

TPS Summer Camp 2019



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 TPS-er’s (IRL - in real life!), enjoy fun summer activities, and deepen your walk with the Lord while building lasting friendships!

When is TPS Summer Camp? June 2-8, 2019 (arrive in the afternoon Sunday June 2 and depart in the morning Saturday June 8)

Who is eligible to participate in Summer Camp? TPS students, their siblings, parents, and friends. Students must be ages 11-19 to participate in camp. Children ages 10 and under may attend camp with their parents in a family cabin.

Where is Summer Camp located? Miracle Mountain Ranch, located 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 in the afternoon of Sun, June 3rd and depart on the morning of Sat, June 9th. Each day will include group games and activities, meals, chapel, cabin devotions, and “free time” activities, which includes 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? Swimming, craft shop, ropes confidence course, archery, team sports, challenge hike, trail rides on horseback, lots of creative team games in the field and gym, rock climbing wall, a hay ride, vaulting (gymnastics on horseback), sporting clays, paintballing, horsemanship lesson, and more! (Additional fees apply for vaulting, sporting clays, paintball, and horsemanship.)

The emphasis will be on group activities and face-to-face fun and friendships. Student phones will be kept in the MMR office for the week, to encourage face-to-face fun and also 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 (of any kind) 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 7!** 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). Many of the activities, such as paint ball, horse riding, archery, crafts and more are open to parents to participate with the kids (some activities have an additional fee and must be chosen at registration to ensure availability). Parents also join the kids for evening chapel and speakers.



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, standardized test preparation, 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!



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. Students age 18 and 19 are housed by gender in their own cabin groups with counselors. 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 will go VERY quickly! Request one when you register.

How much does TPS Summer Camp cost?

\$355 per-person camp cost (lodging, food, group activities – some special activities have additional fees). This starting cost may be reduced by per-person discounts and family cost caps:

- **Per-person Discounts:** \$20 per person discount if you register by March 11!
- **Family Cost Cap:** Families with more than four participants pay only for the first four – family members five to infinity do not pay the \$355! (The family cost cap does not cover extra-cost add-on activities for any family members.)



Are there any additional costs? Some activities will have a small additional fee, such as: paintball, horsemanship lesson, and sporting clays (for these activities, it is recommended that you choose and pay for them during 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 students arriving at camp by plane (additional charges apply). The nearest airport is Erie International Airport (Airport code: ERI). Just indicate that you are taking advantage of this option on your registration form.

Can you help with carpooling? Yes! 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.

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

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

How do I register?

TPS Summer Camp 2018 filled quickly, even before Early Bird registration ended. Family cabin availability was similarly limited. Summer Camp 2019 registration is open exclusively to TPS 2019 graduates (i.e., those who are participating in the TPS Graduation 2019 ceremony) and their families until February 1. **Registrations received prior to Feb 1 without a Graduation 2019 application will be treated as Feb 2 registrations.** We encourage graduates and siblings to register as soon as possible and everyone else to register shortly after Feb 1. Click here to register:

<https://miraclemountainranch.wufoo.com/forms/tps-summer-camp-2019>

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 2019!



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

College Prep (ACT/SAT/AP/Dual Enrollment)
TPS 101
Q&A with TPS Teachers
TPS Trips & Events
Mom's Tea/Coffee Social
Building a 4-Year High School Plan and Selecting Colleges
One-On-One Curriculum Counseling with TPS Experts
...and more!