

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US IN PRAYING FOR THE NATIONS!

The words "Summer Camp" often conjure up fond memories like making s'mores and swimming in the lake. But did you know that summer camp ministries are also a vibrant part of God's work around the world? Summer camps offer an excellent way for global workers and national churches to partner together to reach not only children but their parents and communities as well.

For the month of June, will you join us in praying for God to change lives through 2022 summer camps? Here are four ways you can pray for summer camp ministries:

1. PRAY for camp ministries to have a fresh and vibrant new start after COVID.

Although camp ministries could not operate "as usual" during the summers of 2020 and 2021, TEAM workers found ways to do other types of summer outreach in place of their summer camps. Thankfully, all the TEAM summer camp initiatives we spoke with plan to be "back" in full force this summer with traditional camp formats.

Pray for protection over the campers, workers, and families as they regather, and for the excitement of fellowship to translate into open doors for the Holy Spirit to move.

2. PRAY for strength and unity for each summer camp staff.

Working with children and youth in any capacity can be exhausting both mentally and physically. Summer camp ministries are often exceptionally so! Most camps are filled with lots of high-energy activities and long, tiring days. The staff of most camps consists of long-term global workers, short-term workers who come to assist, and national leaders and volunteers from local churches. As these people come together to work cross-culturally, conflict can occur especially when team members get tired.

Pray that the staff of each camp is unified, serving in the strength of the Lord and with joyful hearts.

3. PRAY for relationship-building not only with campers but also with their families and communities.

A common thread among camp ministries is that summer camps provide great potential to reach people who might never consider visiting a local church on their own. TEAM camp ministries use creative ways to draw the parents in as well as the kids. Many camps also partner with local churches, giving the community the opportunity to see the churches serving in different ways.

Pray for camp workers to cultivate relationships with families that can connect them to the local church.

4. PRAY for open hearts to receive the Gospel.

Whether the camps are centered around basketball, soccer, or a myriad of other activities, those endeavors are the means to an end. Kids come to the camps because they love the sports, crafts and silly games, but the goal is always to advance the Gospel. TEAM global workers have found that people are more open when engaged in activities like sports, music and the arts, and trusting relationships can be built that lead to Gospel conversations.

Pray for God's Spirit to open the hearts of children and their parents to the Gospel through summer camps.

Sun: PRAY for a renewed excitement as campers and their families re-engage in camp after a 2-year hiatus.

Mon: **PRAY** for health and protection of camp workers, campers, and their families.

Tue: PRAY for each camp staff to operate in unity as long-term and short-term missionaries partner with national church leaders and volunteers.

Wed: PRAY for each camp staff member to have strength and stamina as they minister to kids and families.

Thu: PRAY for relationships to develop and grow between camp workers and the campers' families.

Fri: PRAY for families and communities to be connected to the local church beyond the camp setting.

Sat: PRAY for the hearts of people to be open to the Gospel through summer camp ministries.