

# MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP FAQs

## What is Black Diamond Camp?

Black Diamond is an incredibly fun adventure camp in Auburn, WA that offers amazing outdoor group games, high and low ropes activities, physical challenges, worship, and time in groups geared towards creating a long-lasting spiritual and relational growth.

## Who can go?

Students entering 6th-8th grade in Fall of 2026 are eligible to come to Black Diamond.

## What if we can't be there for the entire camp, can my child still go?

Yes! Northshore will provide transportation to and from Black Diamond at the designated departure dates/times. If your child cannot make this departure time or if they need to leave camp early to come home, you will need to provide your own transportation to or from Black Diamond. You must coordinate this in advance and confirm with the Student Pastor and NextGen Coordinator before the week of camp, so that we know when to expect your child.

## What is the daily schedule?

7:00am – Wake Up	12:55pm – Activity 2
8:00am – Breakfast	3:30pm – Activity 3
8:45am – Morning Chaos Time!	6:00pm – Dinner
9:30am – Activity 1	7:00pm – Worship Experience
12:00pm – Lunch	10:30pm – Wind Down

## Where will students be sleeping?

Students will sleep in fully equipped cabins with multiple adult leaders in each cabin. The boys/girls are separated into different cabins with plenty of rooms and students can choose which area they sleep in. Most spaces (in the girls/boys cabins) have 4-8 beds and are connected to a “living room” area and multiple bathrooms. Whether it's your first time at camp or you're bringing a new friend you want to be near, you get to choose what option you want and all of our adult leaders are present and available.

## Can my student bring a cell phone?

No. We are asking students to leave all of their devices at home for the duration of camp. Although many students have cell phones, we want to unplug, enjoy our time together in an undistracted manner, and create a rhythm of being able to be without our phones while at camp. If there is a need, students/leaders will obviously be able to contact parents and guardians, but we believe that this will be a better, positive experience to leave phones at home. If you would like information or resources for why we made this decision, please reach out! As a side note: parents, we need your help enforcing this. If a student does

sneak one to camp, the Student Pastor will notify parents, confiscate it, and keep it for the remainder of the trip (locked/secure).

## What to expect while at Black Diamond?

You can expect to have a fun time at Black Diamond! There are a wide variety of group activities that we will be able to participate in together – including high and low ropes courses, an epic climbing wall, rappelling, an indoor pool, a really cool ninja warrior course, and other amazing outdoor activities. You will experience all of these things with your friends, but you'll also have amazing Black Diamond leaders with your group; they'll become some of your biggest encouragers, and you'll love having them by your side throughout the week! In addition, every morning and evening, Black Diamond offers what they call "experiential worship" where we will look at the Bible in an extremely unique, tactile, and engaging way. You will not be bored, and we truly believe that you will remember this summer forever!

## What is the ratio of leaders to students?

There will be at least 2 Northshore leaders for every group of students, and Black Diamond also supplements our groups with their incredible Summer Staff.

## How do payment and camp forms work?

The initial deposit for camp is due at time of registration and this is non-refundable. We offer an early bird price for camp, and then the cost will increase to its regular price.

Also, we highly recommend that you complete your payment and subsequential camp forms as early as possible to alleviate the stress and deadlines as we approach camp. All camp payments and forms must be completed 2 weeks before camp, or your camper may lose their spot.

Necessary Camp Forms:

- Black Diamond Camp Form - update coming soon
- [2025-26 Northshore Medical Release Form](#)

## Are there extra costs for my child while at Black Diamond?

All food and supplies are included in the cost of camp. If you would like, you can send your child with additional money for the camp store where students can purchase snacks/drinks and other camp merch. All campers are asked to keep money in a safe place throughout camp; if the money is lost or stolen, it is the responsibility of the camper. (Just for a rough idea of pricing: \$2 candy, \$5 drinks, ~\$25 hats/shirts/mugs/bottles/etc.)

## What if my child has medication they need to take?

Students can hold their medication in their belongings if they 1) fill out the [online medication form](#) and 2) are responsible enough to self-administer in a timely fashion. If necessary, you can also contact the Student Pastor to set up another medication system while at camp. But you *must* fill out the medication form if you take anything to camp.

## Is there a dress code?

We encourage all campers to wear modest, casual clothing that you would typically wear attending Midweek at Northshore. Due to the nature of the activities, you may be wearing harnesses which can pull up your shorts/shirts (so we simply want to “dress for the activity”). For swimming, Black Diamond requires all girls to bring a one piece or tankini (with full coverage) or a two piece with a dark colored shirt and shorts; a lot of our girls choose this option because it’s what they already own and this is acceptable. Boys are required to wear board shorts (no short shorts) and shirts outside of the water.

## Packing List

### **Bring:**

- One bag of summer clothes (plus a swimsuit) for 5 days
  - Bring a couple items that you don’t mind getting dirty
- A pair of tennis shoes along with sandals or flip flops
  - A pair of closed-toed shoes are required
- Water Bottle
- Day pack or small backpack to carry things when you can’t go back to the cabin
- Bible, pen, notebook (if you don’t have a Bible, we’d be happy to provide one for you)
- Long pants and sweatshirt for chilly evenings and mornings
- Sleeping bag (or XL twin size sheets) and a pillow
- All necessary toiletries, enough for 5 days
- Two towels for the week (for the pool and showers)
- Flashlight and/or headlamp
- Sunscreen and/or insect repellent
- Some extra cash to buy things at the camp store

### **Do Not Bring:**

- Expensive handheld electronics, phones, tablets, iPad, kindle, etc.
  - If students are unable to use electronics responsibly, the Student Pastor will notify parents and confiscate them until the end of camp.
- Dangerous or illegal items (including fireworks, knives, alcohol, marijuana, drugs, or cigarettes)