

PARENT SURVIVAL GUIDE



STORY TELLERS

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NEW FOR 2026

CAMP THEME: STORYTELLERS

This year's theme exists to awaken storytellers - people who know the story, live the story, and share the story where they go. Our goal is that every listener would encounter the person and work of Jesus Christ and see how these stories come alive - and that they can tell them, too.

By the end of the session, we pray that participants will be able to tell two or three stories about Jesus and their own story in a way that communicates the Gospel clearly and confidently: Jesus came. He died in my place. He rose victoriously and will rule. And He calls me to be a part of what He is doing.

"HOME ON THE RANGE" FELLOWSHIP

Saddle up and ride into this summer's Fellowship Theme "Home on the Range" a wild western gathering where the dust kicks up, the laughter's loud, and the spirit of the Wild West comes alive! Step into a world of cowboys and cowgirls, barrel racing, and a heap more action straight outta the Wild West. So, dust off your boots, tip your hat, and suit up in your best western wear. It's gonna be a rootin'-tootin' good time out on the range! We'll see y'all there, partner!

MISSIONS OFFERING

Path to Panama/ IMB Partnership PANAMA & WESTERN COLOMBIA

This summer, we have the awesome opportunity to continue our partnership with the International Mission Board (IMB) in Panama and Colombia. The goal of our partnership is to equip local missionaries to share the good news of Jesus Christ with Indigenous people groups in Colombia and Panama - in communities who have yet to hear the Gospel.

During your week at camp, you will have the opportunity to watch mission videos and hear firsthand testimonies from those who have served in Panama and western Colombia with the IMB, as well as Indigenous missionaries who are serving in their home country of Panama and in Colombia. One of the missionaries featured is Dylan Duvall. Dylan was a Crossings camper not too long ago, returned as summer staff, and later served as an intern. It was during his internship that Dylan sensed and obeyed God's call to go.

We invite you to prayerfully consider how you might give to the Path to Panama Missions Offering. Pray also that God will begin stirring hearts of students with a vision for how and where He might lead them to serve - perhaps even in places like Panama or Colombia. Our hope is to help students begin discerning their own "there," wherever God may be calling them.

6 DAY CAMP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

2:00-4:30pm	Registration
5:30pm	Adult Meeting
6:00pm	Dinner
7:30pm	Opening Celebration
9:00pm	Church Group Time
11:00	Curfew

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY

6:30am	Leadership Lab
8:00am	Breakfast
8:45am	Morning Cel Large Session Bible Study
9:45am	Pastor Q&A
10:00am	BreakThru
10:30am	Church Group Bible Study
11:15am	Circuit A
12:30pm	Lunch
1:15pm	Circuit B
2:30pm	Circuit C
3:45pm	Color Wars
4:30pm	Free Time
6:00pm	Dinner
7:00pm	Time Alone With God (TAWG)
7:30pm	Worship
9:00pm	Church Group Time
9:45pm	Free Time/Late Night Option
11:00pm	Curfew

TUESDAY & THURSDAY

6:30am	Leadership Lab
8:00am	Breakfast Time Alone with God (TAWG)
8:45am	Morning Cel Large Session Bible Study
9:45am	Pastor Q&A
10:00am	BreakThru
10:30am	Church Group Bible Study
11:15am	Adventure 1
12:30pm	Lunch
1:30pm	Adventure 2
3:30pm	Color Wars
4:30pm	Free Time
6:00pm	Dinner
7:00pm	Time Alone With God (TAWG)
7:30pm	Worship
9:00pm	Church Group Time
9:45pm	Free Time/Late Night Option
11:00pm	Curfew

FRIDAY

7:30am	Pack Up/Vacate Lodging
8:00am	Breakfast
9:00am	Closing Celebration
10:00am	Depart for Home

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5 DAY CAMP SCHEDULE

OPENING DAY

2:00-4:30pm	Registration
5:30pm	Adult Meeting
6:00pm	Dinner
7:30pm	Opening Celebration
9:00pm	Church Group Time
11:00	Curfew

DAYS 2 & 4

6:30am	Leadership Lab
8:00am	Breakfast
8:45am	Morning Cel
	Large Session Bible Study
9:45am	Pastor Q&A
10:00am	BreakThru
10:30am	Church Group Bible Study
10:45am	Pastor Q&A
11:15am	Circuit A
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3:45pm	Color Wars
4:30pm	Free Time
6:00pm	Dinner
7:00pm	Time Alone With God (TAWG)
7:30pm	Worship
9:00pm	Church Group Time
9:45pm	Free Time/Late Night Option
11:00pm	Curfew

DAY 3

6:30am	Leadership Lab
8:00am	Breakfast
	Time Alone with God (TAWG)
8:45am	Morning Cel
	Large Session Bible Study
9:45am	Church Group Bible Study
10:45am	Pastor Q&A
11:15am	Adventure 1
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3:30pm	Color Wars
4:30pm	Free Time
6:00pm	Dinner
7:00pm	Time Alone with God (TAWG)
7:30pm	Worship
9:00pm	Church Group Time
10:00pm	Free Time/Late Night Option
11:00pm	Curfew

CLOSING DAY

7:30am	Pack Up/Vacate Lodging
8:00am	Breakfast
9:00am	Closing Celebration
10:00am	Depart for Home

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PROGRAMMED ACTIVITIES EXPLAINED

LEADERSHIP LAB:

Leadership Lab is an optional early morning program for students that want to learn more about being a leader right where they are. Using Christ's perfect example, students focus on different aspects of leadership each morning and put it to practice through different exercises and activities. This is a great opportunity to encourage your student leaders to attend and grow their leadership skills. Adult chaperones are welcome to attend too!

TAWG (TIME ALONE WITH GOD):

Time set aside each evening before worship for students to have personal quiet time with Bible study & prayer as they prepare their hearts for worship. Crossings will provide TAWG/Bible study booklets for each student (and adult) to use during their TAWG, so the devotional material ties in with each day's spiritual focus.

CHURCH GROUP BIBLE STUDY:

Church Group Bible study is a time to apply what the students heard from the Camp Pastor in Large Group Bible Study, and go deeper. We have written some material for your use but it is up to you if you want to use that. An electronic copy of this material will be sent in advance so that Youth Leaders can prepare.

CIRCUITS:

Circuits are designed to meet students where their interests are – whether that is through discussing missions, creating art or playing ultimate frisbee! We will offer a variety of circuits, some with spiritual emphasis and others that focus on recreation or other interests. Students will fill out a form upon arriving at camp that indicates their preferences and are placed in circuits accordingly.

ADVENTURE:

Youth groups participate in adventure tracks together (including adult leaders!). Churches will have the opportunity to participate in several recreation programs at Skycroft such as the Confidence Course, Bazooka Ball, Archery Tag, escape room, high ropes, pool time, etc. Group leaders will have an opportunity in late spring to share their preferences on which adventure activities their group might enjoy the most.

COLOR WARS:

Each church is assigned to a Color Team to compete in various games and challenges throughout the camp week. Each afternoon, teams will get hyped before facing off in a large game or competition during Color Wars. You will receive a direct email regarding which team your church is placed on. We encourage you to share your team color with your students ahead of time so they can pack gear to represent their team color during Color Wars! Most campers show up to Color Wars decked out in colored bandanas, t-shirts, socks, face paint, etc.!

CHURCH GROUP TIME:

Our desire is to always direct your students back to you in the significant decisions they are making at camp. As a result, we have scheduled time for you to check in with your students every night after worship. This is a time for church groups to unpack the message together, ask questions, pray or simply hang out. We will provide some discussion prompts from the Camp Pastor based on his worship message. Churches are free to use this time as needed, but we like to provide some talking points for leaders as an optional resource.

BREAKTHRU:

BreakThru is a time for campers and our SMS (Summer Missionary Staff) to spend intentional time together. This can include making bracelets, playing icebreaker games, or some gagaball.

SKYCROFT CIRCUITS

CIRCUITS

All Aboard: Don't forget to say UNO! Come join us in this fun and relaxing POI filled with your favorite board games and card games! Think Apples to Apples, Mafia, Uno, and more!

Cookie Decorating: Discover your inner cookie artist skills in this fun, engaging POI! You'll learn easy techniques using royal icing to create your own sugar cookie masterpieces.

Arts & Crafts: Are you creative and artistic? Or do you want to inspire your creative side? Arts and Crafts is for you! No matter your skill level, come inside for a fun afternoon.

Creative Canvas: A painting adventure awaits! Unleash your inner artist, one stroke at a time, and create a canvas of your imagination. Join us for a splash of color and a world of artistic fun!

Creative Writing: God has gifted us in so many unique ways. In this circuit, we will express our thoughts and use our minds to write various things. We will play writing games and share our pieces with each other in this circuit.

Improv: If you love to laugh, you will love improv! Enjoy some of the games you might have seen from late night comedy and learn some new ones as well. This will challenge your mind and crack you up! Give it a try!

Minute to Win It: Do you like competitive games? Do you like working together as a team? Join us in these high-energy competitive games.

Basketball: So, you think you got skill? Bring your "A" game out to the court and you may learn a thing or two in the process! Horse, knockout, and regular pick-up games are what awaits you on our courts!

Dodgeball: Grab your athletic wear and stretch out that rotator cuff. Head down to the field for this classic you have come to know and love, all done Crossings style!

Flag Football: He's at the 20, he's at the 10, he's at the 5, and it's a TOUCHDOWN! Join us for the flag version of a classic game.

Ultimate Frisbee: 3...2...1...Ultimate! Come put your frisbee skills to the test as you compete in this classic outdoor rec game! Remember, it's all in the flick of the wrist!

Outdoor Games: Are you competitive? Looking for some exercise? Or just wanna let loose? Join us for some intense, yet friendly competition. Gaga ball, Nuke'Em, Basketball... you name it, and we might play it.

Nerf Wars: It's Nerf or Nothin! Step into battle, outlast the opposing team, and claim your victory in Crossings' Nerf Wars!

Just Dance: Move to the beat, groove to the rhythm – show everyone how it's done on the dance floor!

Kickball: "And it's One! Two! Three strikes you're out at the ole kickball game!" Get warmed up to run, field, and kick your way to victory in this favorite field game!

SKYCROFT CIRCUITS & ADVENTURES

SPIRITUAL CIRCUITS

Apologetics: As Christians, we should be prepared to give a defense of our faith. Here students will learn what a Biblical defense looks like and answer difficult questions that are often asked about the Christian faith.

Deep Questions: Here we dive into some questions that don't have simple answers. This is a time for students to ask and discuss questions as they learn the benefit to diving deep into scripture to understand the world around us.

How to Read Your Bible: Have you ever wanted to dive deeper in reading your Bible, but you weren't sure where to start? Come join us to learn some practical tips on how to read your Bible to take your Bible reading to the next level.

The Trinity: How does God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit relate to one another? In this spiritual circuit, students will learn more about the three persons of the trinity, how they relate to each other, and what they do.

Heartsong: Spend time with the camp band, learn songs, and worship with your passion for music!

Mission Minded: Jesus calls us to share the Gospel with everyone we can. But, it can be scary to obey.

ADVENTURES

Bazooka Ball: It's a duel! Which team will outlast the other? If you like paintball, you will love the rush of bazooka ball! It's like paintball but with soft, foam balls. No paint, no mess, no pain, ALL FUN!

Escape Room: Oh no! You're locked in a room! Combine the brainpower of you and your teammates to solve puzzles to escape before time runs out!

Pool Games: During the summer heat, a day at the pool is just what you need. Cool off and enjoy the various activities we offer.

High Ropes: Look out below! You'll need to watch your steps as you stand, suspended in the air, with your partner. Work with your team amongst the trees to conquer this aerial rope adventure!

Come with your friends and learn how to be bold in your faith as you take the Truth to your neighbors, your family, your school, our country, and across the world!

Faith and Technology: Should Christians have social media? How can Christians use it to share their faith? What does the Bible say about this world of technology that's all around us? We'll answer all these questions and more as we learn what role our faith plays in technology today.

Women of the Bible: God used women all throughout the Bible to accomplish His plans. Here, we'll take a closer look into the lives of these women and see how as believers we are called to respond in faith and obedience. (Girls Only)

God Shapes Identity: Who am I? What is my purpose? Why am I here? Join us as we learn more about the truth of our identity. Not as the world tries to define us, but according to the truth of who God says we are.

Personal Spiritual Disciplines: Do you ever feel like you're simply going through the motions of Christianity or you're stuck in your faith? Come learn some practical spiritual disciplines you can apply to your life right now as you seek a closer relationship with the Lord!

Low Ropes: Teamwork is the name of the game as you will find you and your team intertwined with this ropes course. Problem solve and untangle your team to conquer the low ropes!

Hiking: Do you enjoy nature? Are you needing a peaceful break from the excitement of camp? Join us for a stroll through the woods and deepen your knowledge of outdoor living!

Archery Tag: Archery Tag® is played similar to dodgeball with bows and patented foam-tipped arrows. This exciting, action-packed game offers the ultimate family friendly experience that engages everyone. Don't miss out on Tag... The game you never outgrow!

PACKING LIST

- Appropriate Clothing (*see Dress Code below.*)
- Bedding (*pillow, twin sheets, blanket, sleeping bag*)
- Towels (*beach towels, bath towels, bath mats*)
- Toiletries (*toothbrush, soap, shampoo, washcloth, deodorant, hand soap, paper towels*)
- Hand Sanitizer
- Sunscreen
- Insect Repellent
- Reusable Water Bottle
- Wristwatch
- Swim Suit (*see dress code*)
- Sunglasses and/or Hat
- Closed toe AND CLOSED HEELED Shoes – required for most recreation activities
- Modest one-piece swimsuits
- "Home on the Range" attire (Western Themed)
- Clothing and accessories in your Team Color (Color Team assignments will be shared in May)
- Complete Bible – we use ESV (not required) in all programs
- Pen and Notepad
- Spending money for HeBrews Snack Shop (items range \$1-\$6) and camp gear (items range \$1-\$40), free time activities
- Mission Money: We challenge students to bring \$10 or more for the missions offering

GROUP PACKING LIST

For adults and/or group leader, we recommend you bring the following to ensure your group has an optimal experience.

- Hand Sanitizer
- Anti-itch cream (*Lanacane*)
- Sunburn relief (*Green Aloe with Lidocaine*)
- First Aid Kit (*triple antibiotic ointment, ace bandages, bandages, anti-bacterial wipes, and epipen*)
- Pain Medications (*Tylenol, Ibuprofen, etc.*)
- Extra hand soap, paper towels, and bath mats
- Gold Bond
- Please ensure students pack closed toe shoes and sturdy shorts.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

1. Alcohol, tobacco, vaping products, and illegal drugs.
2. Fireworks or weapons of any kind.
3. Skateboards, roller skates, or shoes with built in skates.
4. Anything that explicitly or implicitly promotes racism, sexism or hatred of any group/person
5. Anything that explicitly or implicitly refers to sexual actions or situations

DRESS CODE:

We ask that all students and adults dress modestly. For females and males, shorts need to be longer than fingertip length when arm is extended down the side of leg. We do not allow spaghetti strap tank tops, any tops where undergarments can be seen, or any shirts with the sides cut out. No crop tops are permitted. Swimsuits must be one piece. For both males and females, shirts must be worn at all times when walking to and from the pool.

FAQs

What are the age groups for students attending Crossings Camps?

Student Camp is for those entering seventh grade through graduated high school students.

We have never been to the property. Can we come and check out the facilities?

We would love to have you and your leadership team come and visit Skycroft before camp. Call us year-round at 301-293-2202 to set up an appointment.

Do you have a place where we can do laundry during camp?

There are no laundry facilities available on property. The nearest laundry mat is located in nearby Boonsboro, about 10 minutes away.

Do adult leaders need to submit a Participant Release Form?

Yes, all camp participants (youth and adults) must submit a completed Participant Release Form. For those over the age of 18, notarization is not required. For minors, a parent or guardian should complete this form and it should be notarized.

Can parents or other members of our church visit while we are at camp?

Occasionally, parents and/or church members may visit during worship and mealtimes with advance approval from Crossings. All visitors must sign-in with Skycroft at the front desk in the Registration building.

What if I have a participant with food allergies?

Skycroft works hard to accommodate for each of our guests and any food allergies by serving buffet style along with having a fruit and salad bar. Serving buffet style allows our guests to choose from the items that are safe for them to eat. With the vast number of different food allergies, we cannot guarantee that cross contamination will not occur on our buffet line or that one of our vendors might substitute a product due to their supply. Due to the number of meals that are served each day, it is also difficult to cater meals for individuals, many with different allergies.

It is for these reasons that we suggest for campers and adults with severe food allergies storing any special meals in a refrigerator located in their lodge so there is not a chance of illness or allergic reaction. Please notify Skycroft in advance if someone in your church group requires a refrigerator (one per church) for the purpose of storing food. We do have a commercial microwave at the entrance of our dining room where the meals can be reheated.

Is there a camp nurse?

We do not have a camp nurse. We will have a first aid coordinator that will be able to address all accidents as they happen and can provide basic first aid supplies for minor injuries. Churches are responsible for keeping and disseminating campers' medications; Skycroft provides a lock box at check-in that may be used for this purpose. Churches are responsible for their own transportation to seek non-emergency medical services.