



Super Stuff Churches Need to Know about Summer Camp 2022 at N-Sid-Sen

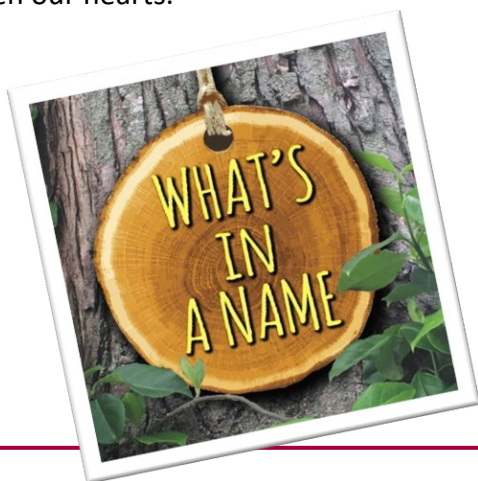
It's YOUR Camp!

1 Why Church Camp?

Because church camp is joyful fun! It is a sacred place. It is intensely relational and positive role models abound! Camp is different from Vacation Bible School and Sunday School. Campers and leaders live, work, play and worship together from early morning until late into the evening. They grow together through shared experiences and form an intentional community. They hear our faith stories in new places and new ways, and find opportunities to share their own.

2 Summer Curriculum

Our summer theme is "What's in a Name?" We know names have great power! Some hold special meanings and some come with expectations. This summer, we'll look at how the people of the Bible confronted expectations, confounded others' assumptions, and forged new identities. As we explore, we are reminded that God knows us beyond any name we might be called and invites us into relationship. Campers will be assured that Christ's grace meets us when we make mistakes and his love greets us when we open our hearts.



3 Celebrate Camp this Spring in Your Church!

We invite you to lift up our shared ministry. Select a Sunday this spring for your **Camp Sunday** and have fun celebrating. The summer camp schedule, creative ideas for promotion, bulletin inserts and additional support materials are included in this packet. These easy to reproduce promotional materials are also available online at www.n-sid-sen.org.

FYI – Summer Camp Information is mailed directly to camp families from the past three summers.

4 Family Share & Church Share

Summer camp at N-Sid-Sen is an important piece of year-round faith formation for many PNCUCC churches. To encourage and support their church families, many congregations pay a portion of the camp fee. We refer to this as the "church share".

To make bookkeeping and end-of-summer billing less complicated, we encourage churches to **determine a set amount of support per camper** versus a percentage of the fee. For example: \$250 for full-week campers and \$125 for part-week campers. In this way, church support remains constant, no matter which discounts or price levels a family may select.

Save time! Pay for all your church's campers with one check. We'll bill your church toward the end of the summer camp season. *This later payment does not affect the Early Bird discount for campers.*

5 Camps Fees: Basic Rates & Gratitude Rates

N-Sid-Sen has joined camps across the country in offering different levels of fees for summer camp. Why this change? The cost of providing quality camping experiences continues to rise and some camps' fees are so high that families with low or moderate incomes are unable to afford them.

We are passionate about the power of church camp and want to ensure all are truly welcome, while still paying the bills. Multiple pricing options, also known as tiered pricing, gives greater visibility to the true cost of providing the quality camp experience you've come to expect. It also offers families an opportunity to take an active role in supporting this true cost of their child's camp experience.

Recognizing that families are differently gifted, we offer two rates for each summer camp. Each family chooses the rate that is most suitable or comfortable for their circumstances; the choice is confidential. Knowledge of the rate selected is limited to staff dealing with registration. **All campers receive the same N-Sid-Sen Experience, no matter which rate is selected.**

The **Basic Rate** covers direct costs. The **Gratitude Rate** more closely reflects the true costs of providing our camp experience, including facility maintenance, equipment repair and replacement, and program development. In addition to funds provided through the Gratitude Rate, indirect costs are subsidized by other programs and generous donations from local churches, groups and individuals who value the impact of our summer camp programs.

6 Online Registration

Families register and make payments online at www.n-sid-sen.org. The link is easy to find. They will click REGISTER at the top of the home page and follow the directions on the website. Payment is required at the time of registration.



N-Sid-Sen is a camp and retreat center of the Pacific Northwest Conference of the United Church of Christ.

7 Early Bird Discounts & More!

The Early Bird Deadline is April 15!

Families who register and pay the deposit by this date may request the following discounts that range between \$10-\$20 per person depending on the session.

Family Camp Discount:

Families registering three or more family members for a Family Camp are eligible for a 10% discount on the total camp fee.

8 Financial Assistance

Don't let finances prevent the children in your congregation from attending camp! Many churches pay a portion of the camp fee. In addition, some are able to provide additional assistance. N-Sid-Sen also has a scholarship fund to help. Contact our office for details.

9 Volunteer & Employment Opportunities

There are a variety of ways to serve and make a difference at N-Sid-Sen this summer. For details and applications, contact the N-Sid-Sen office.

ADULT VOLUNTEERS: Cabin Leaders, Session Directors, Nurses and Resource People are the heart of our summer camp programs. Minimum commitment is 4-7 days depending on the position and the session.

SUMMER STAFF are the backbone of our program. Theirs is truly a Summer of Service. They clean, tote, haul, clear and so much more. Their efforts in the kitchen, cabins and shower house, at the lake and throughout the grounds provide support for our summer camps and our partner groups events. These paid positions run from mid-June through August.

WORK CAMPS: These are held periodically and are great opportunities to get a little dirty, stretch your muscles, and make a difference. Contact the N-Sid-Sen office for details.

Please help **SPREAD the WORD** about these opportunities. Have some possible candidates in mind? Complete the form included in this packet or contact our office.