



## Sierra Christian Service Camp

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### Notes to Parents:

Camping is a physical, spiritual, relational and emotional event for kids. We believe that God works powerfully at camp to bring His Kingdom and a positive life change into the lives of every participant. In partnership with the local church, this motion of drawing closer to God is continued. Here are some helpful suggestions to maximize your child's experience at camp.

1. Send your camper a letter. Kids love to get mail at camp, and it is a big deal! Our wish is that every single camper will receive at least one letter. You may even write a letter before you drop off your camper and give it to us at registration, telling us what day to give it out. Your camper will be so excited! You can also email camper letters to [scscdirector@yahoo.com](mailto:scscdirector@yahoo.com). (Kids who receive 3 letters in one day or 1 package will be asked to sing a silly song for everyone ☺)
2. Help your camper prepare. There is nothing more embarrassing than lacking some crucial camp attire - use our "what to bring list" to help your camper prepare.
3. Ask the right questions. When camp is over and you pick up your camper, ask questions that get the best response. If you only ask, "did you have fun?" of course they are going to say "YES!". But if you ask open ended questions such as, "What did you learn at camp?" and "How does that make you feel", or "What are you going to do about it?"
4. Encourage friendships. New friendships are always made at camp. Encourage your camper to maintain those new friendships by allowing your child full participation at church through Youth Group, Sunday school classes, and other events.
5. Reflect upon the quiet. Things will be quieter with your camper(s) gone for a week. Use this time to reflect upon how much you love and miss your camper. Before too long they will be grown up and out of the house. Think of ideas that will bring your family closer together. If there are areas in your parenting that fall short, you may want to do things differently. Your camper will be different when they return home, and perhaps home will be different too.