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Southwestern Leadership Camp

“Summer Camp for Awana Scholars”

June 28 – July 4, 2026

Websites: <https://www.southwesternleadershipcamp.com/>

Camp Directors: Eric and Cindy Berry: swlcamp@gmail.com

Dear Camper,

THE BASICS

What is Southwestern Leadership Camp all about? It is a week (Sunday to Saturday) at Idyllwild Pines Christian Camp for Awana students. It is intense spiritual growth, exciting fun, great food, fabulous friends, dedicated counselors, and adventures!

This is your time to be s-t-r-e-t-c-h-e-d in every way. God will be molding you into His spiritual soldier. You will memorize verses from God’s Word daily, participate in daily Bible lessons, take part in worship and great Bible teach each evening, engage in evening devotion discussions with your cabin mates, learn how to develop a personal quiet time each day with the Lord, and compete with your team in some crazy activities!

Southwestern Leadership Camp is for Awana clubbers who are, in the Fall of 2026, **entering** fourth grade or higher and have completed this year’s materials by the end of your current club year. T&T students must complete this year’s T&T study and reviews; TREK students must have completed this year’s TREK study, reviews, and summaries; and JOURNEY students must have completed this year’s JOURNEY materials and summaries. All students must be able to do a Review (6 to 10 verses) in one sitting with no more than two (2) helps. Camp verses will be emailed to all parents and campers four weeks before the first day of camp.

Awana students will be divided into three distinct camps with separate programs, teachers, and speakers. T&T CAMP is for camper going into grades 4 and 5. TREK CAMP is campers going into grades 6, 7, and 8. JOURNEY CAMP is campers going into grades 9, 10, 11, 12, and those having just graduated high school that we call "Super Seniors."

THE EXPECTATIONS

All students accepted to attend camp are expected to participate in camp for the **ENTIRE** week. Each camper will be expected to:

- 1) complete the daily lessons
- 2) recite the daily verses (**word perfect, no helps**)
- 3) review the weeks' memory verses: 6 to 10 Bible verses with no more than 2 helps.
- 4) ALL work must be completed by noon on Friday.

All the above are required to be able to return to camp next year.

THE COST

The cost of camp this year will be **\$550.00** per student.

- **Camp registration will be filled out online at <https://www.southwesternleadershipcamp.com/register>**
- Parents or Guardians must then sign the attached consent forms and give them to the Awana Ministry Director (Commander) along with a deposit check for **\$275**.

- The Awana Ministry Director will then send all consent forms and deposits from their church by **March 5, 2026** to:
Southwestern Leadership Camp
1942 Valley View Blvd
El Cajon, CA 92019

Upon receipt of your acceptance letter to attend camp (by April 25, 2026), the balance of your camper fees (\$275.00) will be due immediately to your Awana Ministry Director. Not doing so could jeopardize your spot at camp.

The camp fees cover a week (Sunday to Saturday) of camp including most activities. Many campers bring extra money for crafts, bookstore, snacks, and missions offering. A separate sheet listing these activities will be included with the acceptance letter.

REQUIRED FORMS

The following items make up a complete application:

- Registration Form – filled out online
- Southwestern Leadership Camp Release form - completed and signed
- Dress and Behavior Code Form – signed by both camper and parent
- Idyllwild Medical & Liability Release Form - completed and signed
- **Photocopy of insurance card - front & back onto 8.5"x 11" paper**
- **Photocopy or printout of vaccination history.**

Note: Incomplete applications may be returned to your club and jeopardize your spot at camp.

CAMP FEES SUMMARY	
Required Forms: Request Additional Forms: swlcamp@gmail.com http://www.southwesternleadershipcamp.com/	DEADLINE TO YOUR CAMP COORDINATOR (unless requested earlier by coordinator)
Online Registration	Completed by March 5th
Completed consent forms	Mailed by Awana Ministry Director by March 5th
Registration Fee of \$275.00	Due with application to Awana Ministry Director
Remaining camp fee of \$275.00	Due May 1st to Awana Ministry Director

If a registration is cancelled, the applicant forfeits the registration fee unless replacement camper may take their place (please handle this with your Awana Ministry Director). If a registration is cancelled after May 25th or if a camper does not stay for the entire camp, no refund can be given. A camper that is not accepted will be refunded their registration fee. Please understand that Southwestern Leadership Camp is not equipped to handle special physical, emotional, or educational needs. All such circumstances need to be discussed with your Awana Ministry Director prior to applying.

Pray that the Lord will do great things in the lives of all who attend. Our hope is that God teaches, humbles, stretches, squeezes, challenges, convicts, and rewards.

Thanks,
The Southwestern Leadership Camp Team

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CAMPERS WITH ALLERGIES OR ASTHMA AT SWLC

- 1) Our camp nurses recommend that campers who use an “as needed” inhaler carry it with them on their person. During check-in on Sunday one of the stations is with our camp nurses. At that time the camp nurses will ask the camper to put their initials on their inhaler and then, the camper will be allowed to keep their inhaler with them. It is important for the camper to let the camp nurses know if they are using their inhaler more than normal or if they are having any breathing difficulties.

We do have a peak flow meter if they need to use one.

- 2) There is no ER or Urgent Care in Idyllwild. If it becomes necessary, we will either transport a camper to Hemet Hospital or call 911 in the case of a true emergency.

- 3) **OUR CAMP NURSES DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO AN EPI PEN UNLESS YOUR CHILD PROVIDES IT. CAMPERS MUST CHECK THE EPI PEN IN WITH OUR CAMP NURSES FIRST AND THEN, THEY ARE ALLOWED TO CARRY IT WITH THEM. IT IS SUPER IMPORTANT THAT THEY TELL US IF THEY HAVE ANY EPI PEN OTHERWISE, WE HAVE NO IDEA ESPECIALLY IF A PROBLEM ARISES AND THEY NEED TO USE IT!!**

THE EPI PEN MUST HAVE A PHARMACY LABEL ON IT.

- 4) Campers with asthma and allergies at SWLC need for the most part to be self-managers and can know when they need their medication or when they need to change their activity level to avoid any major difficulties with their allergies or asthma. We are more than happy to assist.

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Director Recommendation Form

Camper Full Name: _____

To Be Completed by AWANA DIRECTOR

Awana Church Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Name of Handbook/s completed this year: _____

Awana award to be earned this year: _____

NOTE: Returning students must complete one additional handbook/manual in the current progression this club year.

I recommend this applicant to attend Southwestern Leader Camp. (Applicant has no problem listening and following directions.)

I have concerns about this applicant attending Southwestern Leader Camp. Please Explain:

I confirm that this applicant has met the eligibility requirements and recommend him/her for this year's Southwestern Leadership Camp. I further confirm that the applicant and the applicant's family have completed this application and have provided all necessary signatures and information, and that I have not signed on behalf of the applicant or parents/guardians unless the applicant is my child.

Awana Director's Printed Name: _____ Awana Director's Signature: _____

Awana Director's Phone Number: _____ Awana Director's Email: _____

Parent Completion List

Please check off each completed item below. Incomplete applications will be returned to you and may jeopardize your position at camp.

- The online registration form <https://www.southwesternleadershipcamp.com/register> has been submitted
- The Consent and Release of Liability Form (p. 6) has been filled out and signed by a parent.
- The Deference and Anti-Distracted Policy (p. 7) has been filled out and signed by the camper and a parent.
- The Participant Release of Liability Agreement (p. 9-10) has been filled out and signed by the camper and a parent.
- The Parent/Guardian Authorization for Health Care (p. 11) has been signed by a parent.
- Attach a copy of the front and back of the camper's medical insurance card OR sign the acknowledgement that you will be responsible for all medical costs (p. 11).
- Attach a copy of the camper's vaccination record OR sign the acknowledgement of the risks of not being fully immunized (p. 11).
- Give the Director Recommendation Form (this page) and all the above list to your Awana Ministry Director along with your deposit of \$275.

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CONSENT AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY FORM

THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY. YOU ARE ADVISED TO REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

Name of Camper: _____ Date of Birth: _____

I understand and agree that participation at Southwestern Leadership Camp is a privilege to which my child is not otherwise entitled. In consideration for that privilege, I am signing this Consent and Release of Liability for my underage child.

Release of Liability

Prior to participation in Camp activities, I acknowledge that my child's involvement in the Camp may involve risk of property damage and of personal injury, illness or even death, including but not limited to the risks arising from transportation related activities, recreational activities, accidents in the outdoors and rustic facilities, adverse weather conditions, and injuries and illness as a result of food-borne illnesses and allergic reactions. In addition, I understand that there may be other risks inherent in Camp activities of which I may not be presently aware.

By signing this Consent and Release of Liability, I warrant that my child is fully capable of safely participating in all Camp activities, and I expressly assume all risks of his/her participation, whether such risks are known or unknown to me at this time. I further generally release Southwestern Leadership Camp and their directors, officers, employees, volunteers, and agents, and other guests at the Camp, from any and all claims that I may have against any of them as a result of property damage or personal injury, illness or death as a result of participation in Camp activities, whether on or off Camp grounds. I agree that this release includes the ordinary, special and inherent risks described above, and other risks that I may not foresee or be aware of at this time. This Release of Liability is given on behalf of my child, me, and the heirs, family, estate, administrators, executors, personal representatives and assignees of me.

The undersigned further acknowledges the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assumes the risk that he/she, and/or the minor participant, may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending Southwestern Leadership Camp sponsored camp and activities, and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. Per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, COVID-19 is a contagious disease thought to be spread mainly from person-to-person. Although Southwestern Leadership Camp will put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19, it cannot guarantee that Participant will not come in contact with or become infected with COVID-19 or and other infectious diseases. I, as the legal guardian for myself or on behalf of the minor participant, understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at Southwestern Leadership Camp may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself, the minor participant, and others, including, but not limited to, Southwestern Leadership Camp staff, counselors, and other participants and their families.

Other Releases and Acknowledgements

I understand that, while my child is participating in Camp activities, photographs, film, audio recordings and videotape of him/her may be taken for use in brochures, videos, releases to the press, and various Idyllwild Pines publications and other work product. I do hereby irrevocably grant Southwestern Leadership Camp permission to record, display and/or reproduce my child's name (first & last,) likeness and voice on audio and/or video tape, film or other media, to edit and otherwise modify such media at its discretion, to incorporate the media into any work product, and to use or authorize the use of such media or any portion thereof in any manner or media or by any means, methods or technologies now known or hereafter to be known.

I do also hereby understand that most counselors/staff serving with Southwestern Leadership Camp are considered mandated reporters and are bound by the California Code to report any statements that a child may make regarding any and all physical or sexual abuse which they may have suffered.

Parent Signature

Printed Name

Date

Parent Cell Phone

Parent Address, City, State, Zip

Parent E-mail

Emergency Contact (different from parent)

Emergency Contact Phone

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Deference and Anti-Distracted Policy

As a camp of leadership training, we strive to train our campers as leaders who will someday be in a place of submitting to authority and would seek the heart of this code over the letter of the law. We desire this to be guidelines to help alleviate distraction and teach deference to others, not just a list of dos and don'ts.

Everyone is expected to **conduct** themselves in a manner which reflects an atmosphere of the heart of a leader who seeks to submit to a dress code, not because our bodies are shameful, but because it encourages focus on spiritual things while we are at camp.

1 Corinthians 7:35
And this I say for your own profit, not that I may put a leash on you, but for what is proper and **that you may serve the Lord without distraction.**

Dress Code

- No visible undergarments.
- Shorts must be loose fitting and have a 5-inch inseam or longer. NO bicycle or tight-fitting shorts.
- Skirts and dresses must be modest, (not tight and covering cleavage) and should be no shorter than (3) inches above the knee (approximately the width of a dollar bill above the knee).
- No leggings unless worn under appropriate length shorts or dress.
- Clothing should cover the wearer's midriff, and for females, the cleavage; especially when leaning over.
- Tank tops should have a minimum of 2-inch seam on shoulder. No racer back cut tank tops or low-cut sides.
- While swimming:
 - Females: one-piece suit or a tankini suit is allowed as long as it covers cleavage, bust, and midriff areas and no midriff is shown when arms are raised. A tee shirt over a bikini suit will not be allowed, but a rash guard covering the midriff would be.
 - Males: "boxer" style suits with at least five (5) inch inseam and nylon or mesh liner or board shorts with underwear.
- No display of body piercing (other than earrings, in moderation, for females) please.
- No offensive clothing or tattoos which exhibit alcohol, drug, tobacco products, satanic symbols, inappropriate language, or other offensive displays.
- Footwear is required at all times except inside the bath houses, cabins, and while swimming. **Athletic shoes are required for Team Activity Time.**

If in doubt, ask your Awana Ministry Director or leave it home. If you wear clothing not following these guidelines, you will be asked to change. Please do your best to avoid this need by asking beforehand.

Behavioral Standards

- Romantic activities are out of place at camp. Do not spend your days exclusively with one particular member of the opposite gender.
- Once the chapel service has started, do not leave your seat to visit the restroom.
- Once in dining hall or the chapel service remove hats, caps, visors.
- Use quiet voices while outside after dark.
- **Phone calls are not allowed. (All cell phones, tablets, smart watches and other electronic devices will be confiscated. Please bring a basic watch or alarm clock.)**

By signing this code, I acknowledge that I have read and understand this page and promise to adhere to these guidelines.

Camper Signature

Camper Printed Name

Date

Parent Signature

Parent Printed Name

Date

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Participant Release of Liability Agreement

Name of Participant: (Print clearly) _____ **Date:** _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

In consideration for permitting participation in Idyllwild Pines Camp and Conference Center sponsored courses and activities, I, as the legal guardian for myself or on behalf of the minor participant, hereby represent, acknowledge and agree as follows:

Acknowledgement and Assumption of Risks:

It is acknowledged that there are certain risks and dangers in participating in activities conducted in either indoor or the outdoor setting, which cannot be eliminated without destroying the unique character of the activities. Exposure to natural elements such as extreme or inclement weather cannot be controlled and may be harmful. Injuries can occur from natural hazards including, wild animals, insects, reptiles, toxic plants, loose or falling rocks, sharp rock edges, wood splinters, falling trees, steep slopes, rugged terrain, flooding, ice and snow.

Individuals who participate in any camp activity or are using the challenge course will climb high rock walls, trees, ropes and wires, while attached to a rope protection system and wearing a helmet. While participating in these activities, the participant may slip or fall, which can lead to minor injuries or in extreme cases, more serious injuries, including permanent disability, trauma or death. The participant could experience vertigo or other mental impairment brought on by exposure to heights or fear of falling.

It is acknowledged that decisions made by the instructors and participants in a wilderness setting, based on a variety of perceptions and evaluations, which by their nature are imprecise and subject to errors in judgments. Lapses of judgment or the careless conduct of other participants may cause the participant injury.

The undersigned represents that he/she, and/or the minor participant, is in good health and in the proper physical condition to participate in the Activities. Participation in the Activities carries with it certain inherent risks that cannot be eliminated regardless of the care taken to avoid injuries. The specific risks may include but are not limited to: 1) minor injuries such as scratches, bruises, and sprains; 2) major injuries such as broken bones, strains, joint or back injury, and concussions; and 3) catastrophic injuries including paralysis and death. The undersigned fully understands that the risks involved may be caused by his/her or the minor participant's own actions, those of other participants, the conditions in which the Activities take place, or the negligence of the Releasees named in this Agreement. Further, it is understood that there may be other risk either not known to myself or the minor participant or not readily foreseeable at this time. I, as the legal guardian for myself or on behalf of the minor participant, fully accept and assume all such risks and all responsibilities for losses, costs, and damages incurred as a result of participation in the Activities.

The undersigned further acknowledges the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assumes the risk that he/she, and/or the minor participant, may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending the Idyllwild Pines Camp and Conference Center sponsored courses and activities, and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. Per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, COVID-19 is a contagious disease thought to be spread mainly from person-to-person. Although Idyllwild Pines Camp will put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19, it cannot guarantee that Participant will not come in contact with or become infected with COVID-19 or and other infectious diseases. I, as the legal guardian for myself or on behalf of the minor participant, understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at Idyllwild Pines Camp and Conference Center may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself, the minor participant, and others, including, but not limited to, Idyllwild Pines Camp and Conference Center employees, volunteers, and other participants and their families.

Release and Indemnity:

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to myself and/or the minor participant (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I and/or the minor participant may experience or incur in connection with my and/or the minor participant's attendance at Idyllwild Pines Camp and Conference Center or participation in the Activities.

On behalf of myself and/or the minor participant, I hereby release, hold harmless and agree not to sue Idyllwild Pines, its respective directors, officers, employees, representatives, affiliates, volunteers, agents, contractors, and, if applicable, owners or lessors of premises on which the Activities take place ("Releasees"). With respect to any and all claims of injury, disability, death or other liabilities and loss of damage to person or property, asserted by or on behalf of participant or by parents or guardians, resulting directly or indirectly, from participating in Activities or the use of its equipment or facilities.

This release includes injury, loss or damage caused or claimed to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of Idyllwild Pines and its agents. It is understood that in signing this document, rights are surrendered to make any claim or file a lawsuit against Idyllwild Pines and/or agents for personal injury, property damage, wrongful death, breach of warranty or contract, or under any other legal theory, except in cases in intentional wrongs or the gross negligence of Idyllwild Pines and/or its agents. I understand and agree that this release includes any claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of Idyllwild Pines and/or its agents, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in the Activities.

Medical Waiver: In the event of injury or illness while I and/or the minor participant is engaged in any Activities, the undersigned hereby authorizes Idyllwild Pines Camp and Conference Center to consent to medical treatment on behalf of myself and/or the minor participant as deemed necessary. The undersigned hereby authorizes Idyllwild Pines Camp and Conference Center and its officers, employees and agents, into whose care myself and/or the minor participant has been entrusted, to consent to the advice of trained emergency personnel.

The undersigned understands and agrees that he/she and/or the minor participant is advised to obtain health insurance coverage prior to participation in any Activity and that he/she and/or the minor participant will be responsible for any medical expenses arising out of any injury or claim arising out of Activity participation.

This release shall be binding to the fullest extent permitted by law. If any provision of this agreement is found to be unenforceable, the remaining terms shall be enforceable. This agreement will be interpreted and construed according to the laws of the State of California, and in the event of any legal action relating to this agreement or any of the subject matter covered by it, such legal action will be initiated, maintained and decided only in Riverside County, California.

The participant, and the parent(s) or guardian of a minor participant, have each read this document, had the opportunity to ask questions, and understand and voluntarily agree to its terms, which shall be binding upon them, their heirs, estate, executors and administrators. The parent or guardian confirms that they have the authority to make this commitment. The undersigned fully understands that with this assumption of risk, release and waiver of liability and indemnity agreement, that the undersigned is giving up substantial rights in connection therewith, and that its terms are contractual, and not a mere recital. The undersigned acknowledge that he/she is signing this agreement freely and voluntarily.

Signature of Camper: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent or Guardian Printed Name: _____

Medical Release

In the event of an emergency, if family physician cannot be reached, I hereby authorize myself or my child to be treated by Certified Emergency Personnel.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent or Guardian Printed Name: _____

Photo and Video Release

I give Idyllwild Pines Camp permission for any photos or videos taken of myself/child for the duration of the stay to be used at Idyllwild Pines camp's discretion in any of their promotional venues.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent or Guardian Printed Name: _____



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Parent/Guardian Authorization for Health Care

Name of Participant: _____

The participant has permission to participate in all camp activities except as noted by me and/or an examining physician. I give permission to the physician selected by the camp to order x-rays, routine tests, and treatment related to the health of my child for both routine health care and in emergency situations. If I cannot be reached in an emergency, I give my permission to the physician to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and order injection, anesthesia, or surgery for this child. In addition, the camp has permission to obtain a copy of my child's health record from providers who treat my child and these providers may talk with the program's staff about my child's health status.

Additional Notes to Health Care Provider:

Parent/Guardian Contact Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date: _____

Relationship to Camper: _____

The participant does not have health insurance, and I agree to cover all medical costs that may be incurred if my child is sent to the ER.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date: _____

The participant has not been fully immunized. I understand and accept the risks to my child from not being fully immunized.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date: _____