

## Big Changes to Camp Conquest Programs

Thank you for choosing Camp Conquest for your child's summer camp experience. We appreciate the opportunity to serve your family this summer.

At Camp Conquest we value the relational connection between campers and staff. Hiring and training enough staff, to ensure high staff to camper ratios and provide each camper with focused attention, is a priority. Camp Conquest had to make a few program changes as we invest in the health and well-being of our summer staff.

1. **Camper programs will begin later in the summer.** To ensure a sufficiently trained staff, Camp Conquest has instituted a 3-week staff training program at the start of summer.
2. **Camper check-in is later on Sunday.** To allow our staff enough time to be refreshed and renewed each weekend, and to allow our staff to attend their home church during the summer, overnight camper check-in will be at 6pm on Sundays. Dinner will not be served Sunday evenings, but a hearty snack will be provided before campfire.
3. **Re-designed Specialty Camps.** To match the availability of our specialty staff with the opportunity for campers to learn new skills, we have restructured how these special skill programs are offered.
  - a. **What about Horse Camp and Outdoor Extreme?** Both programs along with Culinary Arts, the Art of Self Defense, and a few new programs, will be offered as evening electives during Adventure Camp. Campers will receive 8 hours each week of specific instruction in their area of interest. Trained instructors will come to camp for 2 hours each evening to help your camper learn a new skill.
  - b. **How do I sign up for the Horse Elective (or other specialty)?** When you sign up for Adventure Camp, you will have the option to choose your evening elective. There will be four electives offered each week. Horses and Target Sports will be offered every week.
  - c. **What if my first choice is full?** You can be on the activity wait list for the week, or you can choose a different week. Please sign up early if your activity choice is a priority.