



TPS SUMMER CAMP 2020

Join fellow TPS students, staff and teachers for a week of summer fun in the “old west” village of Miracle Mountain Ranch (MMR)! TPS Summer Camp is a great place to experience Christian discipleship and fellowship in a fun and family-friendly environment. It is the perfect opportunity to meet other TPSer’s, enjoy fun summer activities, and deepen your walk with the Lord while building lasting friendships.

When is TPS Summer Camp? May 31st to June 6th, 2020 (arrive between 3:00-4:30pm on May 31st and depart 9:00am on June 6th).

Who is eligible to participate in Summer Camp? TPS students, their siblings, parents, and friends. Students must be entering grade 7 in 2020 (min age 11 years) up to graduating high school in 2020 (max age 18 years). Younger children are welcome to attend camp with their parents in a family cabin. TPS grads from prior to 2020 are welcome to participate in the week as volunteers at a reduced rate (please contact us at SummerCamp@pottersschool.org prior to registering to discuss what volunteer opportunities are available).

Where is Summer Camp located? Miracle Mountain Ranch in Spring Creek, PA. We are excited to offer you this opportunity in partnership with MMR, who has over 50 years of experience in offering excellent Christian camps and events for teens, adults, and families. The leadership and staff at MMR hold values consistent with those of TPS. For more information, visit them at mmrm.org.

What is the schedule for the week? Students should arrive at camp between 3:00-4:30pm on Sun, May 31 and depart at 9:00am on the morning of Sat, June 6 (pick-up is also available on Fri, June 5th). Each day will include group games and activities, meals, chapel, cabin devotions, and “free time” activities, which include options such as trail rides, craft shop, field games, and more. Throughout the week, MMR’s trained counselors will lead students through the daily schedule, participate with them in activities, and get to know the students for discipleship and encouragement. (See below for sample schedule.)

What kinds of activities does MMR offer? Craft shop, ropes confidence course, archery, team sports, trail rides on horseback, lots of creative team games in the field and gym, rock climbing wall, a hayride, sporting clays, paintballing, horsemanship lesson, and more! (Additional fees apply for sporting clays, paintball, and horsemanship.)



The emphasis will be on group activities and face-to-face fun and friendships. We recommend students leave their phones at home, but those brought to camp will be kept in the MMR office for the week to encourage face-to-face fun and for privacy considerations (no cameras in the cabins, bath houses or other personal spaces). Students may access their phones to call home if needed. Along the same lines, exclusive relationships (romantic or otherwise) will be discouraged so that everyone may enjoy building non-exclusive friendships with brothers and sisters in Christ.

Have a graduating senior student? Come be a part of the TPS High School Graduation and commemorate this special occasion with your friends and fellow students! **Ceremony will be held on the evening of Friday, June 5!** For more information, click here:

<https://events.at-tps.org/graduation>

What are the opportunities for parents? Parents of campers are encouraged to share the excitement of the week with their kids, while also using the camp as their own relaxing break or a chance to get a little work done in a laid-back setting (there is sufficient internet for email and web-browsing – no streaming). Most of the activities are open for parents to participate with the kids if they choose, and the after-dinner game each day is specifically designed for parent participation. Everyone is encouraged to attend evening chapel.





There is also optional special programming just for parents, including worship, prayer, Bible teaching and seminars on home education topics like transcript-building, college selection, TPS course selection, and more. On the first night, parents choose topics from a list (or suggest other topics) for the education seminars. The topics that are most requested or suggested become the optional parent seminars for the week, so parents get to design their own week! There are also opportunities for one-on-one meetings with TPS advisors.

What are the accommodations? Campers will be housed in bunkhouses on the MMR campus. There will be 6-10 campers per cabin, with cabins grouped by age and gender, and two counselors in each cabin. Campers may make rooming requests **when they register** (not when they arrive), but due to cabin size and age-gender grouping limitations some requests may not be accommodated.

Parent accommodations will be in bunk houses with other parents (males and females housed separately). We have a very limited number of private family bunkhouses for parents bringing young children, but they go VERY quickly! Request one when you register.

Can you accommodate special needs and dietary restrictions? Because the camp is serving so many, it's not always possible for them to accommodate every special need or dietary restriction. If your child has food allergies that require a special diet or other dietary needs, please contact us before registering to see how we can meet your camper's needs.

How much does TPS Summer Camp cost?

1 attendee: \$375 per-person for one camper

2-4 attendees: \$350 per-person for two or more participants from one family

5+ attendees: Bringing five or more people from one family? Pay only for the first four participants – participants 5, 6, 7, 8, etc. are free!

Note: Activity fees apply for some optional activities (see below) and are additional to the above base costs.



Are there any additional costs? There is a small additional fee for the following optional activities: paintball, horsemanship lesson, and sporting clays. These activities must be selected and paid at registration to ensure availability. On some days, the camp "Snack Shack" or "Buckboard Store" will be open during free time, so campers may purchase snacks, drinks, ice cream, t-shirts, and small souvenirs. Students may wish to bring some cash for these opportunities.

Can you support students flying in from out-of-state? Yes! MMR will provide transportation to and from the airport for participants using these airports: Erie (ERI), Buffalo (BUF), Cleveland (CLE), Pittsburgh (PIT). Additional fees apply. Just indicate on your registration form that you are taking advantage of this option.

Can you help with carpooling? Email us at SummerCamp@pottersschool.org if you are looking for a ride for your student and we will try to connect you with someone else who is coming from your area.

(Note: If your registration is contingent on us finding you transportation, please do not register until you have transportation arranged as there is a non-refundable registration fee.)

Can I see pictures and videos of prior TPS Summer Camps? Of course!

<https://events.at-tps.org/summer-camp>

How do I register?

Pre-registration is open ONLY to campers participating in TPS Graduation 2020 and their families and TPS teachers and their families. **Pre-registration for graduates and teachers and their families runs until Feb 23, 2020.**

Registration opens to rest of TPS on Feb 24, 2020. Camp filled very quickly in 2019 and we anticipate the same in 2020, so if you are planning on joining us this summer, please register as soon as possible!

If you register before Feb 24 without registering for graduation, your registration will be queued up after all of the graduate registrations.

Click here to register:

<https://pottersschool.wufoo.com/forms/tps-summer-camp-2020-registration-no-pay/>

Questions? We're glad to answer any questions you have! Additionally, if you feel you have a special situation that merits unique consideration, please feel free to ask. We want to make TPS Summer Camp work for you! Please email SummerCamp@pottersschool.org to discuss options.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT TPS SUMMER CAMP 2020!



Sample Summer Camp Schedule

7:30am	Wake Up
8:00am	Breakfast
8:30am	Bunkhouse Devotions
9:30am	Morning Games
(Optional Seminars for Parents/Teachers)	
12:00pm	Lunch
1:30-5:30pm	Rotation of Activities by Hour-Slots
(2:00-5:00pm)	Optional Seminars for Parents/Teachers)
6:00pm	Dinner
6:30pm	After-Dinner Game
8:00pm	Chapel
9:00pm	Free Time
10:00pm	All In
10:30pm	Lights Out

Sample Parent Seminar Topics

AP vs. Dual Credit, and What Colleges Want
TPS 101: How TPS started, our mission, and our staff
Q&A with TPS Teachers
Meltdowns and Moods: Protecting the Parent-Child Relationship
Worldviews in Film
Build your Best Transcript and the TPS Diploma Program
How to Take Quality Photos with your Smart Phone
TPS Trips & Events Info Session
Mom's and Muffins/Dads and Donuts social hour
Building a 4-Year High School Plan and Selecting Colleges
One-On-One Curriculum Counseling with TPS Experts
...and more!