



Camp Hope Daily Rotation Schedule

Group Time	Rotation #1 (Group 1,2,3)	Rotation #2 (Group 4,5)	Rotation #3 (Group 6,7,8)	Rotation #4 (Group 9,10)	Rotation #5 (Group 11,12)	Disciple Camper	Support Staff
7:30-9:25	B e f o r e C a m p						
9:30-9:55	A l p h a W o r s h i p						
10:00-10:30	M a n n a (Bible Study)						
10:35-11:10	Snack	Imaginarium	Explore	Games	Tribe	Serve	Group
11:15-11:50	Imaginarium	Tribe	Snack	Explore	Games	Serve	Group
11:55-12:55	L u n c h & S a b b a t h (Quiet Time)						Lunch & Break
1:00-1:35	Tribe	Games	Imaginarium	Snack	Explore	Serve	Group
1:40-2:15	Games	Explore	Tribe	Imaginarium	Snack	Serve	Group
2:20-2:55	Explore	Snack	Games	Tribe	Imaginarium	Tribe	Group
3:00-3:30	O m e g a W o r s h i p						
3:30-6:00	A f t e r D a y						

AGE GROUPING

- Small groups consist of eight campers along with a staff leaders and one support staff. Depending on the size of your camp, you may have up to 12 small groups. The rotation number in the chart is based on the ages of your campers and may represent anywhere from 1 to 3 small groups. The above example shows how these small groups may be grouped for each rotation. Regardless of camp size, the rotation schedule is the same.
- We have found that grouping by similar age results in a better experience for both the camper and the staff. One rotation may be all first graders while another may be both second and third, which works fine. However mixing first and fourth graders may mean that no one will have their learning and social needs met.
- We recommend starting with your youngest campers as Group # 1 and increasing the group number, as the campers get older. Disciple Campers are 5th & 6th graders who help by “serving” in rotations. Each week they also have a special service project and may have an extra fun activity.

TIMING

- We have learned that staff members usually request younger campers because they think they will be easier but that is not the case. Younger campers need more hands-on help with restroom visits, meals and learning activities. We recommend mature staff for younger campers.
- Younger campers need a snack in the morning—lunch is just too far way. By using the recommended schedule they will also have Sabbath and Tribe back to back in case they fall asleep towards the end of the week.
- Another option is to move everyone to have Tribe as the last rotation before Omega Worship. This is a great way for small groups to review the story and how it is lived out in their daily lives before the end of the day.

Parts of the Camp Day

Each part of the Camp Hope Day is designed to do three things:

1. Teach the Bible story
2. Empower youth leadership
3. Attend to the needs of the camper



As you can see in the chart to the right, several leaders share responsibility for the success of each component.

The Camp Hope Rotation includes:

STAFF BREAKS

Support Staff take a break during Sabbath time and Rotation Leaders have a break during Manna time. You should also have a time for your small group leaders to take a break. Camps have found different times that are helpful for them. Some have found Imaginarium and Explore to be good times because campers don't need as much supervision. Stagger the breaks of the staff members so they are not away from the campers at the same time.

CAMP STORE

A great way to encourage campers to practice positive behavior is through a Camp Store. Campers can earn tickets for good behavior throughout the day to be redeemed for items in the Camp Store. Instead of individual rewards, some camps give tickets to the entire camp at Omega Worship then everyone gets a reward on Friday such as an ice cream or Popsicle party. If you have a Camp Store, the best times to visit the store are during Snack or Imaginarium.

STAFF MEETINGS MATTER!

Growing Youth Leadership through daily staff meetings builds a caring community. Staff meetings are held between 8:30-9:00 in the morning and 3:30-4:00 in the afternoon.

Morning:

Daily Devotion led by staff, announcements (schedule changes, special activities, needs) and prayers.

Afternoon:

Joys & Concerns, clipboard agenda, problem solving, affirmations, thanks and prayers.

Part of day	Purpose	Leadership
Alpha Worship	Praising God with music, introducing the daily theme, story and prayer	Worship Leader, Disciple Camp Leader, Rotation Leaders, Camp Manager
Manna Bible Study	Interactive Bible story telling.	Small Group Leader (SGL) & Support Staff (SS)
Explore	Integrating science and art connected to the story.	SGL, SS, Explore Rotation Leader
Snack	Creating a snack related to the story and healthy living.	SGL, SS, Snack Rotation Leader
Lunch / Sabbath	Enjoying eating as a camp community and practicing quiet.	SGL & SS (SS take a break during Sabbath)
Games	Playing related to the story and life	SGL, SS, Games Rotation Leader
Imaginarium	Using imagination to make the story come to life, including music, dance, drama, etc.	SGL, SS, Imaginarium Rotation Leader
Camp Store	Affirming responsible behavior	SGL & SS
Tribe Time	Connecting the story to daily living	SGL & SS
Omega Worship	Celebrating the day, sharing the gifts and talents of the community, praising God with song & prayer	Worship Leader, Disciple Camp Leader, Rotation Leaders, Camp Manager



The onsite Camp Hope Community includes:

Campers: Children entering Kindergarten in the next school year through those that have just completed grade four. It is recommended that if you have any campers younger than Kindergarten, they have attended at least one year of full day Preschool so they are prepared for the camp schedule.

Disciple Campers: Students who have completed grades five and six. These campers have a few extra privileges such as helping during rotations, having a weekly service project and maybe an extra fun event such as a pizza and movie party.

Support Staff: Students who have completed grade seven or older. Support Staff can serve in several different areas at Camp Hope such as in rotations, in the camp office, helping with worship, Before Camp and After Day. Every small group should have at least one Support Staff. This is a great way for them to grow as leaders!

Small Group Leaders: Paid, trained staff that are in high school or college. These individuals lead a group of campers throughout the camp day.

Rotation Leaders: Paid, trained staff that are in high school or college. These individuals lead the activities at Explore, Snack, Imaginarium and Games rotations. Some camps find it helpful to also have a worship leader.

Camp Manager: Paid, trained staff member who is an older high school student, college student or adult. This individual oversees the staff and daily activities.

Camp Director: Trained adult leader. This may be an adult volunteer in the congregation or a staff member. This individual oversees all of the operations of Camp Hope at your site.

Mentors: Each staff member should have an adult mentor! This is a great way to connect generations within the church. These adults encourage and support each staff member throughout Camp Hope. It is helpful if there is an adult, other than a staff member or the Camp Director, leading this team of mentors.

Congregational Staff: Paid and unpaid congregational staff including the pastor, church secretary, etc. Camp Hope is a cross-generational ministry of the entire congregation and will need the support of everyone on the church staff.



Volunteers: Parents, adults and young adults that help in various ways to make Camp Hope successful. This might include helping with decorations, printing, collecting supplies, or being the registrar, camp nurse, or group Grandma or Grandpa at lunchtime.

Lunch Time!

Who & How?

Small Group Leaders (SGL), Support Staff & campers eat together, unless the Support Staff are off during lunch because Camp Grandparents are able to help. Either way, Support Staff need a break during Sabbath! Disciple Campers eat with the Disciple Camp Leader.



What?

Campers and Staff can bring lunch every day. Hot lunch can be offered one or two days each week. Plan ahead by taking orders. Staff should monitor special diets & food allergies.

Mealtime Tips

Assign leadership for table grace (before & after each meal) and Alpha and Omega. Check out the Camp Hope Song Book for mealtime grace ideas. Practice new graces at least one time before they are “prayed.”

Small Group Grandmas & Grandpas



Invite retired people in your congregation to “adopt” a small group at lunch each day. Grandmas & Grandpas can bring their own sack lunches from home

and enjoy a meal with the children. Many campers do not have regular contact with this generation of faithful people so camp can be a great way for them to connect.

Extended Camp Care



Trained staff will care for campers during extended day care. One adult will be present at all times. One youth staff person for every 8 campers will be paid to care for campers.

These times can be changed to meet your community’s needs. You may wish to have another adult member of the congregation oversee the extended camper care to free up your Camp Director and Camp Manager as they prepare for the camp day. This is also a great way for students who cannot attend the regular camp day due to other summer commitments to be involved with Camp Hope.

Before Camp (BC): (7:30 – 9:30 AM)

Campers enjoy supervised playtime. Informal learning centers and activities are planned for a caring morning experience. This is not a programmed part of camp.

After Day (AD): (3:30 – 6:00 PM)

Campers registered for After Day are dismissed from camp following Omega before other groups are dismissed. Campers will receive an afternoon snack and enjoy an informal learning program that may include games, crafts, cooking, creative play, movies, service projects and other activities reinforcing the daily themes.