lies of the enemy:*

*God is with me wherever I go. (Joshua 1:9)*

*God talks to me through His Word. (Joshua 1:8)*

*Jesus is the only way to God. (John 14:6)*

*God is mighty yesterday, today and forever. (Psalm 77:11-12)*

*God has a good and perfect plan. (Psalm 33:11, Matthew 22:37)*

- *Pray for spiritual covering, safety, unity and health for all who attend and serve at camp! (Eph. 6:12, 14-16, Rom. 8:31, Psalm 91:1-2)*

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# Jr. High Camp

**DIRECTED BY JEFF CERO**



"For in Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him." (Col. 1:16)  
Paul's simple declaration about the relationship of Jesus to all creation informs our camp theme this year. He is Lord of all, the beginning and the end, the author, and the finisher of our faith.

**Please read these requests, look up the verses, and pray accordingly for this camp.**

- *Pray that the students coming to camp would know Jesus as their Lord and savior; also, that those who already know Him would want a deeper, more intimate relationship with Him (John 6:40, Eph. 1:17)*
- *Pray that students would know the beauty of Jesus' church, of which He is the head, and that they would make a lifelong commitment to celebrating the unity of God's family. (John 17:23, Eph. 1:18-23, )*
- *Pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit so that our students might live powerfully in the Spirit, so that they might delight in God's Word and walking obediently with Jesus. (Ps. 119:15-16, John 6:63, Gal. 5:25)*
- *Pray for honesty. Junior high students can find it hard to be transparent about the weakness and sin. The enemy would love to keep them in bondage (Prov. 28:13, James 5:16)*
- *Pray for spiritual covering, safety, unity and health for all who attend and serve at camp! (Eph. 6:12, 14-16, Rom. 8:31, Psalm 91:1-2)*

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# CAMP NURSES & SUPPORT STAFF

Please read these requests  
and pray accordingly for the camp staff.

- *For excellent physical, emotional and spiritual health for all campers and staff while away.*
- *For all new and returning nurses to have a rewarding and blessed experience in a very demanding role.*
- *For the redemption and blessing of their time, so freely and willingly given to serve our kids and others-.*

*But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.*

*Isaiah 40:31*

*Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul.*

*3 John 1:2*

