



CAMP WEST



Camper Handbook

The Camp West Camper Handbook is your all-inclusive guide to preparing for and making the most of your time at Camp West, an Apostolic Pentecostal youth camp based in Santa Maria, California. This handbook provides information on various aspects of the camp, from our history and mission to the schedule of activities and safety procedures. It also contains details about the camp facilities, guidelines, and policies, alongside the expectations of our campers.

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Welcome Letter and Introduction

Dear Campers and Families,

I am once again honored to be the Senior Camp Principal for this year's Camp West 2026. We are entering an exciting new season as we are moving to Santa Maria Fairpark. This nostalgic return to the camp of old will give us expanded space for services, activities, recreation, housing, and fellowship while preserving the spirit and atmosphere that has made Camp West so special for the next generation. With larger gathering areas, additional facilities, and room to grow, we believe this year's camp will create opportunities for an even greater move of God among our young people.

This year will also feature *Operation Midnight Fire*, which is an unforgettable final-night experience where Camp West will take over Grover Beach for a late-night beach gathering filled with bonfires, worship, fellowship, activities, and powerful moments together. Throughout the week, campers can expect dynamic preaching and worship services, team competitions, recreation, meaningful friendships, and opportunities to encounter God in a real and personal way. Every detail of Camp West is designed to create an atmosphere where lives are changed by the power of the Holy Ghost.

More than anything, Camp West is solely focused on helping young people grow spiritually and return home renewed, equipped, and inspired to impact their churches and communities. We are praying with expectation for revival, for lives to be transformed, and for this generation to experience a deeper walk with God than ever before. Thank you for being part of the vision for Camp West 2026. We cannot wait to see what God will do this summer.

Thank you for being a part of this vision. We can't wait to see what God will do.

Pastor Anthony Pizarro
Director, Camp West 2026
Santa Maria, California

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Purpose and Background of Camp West

Purpose

The *Camp West Camper Handbook* aims to provide a comprehensive guide for our campers and their families, ensuring they have all the necessary information to prepare for, and participate in a memorable and transformative camping experience. This handbook introduces our values, outlines expectations, explains procedures, and details Camp West's facilities, activities, and policies.

This resource is designed to enhance the understanding of what it means to be part of our camp community, help first-time and returning campers navigate their stay, and allow families to support their children in this journey. By acquainting yourself with the contents of this handbook, we believe you will be well-equipped for a successful, enjoyable, and enriching experience at Camp West.

About Camp West

Camp West is an esteemed annual Apostolic Pentecostal youth camp held over five days each summer at the Santa Maria Fairpark in Santa Maria, California. We host two unique segments of the camp that run concurrently:

- **Junior Camp:** Designed for our younger campers aged 7-11.
- **Senior Camp:** Geared toward our older youth, those aged 12-21.

Please Note: 12-year-olds can attend either the Junior or Senior Camp with parental and pastoral approval.

Originating from a shared vision among a coalition of pastors, the goal of Camp West is to profoundly impact the lives of our young Apostolic people through dynamic preaching and transformative encounters with the Holy Ghost. The experience at Camp West transcends the local assembly and provides a platform to link and cultivate the Apostolic Pentecostal faith among like-minded individuals. In unity, we believe we can genuinely foster the growth of the gospel.

Following the experiences of the 2021-2022 camp seasons, the Senior Camp Principal, Pastor Anthony Pizarro, recognized the need to enhance the camp structure. He sought to make the camp experience more adaptable and expandable, providing a consistent framework for camp principals, workers, pastors, parents, and support staff. The ultimate aim was to serve our burgeoning community of Apostolic youth and children, maximizing their opportunities to deepen their relationship with Jesus.

After thoughtful deliberation, Pastor Pizarro concluded that developing the *Camper Handbook* and collaborating with the Junior Camp Principal Joey Ladd and the Camp Leadership Steering Committee would be the most effective strategy. This move reflects our ongoing commitment to continually improving the Camp West experience for all involved.

Expectations for Campers

At Camp West, we aim to create an environment that fosters spiritual growth, camaraderie, and personal development. To help achieve this, we have a set of expectations for all our campers:

- 1. Respect:** Treat everyone, including fellow campers, staff, volunteers, and camp facilities, respectfully and kindly. This applies to both face-to-face interactions and digital communications. Discrimination, bullying, or any harm or disrespect will not be tolerated.
- 2. Participation:** Engage fully in the camp activities, including services, workshops, group activities, and chores. Your active involvement contributes significantly to the overall camp experience for everyone.
- 3. Responsibility:** Take responsibility for your belongings, actions, and decisions. We expect campers to be mindful of their environment and to contribute positively to the camp community.
- 4. Safety:** Follow all safety rules and guidelines. This includes adherence to the camp code of conduct and respecting the boundaries for everyone's safety and well-being.
- 5. Faith:** As an Apostolic camp, we encourage campers to explore, strengthen, and express their faith. Respect for the beliefs of others is crucial, and all are expected to participate in scheduled spiritual activities.
- 6. Integrity:** Be honest, trustworthy, and reliable. We value authenticity and truthfulness in our interactions.
- 7. Cooperation:** Work together with your peers, as well as camp staff. Teamwork and cooperation are central to a successful and fun camp experience.

By fulfilling these expectations, you will help create a harmonious and positive environment where all campers can grow, learn, and enjoy their time at Camp West.

Leadership Team Introduction

- **Senior Camp Principal**
 - **Pastor, Anthony Pizarro – The Rock Church North**



Pastor Anthony Pizarro, our vibrant Senior Camp Principal, is the lead pastor at the Rock Church North in Roseville, California. With a rich history as an Apostolic Pentecostal Youth Pastor, he brings fervor and innovation to Camp West. He's not only the force behind 'Saved and Sober,' an Apostolic Recovery Program, but also a Camp West parent, deepening his understanding of our youth's experience. His second year as Principal is marked by an unwavering commitment to guiding our children in their spiritual growth.

- **Junior Camp Principal**
 - **Children's Pastor, Joey Ladd – The Rock Church Elk Grove**

Joey Ladd, the charismatic Junior Camp Principal, is synonymous with children's ministry at the Rock Church in Elk Grove, CA. His involvement with Camp West, initially as a counselor and now in a leadership role, reflects his unwavering dedication to our young campers. Joey's creative flair and infectious humor breathe fun into learning, making faith a captivating journey.



- **Camp Leadership Steering Committee:**
 - **Shane Golden
(Chairman)**
 - **Brandon Wilmoth**
 - **Scott Bobo**
 - **Jonathan Shoemake**
 - **Jeff Parks**
 - **Joel Buxton**
 - **Stephen Allard**

Important Contacts

Name	Role	Responsibility	Contact Details
Anthony Pizarro	Senior Camp Principal	Overall responsibility	(916) 715-9956 Pizarro_Anthony@Yahoo.com
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Darren Gregory	Safety	Camp-Related Safety Concerns	(209) 765-5508

Pre-Camp Preparation and Arrival

We are thrilled you've chosen to join us at Camp West! But before we embark on this incredible journey of faith and fellowship together, there are a few essential steps to ensure you're fully prepared for the camp experience. From registration to packing and addressing any medical or dietary needs, this section will guide you through everything you need to know and do before you set foot in our campgrounds. Remember, a well-prepared camper is a happy camper, so let's get started!

In this section, you will find the following:

- [**Packing List**](#)
- [**A List of Prohibited Items**](#)
- [**Arrival Procedures**](#)
- [**Check-out and Departure Procedures**](#)

Packing List

Camp West Packing List

(Note: Typical July weather for Sant Maria is the high 60s to 70's during the day and low to mid 50s at night.)

Necessary Items:

- 5 Casual outfits. Including shoes. for daytime (Tue-Fri + 1 extra)
- Seniors: 4 Dressy outfits, including shoes. for church
- Juniors: 3 additional outfits for church (maybe dressy or casual)
- Undergarments, Socks
- Pajamas
- Sandals/flip-flops for shower walk
- Jacket or sweater(s)
- Towels and washcloths (4-5 days)
- Shower products (Soap, Shampoo, etc.)
- Toiletries (hygiene, hair products, toothbrush/toothpaste, deodorant. etc.)
- Laundry bag
- Blankets/sleeping bag, pillow
- Bed cushion/air mattress/cot (Not to exceed a standard twin mattress)
- Prescription medication (if needed)

Optional:

- Bible
- Bathrobe
- Extra shoes
- Sunblock / Hat | Sunglasses
- Snacks
- Bottled water
- Portable travel closet or clothes rack
- Bug repellent
- Flashlight
- Sports clothing if you plan to participate in activities

Extra cash (for lunch, too, and from Santa Maria (if applicable) and snack bar)

Prohibited Items

As an Apostolic Pentecostal summer camp, Camp West seeks to create a safe environment that supports spiritual growth and relationship building. This requires a base that is free of distractions caused by outside forces. Below is a list of Items that are prohibited at Camp West:

- **Inappropriate clothing:** This includes shorts, halter tops, spaghetti straps, revealing or overly tight clothing, and clothing with offensive language or graphics.
- **Electronic devices:** Cell phones, iPads, laptops, MP3 players, video game devices, etc. Camp is a time to disconnect from digital distractions.
- **Valuables:** Expensive technology, designer clothing, or other high-value items. These can be lost or damaged, and the camp is not responsible for personal belongings.
- **Weapons:** Any weapon, fake or real, including knives, devices capable of shooting projectiles, and pepper spray/mace, is not allowed for safety reasons.
- **Alcohol, tobacco, or illegal substances:** are strictly prohibited by camp rules and state laws.
- **Non-prescription drugs:** Only bring medication prescribed by a doctor, and follow the camp medication policy.
- **Pets:** Animals are not allowed due to potential allergies and disruption they may cause.
- **Fireworks or explosives:** These pose a significant safety risk.
- **Food and drinks:** Outside food and beverages are permitted. However, once the campers are registered in camp, they will not be allowed to leave to purchase more food. **This includes food delivery services (Grub Hub, Postmates, etc.). Use of food delivery services are strictly prohibited.** The Snack Shack will be providing the opportunity to procure additional snacks.

Please note that this list is not exhaustive, and the camp reserves the right to confiscate any item deemed inappropriate or potential safety risk. Any willful violation of this policy may be subject to expulsion from the camp. Always check the specific guidelines provided by the camp for further details.

Arrival Procedures

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- **Arrival Time:** All campers are expected to arrive at noon.
- **Entrance Gate:** Volunteers and campers will enter through Gate #2 and proceed to the drop-off area in front of the main gate at Santa Maria Fair Park.
 - **NOTE: Volunteers and THEIR family members will be permitted to enter at 10:00 AM. Campers who are not immediate family members will need to wait until 12:00 PM to enter the grounds.**
- **Meal Before Arrival:** Eat before arrival, as the first full meal will not be served until dinner at 5:00 PM (5:30 PM for Seniors).
- **Upon arrival:** Register at the designated area. Camp volunteers will be present to guide you through the process.
- **Access:** Once registered, you will be given access to the areas you are assigned to. Vehicles will not be permitted on the Fairpark grounds for safety reasons. If you can bring a wagon or handcart, that is suggested.
- **Settlement:** Once registered, you will be guided to your assigned accommodation area. Get settled and ready for the camp activities.
- **Meeting Volunteers:** Volunteers will be available to greet and assist you. They have been on the campgrounds since 10:00 – 11:00 AM to ensure everything is ready for your arrival.
- **Address:** Santa Maria Fairpark 937 S Thornburg St, Santa Maria, CA 93458, Main Gate for all volunteers and campers.

CAMPER SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS:

- **Getting Acquainted:** Familiarize yourself with your assigned area, including the locations of critical facilities like bathrooms and emergency exits.
- **Check Your Schedule:** Review the camp schedule provided to you at registration to familiarize yourself with the day's planned activities.
- **Safety Briefing:** Attend the briefing to know all safety protocols and emergency procedures.
- **First Meal at Camp:** Remember that dinner at 5:30 PM will be your first full meal. Plan your eating schedule accordingly before arrival. The Snack

Shack will be open from 1-3 PM on the first day to provide light snacks at an additional cost.

Check-out and Departure Procedures

Camp West Check Out and Time Checklist - Friday, June 19th, 2026. Please follow the checklist provided to ensure a smooth and efficient departure process:

- **7:00 AM - Rise and Shine/Showers Open:** Wake up promptly to ensure you have enough time to get ready and pack your belongings. Showers are open for use (Showers are restricted to use while accompanied by a counselor).
- **8:00 AM - Light Breakfast:** Please make sure to have your final meal at Camp West; it will be a light breakfast designed to give you energy for the day but not to slow down the packing process.
- **9:00 AM - Start Packing:** Begin to pack your personal belongings. Make sure you've gathered all of your items from around the camp. Check under beds, showers, and communal areas to ensure nothing is left behind.
- **9:30 AM - Clean Up Dorms:** This is when to clean your sleeping area. Dispose of any trash, remove personal items, and ensure your bunk area is left as clean as it was upon arrival.
- **10:00 AM - Final Dorm Inspection and Check-out with Principal:** Counselors will perform a final inspection of the dorms. Ensure you're present for this to address any potential issues. Check out with your dorm counselor once your dorm has been inspected and approved. They'll confirm that you've completed all necessary steps and that your area is clean.
- **11:00 AM – Departure and Final Departure Deadline:** All campers should be on their way home by this time.

I appreciate your cooperation in following these guidelines. This will ensure a swift and smooth departure process for all campers.

Camp West Schedules, Activities, and Evening Events

This section is your comprehensive guide to Camp West's fun, adventure, and learning. Designed meticulously to ensure an unforgettable summer camp experience, this part of our platform gives you an insight into the daily life of a camper, from sunrise to sunset and everything in between.

Junior Campers Schedule

Younger campers need a schedule that is full of fun yet gently paced to suit their energy levels. The Junior Campers Schedule is designed precisely to match this requirement. It includes many activities, from morning exercises to themed activities, ensuring our youngest campers never have a dull moment.

Monday

11:30 PM	Staff Meeting at Plaza Park
12:00 PM	Registration and Dorm Set-up & Snack Bar Open (1-3 PM)
4:00 PM	Free Time/ Jr. Counselor Meeting (picnic area)
5:00 PM	Jr. Dinner
6:30 PM	Set Chairs for Kids Church
7:00 PM	Jr. Camp Intro/Orientation
9:45 PM	Dorm Time
10:45 PM	Lights Out

Tuesday

6:00 AM	Staff Showers Open
7:00 AM	Rise and Shine/Showers Open
8:00 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM	Morning Rotations
11:15 AM	Group Photo
11:30 AM	Quiz Practice at Plaza Park
12:00 PM	Jr. Lunch

1:00 PM	Water/Slime Day
2:30 PM	Free Time/Showers available
4:00 PM	Sign Choir
5:00 PM	Jr. Dinner
5:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
6:30 PM	Church Service
9:00 PM	Quizzing Scrimmage
9:45 PM	Dorm Time
10:45 PM	Lights Out

Wednesday

6:00 AM	Staff Showers Open
7:00 AM	Rise and Shine/Showers Open
8:00 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM	Morning Rotations
11:00 AM	Free Time
11:30 AM	Quiz Practice at Plaza Park
12:00 PM	Jr. Lunch
1:00 PM	Sports
3:00 PM	Free Time/Showers available
4:00 PM	Sign Choir
5:00 PM	Jr. Dinner
5:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
6:30 PM	Church Service
9:00 PM	Talent Show
10:15 PM	Dorm Time

10:45 PM	Lights Out
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Thursday

6:00 AM	Staff Showers Open
7:00 AM	Rise and Shine/Showers Open
8:30 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM	Morning Rotation
11:15 AM	Free Time
11:30 AM	Quiz Practice at Plaza Park
12:00 PM	Jr. Lunch
1:00 PM	Recreation/Activities
3:00 PM	Free Time/Showers available
4:00 PM	Sign Choir
5:00 PM	Jr. Dinner
5:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
6:45 PM	Church Service
9:00 PM	Secret Mission

Friday

7:00 AM	Rise and Shine/Showers Open
8:00 AM	Light Breakfast
9:30 AM	Clean up dorms and departure.

Senior Campers Schedule

The Senior Campers Schedule is a step-up designed to challenge and excite our more mature campers. This section provides a detailed layout of daily activities, educational workshops, and outdoor challenges to ignite the spirit of adventure in our senior campers.

Monday

12:00 PM	Registration and Dorm Set-up & Snack Bar Open
4:00 PM	Free Time/Showers available
5:30 PM	Sr. Dinner
6:30 PM	Set up chairs for church
7:30 PM	Church Service
10:30 PM	Lights Out

Tuesday

7:00 AM	Rise and Shine/Showers Open
8:00 AM	Breakfast
10:00 AM	Morning Devotion
11:00 AM	Set up tables for lunch/Free Time.
12:30 PM	Sr. Lunch
1:00 PM	Scheduled Team Activities
4:00 PM	Showers Open
5:30 PM	Sr. Dinner
7:30 PM	Church Service
10:30 PM	Lights Out

Wednesday

7:00 AM	Rise and Shine/Showers Open
8:00 AM	Breakfast
10:00 AM	Morning Devotion
11:00 AM	Set up tables for lunch/Free Time
12:00 PM	Sr. Lunch
1:00 PM	Scheduled Team Activities
4:00 PM	Showers Open

5:30 PM	Sr. Dinner
7:30 PM	Church Service
10:30 PM	Lights Out

Thursday

7:00 AM	Rise and Shine/Showers Open
8:00 AM	Breakfast
10:00 AM	Morning Devotion
11:00 AM	Set up tables for lunch/Free Time.
12:30 PM	Sr. Lunch
1:00 PM	Recreation (Football/Basketball/Volleyball/Free Time)
4:00 PM	Return to Camp/Showers Open
5:30 PM	Sr. Dinner
7:00 PM	Church Service
9:00 PM	Operation Midnight Fire
1:30 AM	Lights Out

Friday

7:00 AM	Rise and Shine/Showers Open
8:00 AM	Light Breakfast
9:30 AM	Clean up dorms and departure.

Shower Availability/Hours of Operation

Showers require the presence of an attendant. Below is a schedule of the shower attendant's availability/hours of operation during Camp West.

Monday	3 pm – 6 pm
Tuesday	6 am – 9 am
	1 pm – 5 pm
	8 pm – 11 pm
Wednesday	6 am – 9 am
	1 pm – 5 pm
	8 pm – 11 pm
Thursday	6 am – 9 am
	1 pm – 5 pm
	9 pm – 1 am (Fri)

Description of Activities

This subsection outlines the various activities that the campers can engage in. It gives a detailed description of each activity, the skills it imparts, and the fun it promises.

DAILY ACTIVITIES:

- **Breakfast:** A nutritious meal served in the dining hall to fuel up for the day.
- **Morning Devotion:** A time for reflection and spiritual development.
- **Set Up Tables for Lunch/Free Time:** Campers help set up for lunch, teaching them responsibility and teamwork. Afterward, they have free time to relax or participate in chosen activities.
- **Sr./Jr. Lunch:** Lunchtime for the campers. A variety of healthy and delicious options are provided.
- **Recreation (Football/Basketball/Volleyball/Free Time):** Guided sports activities designed to encourage teamwork, strategy, and physical fitness. If sports aren't a camper's thing, they can use this time for other activities or relaxation.
- **Sr./Jr. Dinner:** The evening meal time for campers. A chance to refuel, share stories from the day, and relax.

- **Showers Open:** An opportunity for campers to freshen up before the day or evening activities.
- **Church Service:** All church services are mandatory for registered campers.
- **Lights Out:** After a busy day of fun and learning, campers retire to their dorms for a good night's sleep.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

- **Group Photo:** An opportunity for all campers to come together for a memorable group photo. This will happen early in the camp so everyone is included, and the photo can be shared at the end.
- **Talent Show:** A fun evening activity where campers showcase their unique talents. This could be anything from singing, dancing, stand-up comedy to dramatic readings.
- **Craft:** Campers will have the opportunity to engage their creative side with various craft activities, painting, drawing, and other crafts.
- **Choir Rehearsal:** For those interested in music, campers have the chance to join the camp choir. Rehearsals will be held periodically throughout the camp, culminating in a performance at the end of the session.

Remember, our goal at Camp West is to provide a variety of activities to suit all interests and abilities. We encourage campers to try new things and maximize their time with us!

**Please Note*:* all activities are supervised by trained staff to ensure safety at all times. The schedule may vary slightly based on the weather, but we always aim to provide our campers with a complete, fun, and enriching experience.

Camp West Food

This section overviews Camp West's medical and dietary process and policy.

Scheduled Meals

At Camp West, we aim to provide a healthy and filling daily menu:

- **Breakfast:** Options include yogurt, fruit, cereal, oatmeal, made-to-order bagels, and toast.
- **Lunch:** We offer a protein-rich lunch
- **Dinner:** Besides the main dish, vegetables and a choice of drink.

For those with specific dietary needs (Vegan, Vegetarian, Gluten-Free, Dairy-Free, etc.), indicating these requirements on the health form before camp attendance is essential. This allows us to prepare adequately, inform relevant staff of any allergies or needs, and order suitable food quantities of food. Individuals with highly specialized dietary needs or preferences should contact our Service Track Leader at least one week before their camp attendance.

Please note that special food items (like gluten-free bread and pasta) will only be provided for those who have specified their dietary restrictions on their form before camp. Sudden nutritional changes or decisions during the camp may only be accommodated within our existing meal options.

In cases where a camper or staff member has a highly selective diet, specific brand preferences, or an extremely restrictive diet, they may need to bring some of their food items to supplement what we provide. This should be discussed with our Service Track Leader at least one week before camp attendance, as our storage space for personal food items is limited; for those who need to store personal food items due to dietary restrictions or allergies, small, labeled plastic bins will be provided which can be accessed during meals.

For campers with severe food allergies requiring an epi-pen, parents must complete an additional form with detailed instructions for treatment in the event of exposure.

Camp West uses nuts in our recipes, Camp West is not a nut-free environment. Peanut butter (served in individual cups), granola bars, and certain candies, snacks, and desserts may contain nuts. Camp West is dedicated to the health and safety of our campers. Nutrition for our campers is of great concern during the camp operation. Camp West has established the Snack Shack to ensure proper nutrition and food availability to individuals throughout camp.

Snack Shack

The purpose of the Snack Shack is not to supplant daily nutrition provided by the customarily scheduled dietary mealtimes but instead support the availability of low-impact and easily managed foods between mealtimes. Below are Snack Shack's hours of operation. Below is a QR code to add money to camper's tabs prior to or during camp.

(<https://checkout.square.site/merchant/ML7G4NTFXK968/checkout/Z6DQKL5PB DJLRUGMMKX2C65C>)

- **Monday**
 - 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM (only for loading tabs)
 - 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
 - 7:30 PM - 10:00 PM
- **Tuesday & Wednesday**
 - 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
 - 7:30 PM - 10:00 PM
- **Thursday**
 - 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
 - 07:30 PM - 12:00 AM
- **Friday**
 - ***CLOSED***



Snack Shack Webinar – Key Information

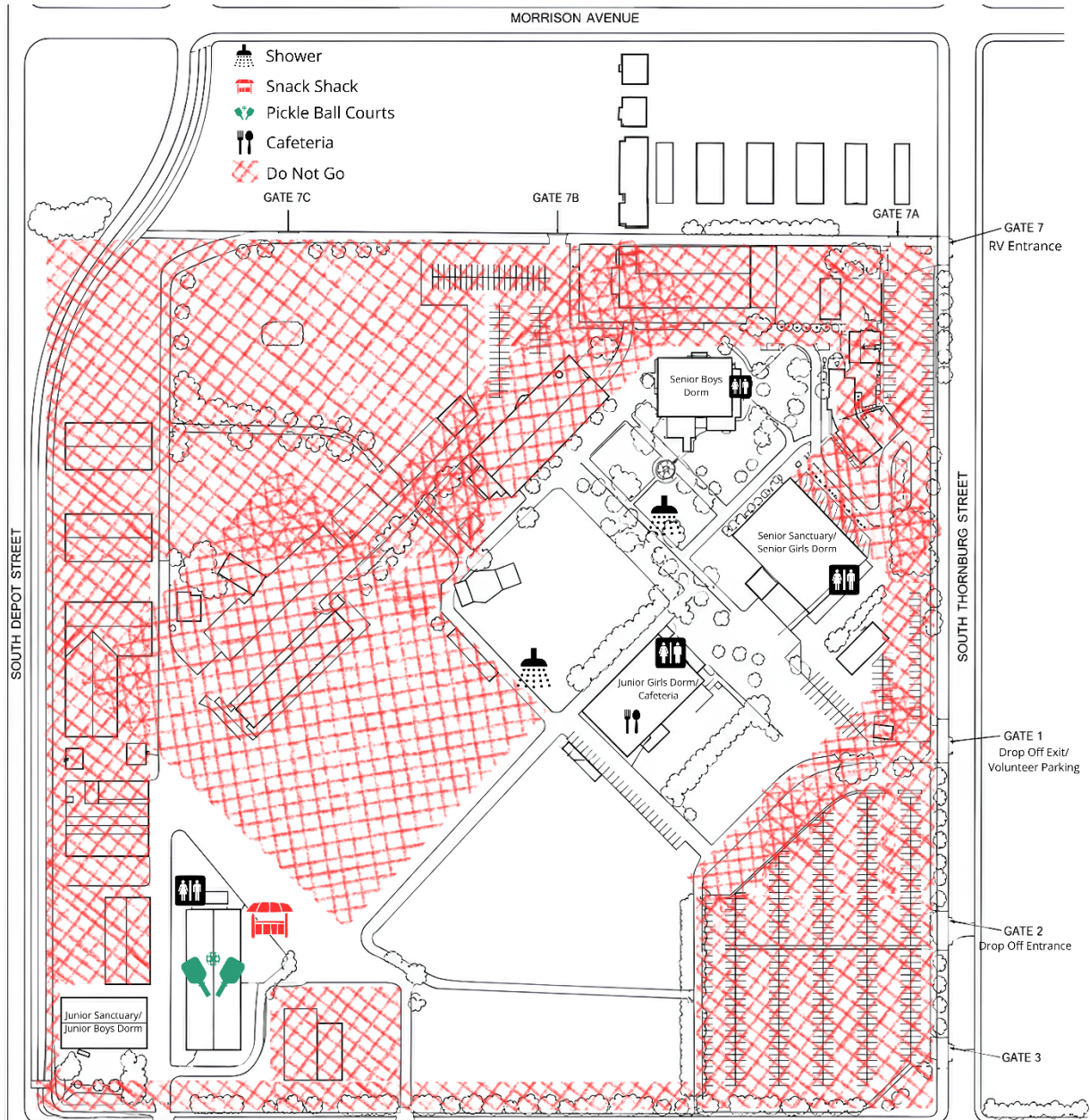
Focus: Streamlining Operations for Faster, Smoother Service

- ✓ **1. Simplified Menu**
Reduced menu options for faster service
- ⚠ **2. Clear Camper Signage**
Menu signs placed in line before the window
Helps campers decide before ordering
Minimizes wait time and confusion at the window
- 📱 **3. Line Buster System**
A designated line buster will:
 - Take camper orders via mobile device
 - Print or send orders directly to kitchen
 - Speed up lines during peak times
- 📄 **4. Pre-Setup Snack Tabs**
Parents can now preload camper snack tabs
Use the attached QR code to access the tab setup form
- 💡 **5. Important Note About Tab Balances**
Unused funds on snack tabs will be treated as as donation to Camp West

Special Notes

- Only put money on tabs that you intend on spending. **There will be no refunds given at the end of camp.** Any remaining balance will be considered donation towards Camp West 2026.

Camp Map



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Camp West Emergency Policies

The safety and well-being of our campers and staff is our highest priority. The following emergency policies are in place to ensure an effective response to medical emergencies, missing camper situations, and disasters.

1. Medical Emergencies:

- Each camper is required to have a completed health form on file. Our medical staff will refer to these forms in case of emergency.
- A trained provider will always handle minor injuries and illnesses on-site.
- In serious medical emergencies, 911 will be called immediately, and the camper will be transported to the nearest hospital. Parents/guardians will be notified immediately.
- If you are a pastor and would like to be contacted, you will need to notify the camp principal to ensure your request is known prior to camp. ***Note: you will only be contacted after the emergency contact number on the campers file has been notified.**

2. Missing Camper:

- If a camper is reported missing, staff will first check all common areas and bathrooms.
- If the camper is not found after the initial search, a camp-wide search will be initiated.
- If the camper is still not located after the camp-wide search, local law enforcement will be alerted, and the camper's parents/guardians will be contacted.

3. Disasters:

- In the event of an evacuation, campers will be moved to a predetermined safe location as directed by Santa Barbara County Emergency Management. Parents/guardians will be notified as soon as it is safe.
- Should the camp need to close due to a disaster, parents/guardians will be notified immediately, and arrangements will be made for the safe return of campers.

In all emergencies, Camp West will prioritize clear communication, immediate response, and the safety of our campers and staff. We work closely with local authorities to ensure all procedures align with best practices and that all campers and staff are equipped to handle emergencies should they arise. For emergency contacts, refer to the section entitled [Important Contacts](#).

Camp West Evacuation Instructions

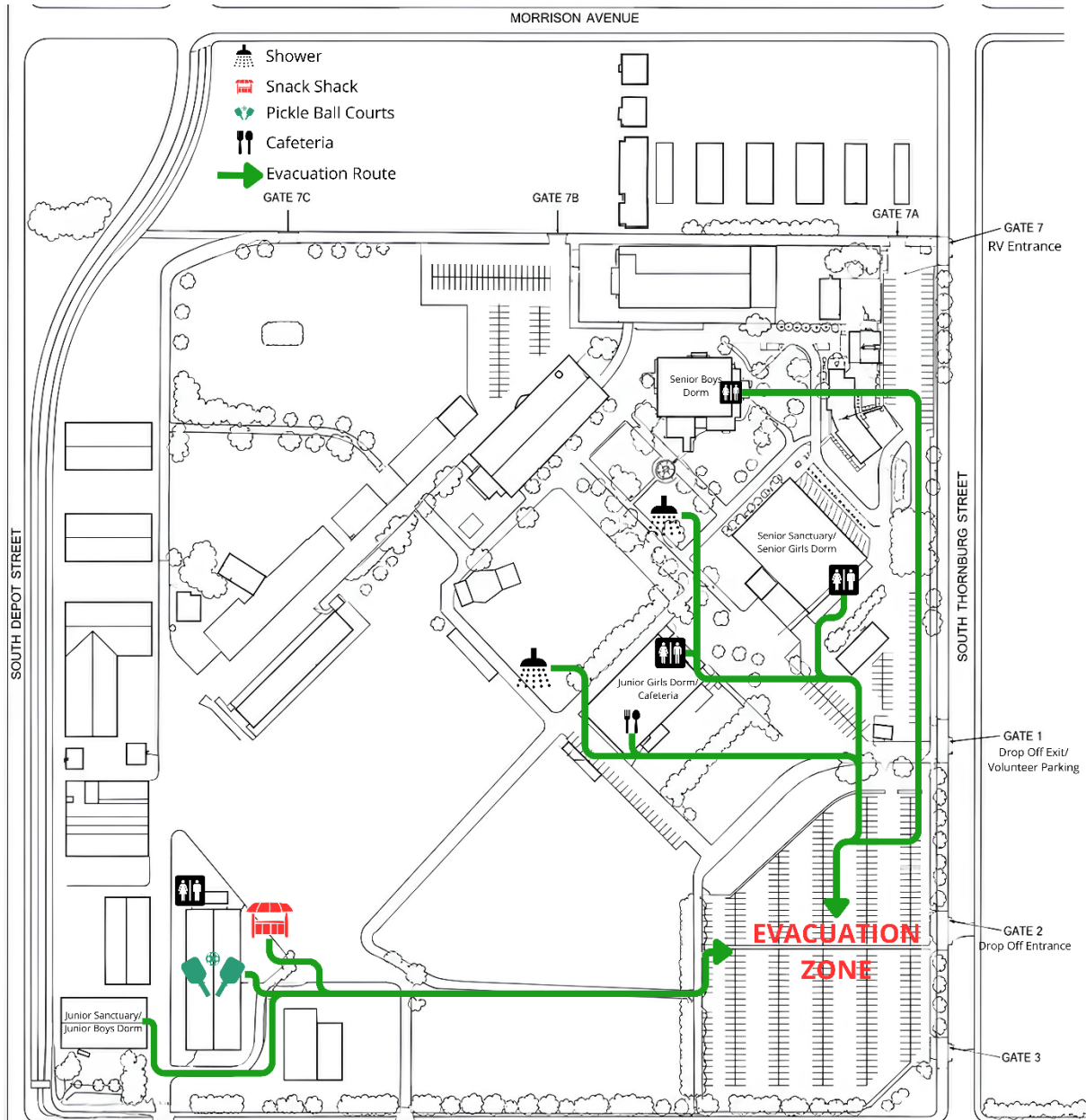
At Camp West, the safety of our campers and staff is paramount. In the event of an emergency that necessitates an evacuation, please follow these instructions carefully:

Evacuation Procedures:

- 1. Hear the Alarm/Announcement:** Pay attention to alarms or announcements. They are the primary way we will communicate the need to evacuate.
- 2. Stay Calm and Composed:** In an emergency, staying calm is crucial. This ensures everyone's safety and helps avoid unnecessary panic and confusion.
- 3. Gather Belongings:** If it's safe and there is time, gather essential personal belongings like medication, but leave behind unnecessary items.
- 4. Assemble:** Each dorm and activity area will have staff members leading you to the designated assembly point, the main parking area.
- 5. No Detours:** Do not detour to other locations or wander away from your group. Stick with your group and follow the instructions of your group leader.
- 6. Proceed to the Main Parking Area:** The main parking area is the primary evacuation location for all campers and volunteers. Head directly to this location, following the designated evacuation route.
- 7. Check-In at Main Parking Area:** Upon arrival at the main parking area, each camper will be checked in. Everyone must be accounted for.
- 8. Wait for Further Instructions:** Once at the main parking area, wait for further instructions from Camp West leadership or emergency personnel.

For an evacuation map, refer to Diagram 1: Evacuation Map.

Diagram 1: Evacuation Map



Camp West Camper Policies, Rules, and Conduct

Camper Behavior Expectations and Code of Conduct

At Camp West, we believe in creating an environment of respect, safety, and enjoyment for all campers. To ensure this, we expect all campers to abide by our code of conduct as outlined below:

- 1. Prohibited Items:** Campers cannot bring audio/visual equipment such as iPods, radios, TVs, DVD players, etc. Any potentially dangerous or disruptive items, such as matches, fireworks, or knives, are strictly prohibited.
- 2. Grounds Limitations:** Campers can only leave the campgrounds once registered if the Camp Principal or his designee grants permission.
- 3. Punctuality and Attendance:** Campers are expected to be prompt at all meals, meetings, classes, chapel services, recreational activities, and evening services unless excused by the Camp Principal or counselor.
- 4. Dormitory Respect:** Respect for personal space is paramount. Boys are not permitted to enter the girls' dorm areas, and girls are not allowed to enter the boys' dorm areas. This includes shower facilities.
- 5. Use of Athletic Equipment:** The Camp Activities Director controls all athletic equipment and facilities and may only be used as instructed.
- 6. Personal Property:** Each camper is responsible for their personal property and bedding. Respect for camp facilities and the property of others is expected at all times.
- 7. Defacing or Tampering with Property:** Any camper caught defacing property or tampering with another's property will be held financially responsible for any damages incurred and may face immediate expulsion.
- 8. Reverence during Services:** During chapel, classes, and services, each camper must respect the place of worship, time of worship, and when the man or woman of God is speaking. These sessions should be entered and left in an orderly and peaceful manner.
- 9. Dormitory Rules:** All campers and staff must remain in their dorm each night. Any lights or noise that may disturb others will not be permitted.

- 10. Sleeping Arrangements:** Campers must remain in their assigned sleeping areas. Switching is not permitted without consent from a counselor and the head counselor. More than one person sleeping (double sleeping) in a bed is not permitted.
- 11. Physical Contact and Wanderings:** Young men and ladies cannot hold hands, embrace, or wander into unlit areas.
- 12. Behavior:** No fighting or foul language will be tolerated.
- 13. Privacy:** To protect the privacy of each camper, the use of image technology (still and video) and cell phones is prohibited in bathrooms, showers, and dorm areas. Failure to comply may result in confiscating such devices until the end of camp and deleting the content on these devices.

Adhering to these guidelines can create a safe, respectful, and fun environment for everyone at Camp West. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Anti-bullying Policy

Bullying is defined as any unwanted, aggressive behavior that involves a real or perceived power imbalance and is repeated or has the potential to be repeated over time. This includes, but is not limited to:

- **Verbal bullying:** Name-calling, threats, teasing, and harmful gossip.
- **Social bullying:** Purposefully excluding someone from activities, spreading rumors, or ostracizing.
- **Physical bullying:** Hitting, pushing, or physical harm.
- **Cyberbullying:** Using digital communication tools (such as social media, texts, and emails) to harass, threaten, or intimidate.

If there is an instance of bullying, the camper may face discipline, including but not limited to; removal from activities, intervention by the Camp Principal, and potentially being expelled from Camp West.

Technology use Policy

At Camp West, we are deeply committed to fostering an environment that promotes direct engagement, personal development, and an authentic camping experience. We understand the necessity and utility of modern technology, but we also value the importance of disconnecting from digital devices to engage with the natural environment and fellow campers truly.

- 1. Electronic Devices Access and Usage:** Campers will be given access to their electronic devices at the discretion of the camp counselors. This access is primarily for communicating with parents or guardians to update them on their camp activities, achievements, and overall well-being. Campers are to respect this provision, and misuse may lead to revocation of this privilege.
- 2. Cell Phone Policy:** Campers are strongly encouraged to leave their cell phones at home. The camp experience is about creating lasting memories, learning new skills, and building relationships. Cell phones can be a distraction and reduce the quality of this unique experience. It also ensures that campers can focus on the present moment, immerse themselves in camp activities, and in doing so, better develop their social, problem-solving, and leadership skills. This policy is in place to provide the best possible experience for each camper.
- 3. Electronics in the Central Camp Area:** To respect the privacy and rights of all camp participants, campers are prohibited from bringing electronic devices into the central area of the camp. We have a professional photographer who will capture memorable camp activities and moments. This allows us to regulate the pictures taken and ensure that they respect the privacy of other campers. Photos will be shared with parents/guardians and campers, ensuring they do not miss out on any special moments.

We understand that this policy might differ from what our campers are used to, but we assure you that this policy was created with the campers' best interests in mind. Campers can fully appreciate their surroundings, form real-life connections, and create unforgettable memories by focusing less on technology.

Thank you for your understanding and adherence to our Technology Use Policy. Together, we can make Camp West an enriching and memorable experience.

Dress Code

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

1. Clothing should not be tight-fitting or revealing.
2. Avoid clothing with worldly sayings or slogans.
3. Maintain a conservative appearance in line with Apostolic values.

4. Avoid hairstyles, facial hair, or attire considered unacceptable by the Youth Camp Committee Members or the Camp Principal.
5. All sleeves must come at least to the elbow for seniors.

BOYS / YOUNG MEN:

1. Pants must not be tight and should reach the ankles.
2. Shorts and cut-offs are not allowed.
3. Avoid plain white "T" shirts as a shirt.
4. Must maintain a conservative haircut that reflects Apostolic values.
5. No mustaches or beards allowed.
6. Avoid makeup and jewelry.
7. "Punk" styles of hair or attire are not allowed.

GIRLS / YOUNG WOMEN:

1. Skirts must cover the knees.
2. No cap sleeves or sleeveless dresses.
3. Shirts with worldly sayings or slogans are not allowed.
4. Gauchos and culottes are not permitted.
5. Skirts or dresses with slits above the knees are not allowed.
6. Necklines should be decent and modest.
7. Pedal pushers, slacks, shorts, etc., are prohibited.
8. Avoid makeup and any jewelry.
9. No French manicures or fake fingernails.
10. "Punk" styles of hair or attire are not allowed.

Note: The dress code is subject to the discretion of the Youth Camp Committee Members and the Camp Principal. Please consult with them for any additional guidelines or clarifications.

Operation Midnight Fire – Camper Rules and Expectations

Operation Midnight Fire is one of the highlights of Camp West and provides an opportunity for senior campers to enjoy fellowship, worship, recreation, and time

together at Grover Beach. To ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone, all campers are expected to follow these rules and instructions.

General Expectations

- Campers must always remain with their assigned group and chaperone.
- Campers shall follow all instructions provided by Camp West leadership, chaperones, security personnel, and event staff.
- Campers may not leave the designated event area without permission from Camp leadership.
- Horseplay, rough housing, wrestling, throwing objects, and unsafe behavior are prohibited.
- Campers shall help maintain a safe and respectful environment for all participants.

Beach Safety

- Campers shall remain within designated operational boundaries.
- Campers are prohibited from entering the ocean or shoreline water.
- Climbing dunes, entering restricted areas, or wandering away from the event area is prohibited.
- Campers shall immediately report any injury, illness, unsafe condition, or emergency to a staff member.

Bonfire Safety

- Campers shall remain outside designated fire safety zones unless participating in approved activities.
- No camper may add wood, fuel, paper, trash, or any other material to a fire.
- No items may be thrown into a fire.
- Running, horseplay, or games near bonfires are prohibited.
- Campers shall use roasting sticks responsibly and maintain awareness of those around them.
- Firewood, water buckets, shovels, and fire equipment are for staff use only.
- Any unsafe fire condition shall be reported immediately to a fire monitor or camp staff member.

Transportation Expectations

- Campers shall report promptly when called for transportation.
- Campers shall remain seated while vehicles are in motion.

- Campers shall follow all driver and chaperone instructions.
- Campers are expected to help keep the beach clean.
- All trash shall be disposed of in designated containers.
- Campers shall participate in cleanup activities when requested.
- Camp West is committed to leaving the beach cleaner than we found it.

Failure to follow these expectations may result in removal from Operation Midnight Fire activities and additional disciplinary action as determined by Camp West leadership.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- 1. What is the purpose of the Camp West Camper Handbook?** The Handbook guides campers and their families, providing information about Camp West's values, expectations, procedures, facilities, activities, and policies.
- 2. Who can attend Camp West?** Camp West hosts Junior Camp for ages 7-11 and Senior Camp for ages 12-21. Note that 12-year-olds can attend either the Junior or Senior Camp with the approval of a parent and pastor.
- 3. What is the origin of Camp West?** Camp West originated from a shared vision among a coalition of pastors, aiming to profoundly impact young Apostolic individuals through dynamic preaching and transformative encounters with the Holy Ghost, fostering spiritual growth.
- 4. What are the expectations for campers at Camp West?** Expectations include respecting everyone, actively participating in activities, taking responsibility for belongings and actions, following safety rules, exploring and expressing their faith, demonstrating honesty and reliability, and cooperating with peers and staff.
- 5. How should I prepare for Camp West?** The Handbook contains a comprehensive 'Pre-Camp Preparation and Arrival' section that guides you through everything you need to know and do before arrival. This includes a packing list, prohibited items, and details about arrival procedures.
- 6. What if my child has medical or dietary needs?** The 'Pre-Camp Preparation and Arrival' section also addresses any medical or nutritional requirements your child may have.
- 7. Who oversees Camp West's structure and improvement?** Pastor Anthony Pizarro, the 2026 Senior Camp Principal, oversees enhancing the camp structure. He collaborates with Junior Camp Principal Joey Ladd and the Camp Leadership Steering Committee to continually improve the Camp West experience.
- 8. What is the check-out and departure procedures?** Detailed check-out and departure procedures are included in the 'Pre-Camp Preparation and Arrival' section of the Camper Handbook.
- 9. What does being part of the Camp West community mean?** Being part of the Camp West community means engaging in spiritual growth, camaraderie, and personal development within an Apostolic faith-based

environment. It involves meeting our camper expectations and participating in various camp activities to help create a harmonious and positive environment.

- 10. What is the purpose of the Pre-Camp Preparation and Arrival section?** The Pre-Camp Preparation and Arrival section provides essential information and guidelines to ensure campers are fully prepared for their Camp West experience. It covers registration, packing, addressing medical or dietary needs, and arrival procedures.
- 11. What items should I pack for Camp West?** The Camp West Packing List provides a detailed list of necessary items, including clothing, footwear, toiletries, towels, sleeping essentials, and optional items like a Bible, snacks, and sports clothing. It also recommends bringing extra cash for lunch, souvenirs, and snacks.
- 12. What items are prohibited at Camp West?** The List of Prohibited Items outlines items not allowed at Camp West, such as inappropriate clothing, electronic devices, valuables, weapons, alcohol, tobacco, illegal substances, non-prescription drugs, pets, fireworks or explosives, and outside food and drinks. The camp reserves the right to confiscate any inappropriate item or a potential safety risk.
- 13. What are the arrival procedures for Camp West?** The Arrival Procedures provide general instructions for campers, including the arrival time (noon), at the specified entrance (at the Santa Maria Fairpark), the meal before arrival, registration, access to assigned areas, settlement in accommodation, meeting volunteers, and addresses for different camper groups.
- 14. How should I prepare for check-out and departure from Camp West?** The Check-out and Departure Procedures detail the process for the last day of camp. It includes a checklist with timings for waking up, having a light breakfast, packing belongings, cleaning dorms, final inspections and departure information.