



Shorter Week, Happier Camp

Camp Natoma

Are the kids missing out on a whole day of camp?

Nope! Our goal is to only cut out the parts of camp that didn't feel utilized well - AKA Sunday morning. Our previous early pickup time on Sunday made for a hectic last day! Kids had two hours to pack, eat, say goodbyes, and load the bus. The new schedule will allow for slower packing and give kids the transition time needed to say goodbye and head out of camp.

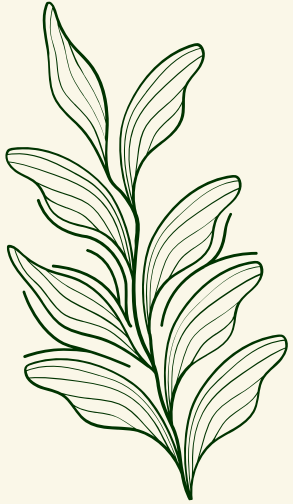
How Does This Affect the Cost?

Naturally, less time at camp means it's cheaper for families. We've even gone a step further and reduced the price to be more cost-effective than recent prior summers if you register by the priority registration deadline.



Tentative New Final Day Schedule (Saturday)

7:00 a.m.	Reveille
8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Camp time / Pack
10:00 a.m.	Morning Activity
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Pool Party
3:30 p.m.	Closing Ceremony
4:00 p.m.	Depart
5:00 p.m.	Camper Pick-up



Why change something that has been the same for 80+ years?

Well, because in short - times have changed. A more technologically dependent world has changed camp. What used to be a week of relaxing in nature has become a detox from sensory input, screens, and being “always on”. Over the last ten years, we have expanded from 4 to 7 sessions of camp, and to be blunt, 24 hours is not enough off-time for staff to be their best selves. We can do better. So we are.

Will it impact staff pay?

Not at all. Staff pay is weekly and will remain the same or increase following current California payroll policies and minimum wages. Cool deal, huh?

Same pay, a (little) less work.
Talk about work-life balance.

Will there be an option for a longer camp session?

Not yet. We don't want to make too many large changes too quickly. However, there may be an opportunity to add one extended-length session to Summer 2026 and beyond.

Is the CIT program still 4 weeks?

Yep! No changes there. We can still fit the same amount of leadership content into the shorter schedule.



Have more questions?

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