



Amplify Sleep Away & Day Camp Family Handbook

Need-to-Know Info and Tips for Thriving at Amplify

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Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Campers and Families,

On behalf of the entire team of instructors, counselors, and everyone else behind the scenes at Amplify Sleep Away and Day Camp, I want to extend a warm welcome to our 2026 season! This is our 15th year of bringing you a summer full of adventure, art, friendships, and growth.

Throughout the years, we have made many changes to improve how we fulfill our mission to empower girls through music education, the creative arts, community, and positive mentorship. We are once again proudly in residence at Besant Hill School, our beautiful summer home in Upper Ojai, CA. We are excited for this continuing partnership and are planning for each year at Besant to be better than the last.

The one piece that we will *never* change is our dedication to hiring the best positive mentors in the business. Our instructors, counselors, and wellness staff are the embodiment of leadership, inspiration, and empowerment. Amplify instructors are powerful role models who have worked for years, blowing doors open in their field, and are ready to share their skills and industry knowledge with campers in their immersive program. Our counselors, many of whom are former Amplify participants, take great care to create a warm, supportive, and compassionate environment for all campers. Our youngest campers as well as day campers have a dedicated counselor to help them navigate their day. So whether your camper is at the pool, picking up drumsticks for the first time, grabbing the mic on stage at the showcase, or creating a photo portfolio that they can use for college applications, you can be certain that there's a team behind them, cheering them on, supporting them when they need it, and helping them find the power of their voice.

Last but not least, we will be sending photos out and updates during camp via our private Facebook group. The link to join this group can be found in your confirmation email from when you registered.

We hope you enjoy this handbook as a means of getting to know more about what Amplify is all about. We encourage you to go through the handbook with your camper(s) to discuss any rules, protocols, and other important information. We are grateful for you and are certain this will be the best summer yet.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jen Baron". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Amplify 2026: Essential Info

Location

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Major emergency impacting camp operations• Serious safety incident• Legal issue or liability concern• Media inquiry requiring executive response• Financial or contractual matter• Situation requiring policy-level decision beyond summer leadership authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oversees day-to-day camp operations• Camper health concerns beyond minor issues• Questions about early departure, discipline, and support• Policy questions during camp	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supports Camp Director• Manages daily operations• Steps in for camper support, parent communication, logistics, and staff supervision• Acts as Director coverage when needed

Drop-Off & Pick-Up

- Sleepaway Sessions: Sundays 2–4pm
- Saturday Pick-Up: 11am–12pm
- Day Camp: Monday–Friday 8:45 AM-5pm with extended second Friday: Pickup at 9:00 PM
- Airport and shuttle transportation available as scheduled.

Packing Essentials

- 14 days of weather-appropriate clothing
- Bedding (twin sheets, pillow, blanket/sleeping bag)
- Toiletries & hygiene items
- Swimwear
- All belongings must be clearly labeled

- Be mindful of age-specific or session-specific required items
- Any items listed in the “Leave These at Home” policy can be cause for dismissal
- Camp is a tech-free environment. No cell phones or unauthorized digital devices.

Health

- All medications must be in the **original container**, clearly labeled with prescription or OTC instructions, and placed in a **zippered bag labeled with the camper’s full name**. **Please** send only the doses needed for the camp session. Lead staff members and health staff are available 24/7.

Communication

- Before camp begins, we will contact you if your camper takes medication or if information shared in the application indicates they may benefit from a Camper Success Plan or additional staff support.
- During camp, families will be contacted if needed regarding significant illness or injury, extreme homesickness or anxiety, or behavioral concerns
- Phone calls with campers must be pre-arranged with a director.

Camper Data

According to a 2025 study by the American Camp Association, 70% of parents reported that their child gained self-confidence and independence through their camp experience. Our evaluations show that campers highly rank the following statements as true (3.2 out of 4 or higher ranking on average):

- I feel like I belong
- I learn about new things
- There is at least one staff member who really cares about me
- I have made meaningful friendships
- I am connected to other campers who really care about me
- I feel safe
- I am respected for who I am
- I feel like I can be myself
- I feel safe to express myself
- I have a chance to learn new things that I don't get to learn anywhere else
- I feel more proud of my own gender

- I have more respect for members of my own community, people in other cultures, races/ethnicities, genders and orientations, and myself
- I learned I can do things I didn't think I could do before
- I have gained technical skills in music, media and the arts
- I have developed skills that can help me in a future career
- I am better able to appreciate opinions that are different from my own
- I am more likely to do what is right, even if my friends make fun of me

Since coming to Amplify:

- ★ 82% of campers agree they feel better about themselves
- ★ 89% are better able to express themselves
- ★ 93% do a better job of making sure people are treated fairly

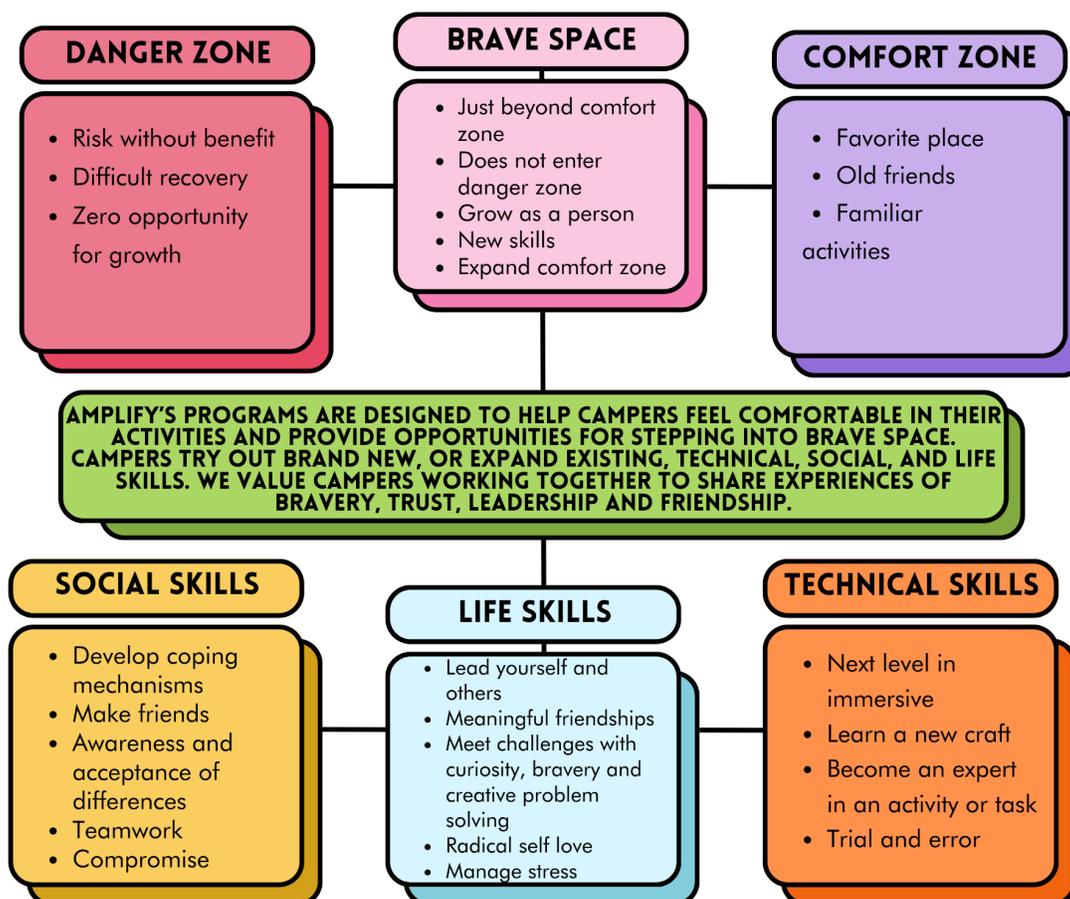
Dates & Times

<p>SLEEP AWAY CAMP 2-week sessions: (grades 3-12)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● June 21 - July 4 ● July 5 - 18 ● July 19 - Aug 1 <p>4-week sessions: (grades 3-12)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● June 21 - July 18 ● July 1 - Aug 1 <p>6-week session: (grades 3-12)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● June 21 - Aug 1 <p>Drop Off and Pick Up Times</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Drop off is between 2-4pm on Sunday. Pick up is between 11am-12pm on Saturday. <p>Amplify Express Shuttles (\$200 round trip) Arrival Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Departs LAX on Sundays at 2:30 pm 	<p>DAY CAMP Monday - Friday 2-week sessions: (grades 3-8)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● June 22 - July 3 ● July 6 - 17 ● July 20 - 30 <p>Drop-off and Pick-up Times</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All day camp sessions are Monday - Friday 8:45am-5pm (Lunch provided) ● Pick up after the Showcase (on the last day of each session) is 9pm, Dinner is included. ● On the last Friday, day campers are invited to an optional after showcase sleep over either in a tent on the field or, space allowing, in the dorms. Pick up is
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Departs Beverly Hills High School @ Spalding Dr at 4 pm <p>Departure Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrives at Beverly Hills High School at 10:30am • Arrives at LAX no later than noon 	<p>Saturday 11 am. (Dinner and breakfast provided).</p> <p>Note All medications must be turned in with the health and wellness coordinator according to our protocols outlined below.</p>
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Brave Space Framework

Every activity at Amplify is designed to help campers navigate between their comfort zones and brave space. While a drummer plays a brand new beat in their band, a photographer experiments to find her style, and a writer shares their piece on the mic, each camper is also building powerful social, life, and technical skills.



Programs Overview

We divide campers into four groups by grade to provide opportunities where they can step into *brave space* throughout their activities and classes. Here, campers try out brand new, or expand existing, technical, social, and life skills.

Each program values campers working together to share experiences of bravery, trust, leadership and friendship. Grade-based cohorts allow for age-appropriate opportunities and experiences

GRADE	GROUP	PROGRESSIVE PROGRAMMING
3-5	Electric youth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designated residential counselor to help with daily routines, meal times, and help campers have a blast yet still follow rules and expectations • Participate in a special rite of passage ceremony • Reside on the same floor as the restroom and shower and have an earlier bedtime • Super fun field day one day a week with “free choice” schedule • Electric Youth enjoy many group activities to promote a positive sense of community, plus emphasis on breaks for play, snacks, and downtime. • Staff keep track of camper schedules • Focus on beginning to develop a sense of personal independence, resilience, and basic skill building.
6-8	Lights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age-appropriate elective activities introduce campers to new interests • Staff help campers keep track of their schedules - so they get to their amazing activities on time • Staff are particularly attentive to naturally changing social dynamics • Lights Only Swim Party - Under the Stars • Participate in the camp leadership council where they provide their input on camp activities, build problem-solving skills and help plan camp special events. • Participate in a ‘Rite of Passage’ Ceremony – a special event that encourages team challenges, personal reflection activities and ends with a symbolic ceremony to mark their transition into adolescence in a fun and bonding way.
9-12	Legends	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deeper dive into elective content and skills with meaningful and relevant discussions on issues that matter to young high school-age campers • Keep track of their own schedule, have an evening free time block and enjoy a later bedtime • MC talent show • plan and lead mid-session dance party • Overnight camp out at the Topa Institute

11–12	Leaders in training (LITs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have their own mentor on staff who specializes in leadership development • Enjoy a later bedtime • Learn to lead in a safe environment without fear of failure • Help plan and teach an activity and are role models to younger campers • Amplify’s community-based environment promotes a healthy, low-pressure growth experience to become empathetic adults • Off-Campus Trips: Participate in exciting and bonding activities such as adventure parks, kayaking, and more, fostering team spirit and leadership. • Rites of passage journey • Choose a Specific Staff Role to shadow allowing them to learn hands-on skills such as live sound engineering, teaching drums, or other specialized areas, gaining real-world experience in their field of interest. • Some of Amplify’s awesome camp counselors were once LITs
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Packing List

All campers should bring these items to help ensure a comfortable and enjoyable camp experience. If any of these items present a challenge for your camper to bring, please contact a director for assistance. The camp store carries a limited selection of emergency essentials.

We highly recommend labeling all of your camper’s belongings. Our staff and families love Mabel’s Labels, and when you shop using our affiliate link, 20% of your purchase goes directly to our scholarship fund to help support campers.

Required Items

- 14 Days' worth of clothes suitable for +80° weather:
 - For a 2-week session, we suggest a minimum of:
 - 8 pairs of shorts
 - 10 t-shirts or tanks
 - 2-4 pairs of pants
 - 2 sweatshirts (Nights can be very chilly!)
 - 2 long-sleeved shirts
 - 1 light jacket
 - 6 PJ's

- 4 cozy pants/shirt sets for lounging, such as sweat pants, leggings, etc
- 14 pairs of socks
- Underclothes for 14 days
- 2 swimsuits
- 1 pair of sneakers
- 1 pair of sandals
- Bedding/linens
 - Regular twin fitted and top sheet
 - Pillow with pillowcase
 - Cozy blanket or sleeping bag
 - Light/throw blanket
 - 2 towels (1 bath and 1 beach)
 - Hand towel or washcloth
 - Laundry bag
- Personal hygiene items
 - Toothbrush and toothpaste
 - Hair grooming items such as a brush, comb, bonnet
 - Hair products such as shampoo, conditioner, oil
 - Soap/body wash
 - Moisturizer
 - Sunscreen
 - Face care items, such as acne cream
 - Caddy or bag to store and carry hygiene products from camper dorm room to the communal bathroom
 - Menstrual products
- Prescriptions and over-the-counter medication(s) turned in to the health supervisor upon arrival:
 - Must be in a clear, resealable zipper storage bag with the camper's full name and age clearly written on the front
 - Must be in original packaging with dosing instructions.
 - We can only dispense medications that are listed in the camper's medical file. Please contact a director if you need to edit the medical form.
 - If sending pills, please only pack the exact number of doses needed while at camp. Count out the number of pills needed from the afternoon on day 1 to breakfast on day 7, 14, 28, etc.

- Daily Essentials
 - 2 Reusable water bottles
 - Small backpack, bag, or tote
 - Sun protection: hat, bandana, sunglasses, lip balm, bug repellent
 - Notebook and writing utensil

Legends & LITs (Grades 9–12) and Extended Stay (4+ Weeks) Packing Add-Ons

- Sleeping bag
- Sleeping pad or mat
- Cash or debit card for at least 3 meals and snacks per intersession trip

Fun Extras (Optional)

- Cash (mandatory for multi-session campers)
- Extra funky clothes for the FINAL SHOWCASE!
- Swim toys or goggles
- Pre-addressed envelopes, stamps, and stationery
- Flashlight/headlamp
- Non-SIM card/Wi-Fi audio player and headphones, pre-loaded with enough music and content to help your camper adjust, especially when going to sleep at night (such as [Campfire Player](#), [Mighty Vibe](#) or a drag and drop [MP3 player](#)). Please, no old phones.
- Disposable, digital, or Instax camera
- Analog wrist watch
- Alarm clock
- AM/FM radio
- Sleep sound machine and/or twinkle lights to create a calm and restful sleeping environment
- Journal, pen, and tape for writing, drawing, and saving ephemera
- Clip-on or handheld fan
- Book(s) with reading light
- Amplify provides all equipment, but campers can bring their own ukulele, bass, guitar, flute, violin, etc. if desired. Please clearly label anything you don't want to accidentally donate to us!
- [Check out our blog post on how to prepare for a tech-free camp!](#)

Only certified and trained service dogs, [as defined by California state law](#), are permitted at camp. If your camper requires a service animal, please notify the Camp Director in advance. We are happy to work with families to accommodate approved needs!

Leave These Behind

For the safety and focus of our community, the following items are not permitted at camp. If any prohibited item is found, the camp reserves the right to immediately dismiss the camper(s) involved without a refund.

This policy applies even if:

- The item was brought unintentionally.
- The item belongs to another camper.
- The camper claims it was “just for home use.”

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- Electronic devices

We are an offline camp. Devices with internet capability or digital communication features are not allowed, including:

- Cell phones (with or without a SIM card)
- Smartphones or flip phones
- Tablets (iPad or similar devices)
- Laptops or computers
- E-readers with Wi-fi capabilities
- Smart watches or fitness watches with messaging/cellular capability
- Handheld gaming systems or digital gaming devices
- Any device that connects to Wi-Fi, cellular networks, or has messaging/internet functions
- Restricted personal care items/tools
 - Permanent hair dye or chemical coloring products
 - Scissors, pocket knives, or sewing kits
 - X-Acto knives or utility blades
 - Piercing kits
 - Tattoo kits
- Substances & Paraphernalia
 - Vapes
 - Tobacco products (including cigarettes)
 - Alcohol

- Marijuana or any illegal drugs
- Drug or nicotine-related paraphernalia
- Any prescription medication not approved and submitted to the Health Center
- Age-Inappropriate Materials
 - Adult party games (i.e. Cards Against Humanity, What do you meme?)
 - Items intended for risky or unsafe activities
 - Graphic books or reading material
 - Clothing or accessories containing drug, alcohol, or inappropriate language, images, or references.

When in doubt, please leave it at home. If you're unsure, feel free to check with a director before bringing it to camp.

Bag Check & Consequences

Guardians are responsible for checking their camper's belongings before arrival to ensure no prohibited items are brought to camp. We may conduct bag checks as needed to maintain a safe community.

If a camper is found in possession of prohibited items, a parent/guardian will be contacted and required to pick up or arrange transportation for the camper within 8 hours. If Amplify must arrange transportation off campus, associated costs will be charged to the family (minimum fee: \$500).

Prohibited items such as nicotine products (including vape devices), drugs (including CBD products), alcohol, weapons, and tattoo/piercing kits will be confiscated and may result in immediate dismissal without refund. Other restricted items (including phones, smart watches, and inappropriate clothing) will be confiscated and returned to a parent/guardian at pickup. Possession of these items may also impact conduct status.

Required Forms

To help ensure a smooth and successful start to camp, all required forms must be completed before arrival. Campers are unable to attend camp until their forms are submitted. Please log in to your CampBrain account as soon as possible to complete any outstanding items. You can access the mandatory forms by visiting www.amplifyrocks.org and clicking the "Family Login" button. After logging in, simply select the Forms tab to get started.

Required for All

- Camper Information
- Medical Form
- Waivers and Agreements
- Bag Check

As-needed

- Reserve a seat on the Amplify LAX or Beverly Hills High
- Financial aid request

Code of Conduct Overview: Be Cool.

Everyone at Amplify programming is expected to follow the golden rule: Be cool. Be cool to other campers. Be cool to the staff. Be cool to the stuff. Be cool to our campus. Be cool to yourself. By cool, we mean practice kindness and have fun. Be a force of positive energy, talk to someone if you're having a problem, and treat people and things with sensitivity, awareness, and compassion.

We strive to create and sustain an environment in which growth is prioritized. While we do have expectations and rules in place to keep everyone safe, we value honesty and conversations over consequences; however, blatant disregard for Amplify expectations will result in consequences. We are all capable of contributing positively to the camp culture!

Everyone is responsible for aligning their actions with the following expectations. Take a moment before leaving for camp to discuss each item. You can check off items as you go and sign the bottom to indicate you are ready to rock:

- Treat yourself and all those around you with respect, kindness and appreciation.
- Respect the pronouns and names that campers and staff use.
- Respect everyone's physical and emotional boundaries. Ask for permission before touching another person or their things. Rather than complimenting someone on how they look, give a shout out for something you saw them do that you thought was awesome.
- Take care of yourself. Eat, drink and sleep enough to have energy for a full day of camp.

- Take care of others: If you notice someone else having a hard time, inform staff so they can help (this can be anonymous).
- Take care of your surroundings.
- Comply with the camp's "Leave These at Home" policy and ensure that no prohibited items are brought to camp.
- No bullying. Camp is a safe place for you to be open-minded, thoughtful, inclusive, supportive, and helpful, as well as vocal, opinionated, brave, and bold.
- Follow the schedule and be on time.

Camper Oath

I promise to have fun, try my best, learn new things, go on adventures, and be a positive member of the camp community. I understand that I must follow all camp rules, including not bringing any prohibited items. I know that keeping our camp safe and respectful is everyone's responsibility.

Schedule Overview

The First Day (Sleepaway Camp)

★ 2:00pm: Welcome to Camp!

An Amplify staff member will guide families through check-in, assist with luggage, and introduce campers to their counselors.

★ 4:15pm: Camper Orientation

Meet new friends, learn everyone's names, and get to know your way around Amplify.

★ 6:00pm: Dinner

★ 7:00pm: Evening Ice Breakers & PM Assembly

★ 8:45pm: Bedtime Routine

★ Night Groups

Night groups take place 30 minutes before each group's scheduled lights out as a time for reflection, connection, and closing the day together.

★ Lights Out Times:

- 9:30pm: Electric Youth (Grades 3–5)

- 10:00pm: Lights (Grades 6–8)

- 11:00pm: Legends (Grades 9–10)

LITs follow self-regulated evening routines.

Typical Day at Camp

★ 7:30am: Rise & Shine

- ★ 8:00am: Breakfast
- ★ 8:45am: Morning Assembly
- ★ 9:00 / 10:30am: Immersive Courses or Activity Choice
- ★ 12:00pm: Lunch
- ★ 12:30pm: Free Time, Private Lessons & Open Swim/Rest
- ★ 2:30 / 3:45pm: Immersive Courses or Activity Choice
- ★ 5:30pm: Dinner
- ★ 7:00pm: Evening Activity
- ★ 8:30 / 9:00pm: Night Groups (*Night groups occur 30 minutes before lights out.*)
- ★ 9:30pm: Bed/Free Time
- ★ 11:00pm: Lights Out (All Campers)

Camp Culture

At Amplify, we are committed to creating a safe, supportive, and inclusive community where campers can grow in confidence, creativity, and connection. We encourage campers to focus on their strengths, try new things, and remember that growth comes from effort and perseverance.

Our mission is to empower girls through music, the creative arts, community, and positive mentorship, building a culture where we lift each other up, respect every voice, and celebrate individuality. Amplify is a space where kindness, inclusion, and respect are essential, and where sexism and exclusion have no place.

Consent is a core value at Amplify and part of our everyday culture. Whether it's taking a photo, giving a high-five, or offering support, we teach campers and staff to ask first, clear communication is key to building trust and respect.

Our community includes campers and staff from many different backgrounds and regions, and we honor each person's unique experiences. We ask everyone to approach one another with compassion, patience, and understanding to ensure Amplify remains welcoming for all.

Camper Health

The best way for campers to maintain healthy habits at camp is to set intentions and expectations ahead of time. Campers are expected to:

- Eat enough food to provide energy for an active day;
- Stay hydrated with at least 2 liters of liquid through food and drink;
- Keep up personal hygiene with regular showers, clean clothes every day, handwashing, and feeling prepared for their period (perhaps even their first!);
- Keep dorm rooms clean
- Communicate with a counselor if they are having any problems they need help addressing.

Our on-site Health Center is staffed by licensed nurses and health professionals 24/7, so medical care is always available when needed. Campers who take daily medication receive it during supervised morning and evening medication times, with all medications securely stored and carefully documented. Our nurses are also available throughout the day to address illnesses, injuries, or other health concerns. If additional medical care is needed, parents are promptly notified. Our campus is located just minutes from a local hospital for added peace of mind.

Camper Success Plans

At Amplify, we want every camper to have a successful and supported experience. This may include campers who have diagnosed or ongoing needs related to neurodiversity (such as ADHD or autism), anxiety or mood concerns, or recent/significant life transitions. We would also like to be aware of any other medical, behavioral, emotional, or developmental needs that may require additional planning or support during camp.

The more we know about your camper's strengths, needs, triggers, and helpful support strategies, the better we can prepare our staff and create the best possible experience.

For campers who may benefit from additional support, we create a "Camper Success Plan" that outlines strengths, triggers, support strategies,

and early warning signs (such as headaches or stomachaches that may indicate stress). This helps staff respond proactively and thoughtfully.

All camper information is kept confidential and shared only with staff members who need it to provide appropriate support. We balance privacy with safety to ensure every camper is cared for in a respectful and responsible way.

If you note any of these needs in your application, our team will follow up with you to discuss how we can best support your camper. If you would like to talk in advance about whether camp is the right fit for your child, or to explore what supports we may be able to provide, please contact a camp director.

Parent Communication

When can the family expect a call from Amplify?

Pre-camp (as-needed or by-request)

- A health supervisor may contact parents/guardians to review health information, discuss support needs, or create a Camper Success Plan if indicated in the application.
- If additional clarification is needed regarding medical, behavioral, or wellness information.
- If any required forms or documents are incomplete or missing prior to camp.

During Camp

- Health Concerns: Significant illness or injury, an allergic reaction, refuses to eat, has anxiety beyond typical homesickness, or at the recommendation of our health supervisors.
- Behavior Concerns: Serious or repeated violations of camp rules, including bringing prohibited items or disregarding staff instructions.
- Pick-Up Requests: Camper persistently requests to leave, and the concern does not improve with staff support.

At Amplify, we follow research-based best practices for supporting camper independence and homesickness prevention. Studies and guidance from the camp industry show that frequent phone contact during camp can increase homesickness, which is why we limit routine calls home. Our staff

work intentionally to help campers build friendships, feel comfortable, and fully engage in camp life.

If you believe regular communication will better support your camper's success, please speak with a director in advance so we can create a plan together. Our goal is to partner with families to determine what will best support each child's confidence, growth, and overall camp experience.

If you need to reach your camper during the session, please contact a director so we can assist appropriately. [For more information, see the American Camp Association's guidance on homesickness prevention.](#)

Amplify provides a private space to accommodate virtual therapy as needed. To request this, please indicate this in your camper's medical forms. A health and wellness coordinator will call you to make arrangements.

Camp Mail

Send along pre-addressed postcards, envelopes, blank paper, and pens addressed not only to you, but to your camper's friends and loved ones. Make sure those same people have the correct mailing address for your camper, and make the return address where the camper usually lives.

**Besant Hill School
Amplify Sleep Away Camp
Camper First and Last Name
8585 Ojai Santa Paula Rd
Ojai, CA 93023**

We recommend mailing letters and packages before your camper arrives at camp to allow enough time for delivery through the postal system. If you prefer, you may also bring parcels discreetly to drop-off and give them directly to staff, avoiding the mail system altogether. We will ensure your camper receives them midway through the session or on your specified date.

If your camper will be celebrating a birthday or other special occasion while at camp, please let us know in advance so we can help make it extra meaningful!

Transportation: Flying Solo & LA Shuttle

Please schedule flights arriving at LAX between 10am and 2pm. Our transportation staff will contact you in advance with their name, phone number, photo, and any relevant travel details or updates to share with your camper.

Please send your camper with a cell phone for travel communication upon arrival. Campers may turn their phone in to the driver for safekeeping during camp and will receive it back at departure. If your camper's flight is delayed, an Amplify staff member will meet her at LAX; however, additional transportation fees may apply if the delay requires us to arrange alternative service.

On departure day, flights out of LAX should be scheduled between 1:00 PM and 5:00 PM.

If your camper is using the Beverly Hills High School pick-up location, please follow the specific arrival and departure instructions provided for that site. Our transportation team will share detailed logistics in advance.

Off-Campus Excursions

Overnight Camping Trip

All 9th-12th grade campers go on one overnight camping trip with our trips team and a lead staff member. These trips have been an awesome bonding experience for our oldest campers. Our staff will help campers pack and remember to bring everything they need for the campout.

Intersession Trips

Campers enrolled in multiple sessions will join us for unforgettable weekends where our trips team takes campers on fun day trips and return to campus for a slumber party.

Day Trips

All Amplify sessions include at least one incredible off-campus day trip. Depending on when and how long they are staying, campers may find themselves spending the day at Santa Claus Lane, a beautiful beach in

Carpinteria, CA, gliding along a lazy river, playing putt putt, puzzling out an escape room, and other mini adventures.

Waivers

Some trips have special waivers that must be signed beforehand. All required paperwork will be in CampBrain. Failure to sign a waiver for intersession trip activities will result in an inability for your camper to go on the trip and require you to pick them up at the regular pick-up time and drop them back off at camp the next day.

Spending Money

You can choose to load up spending money for the camp store, or send your camper with a debit card. Campers will also have the opportunity to buy snacks, treats, and souvenirs at off-campus trips. During camp, all meals are provided except on intersession trips, where campers will pay for 1 breakfast, 2 lunches, and 1 dinner. Therefore, all multi-session campers must bring a debit card for these special meals. At a minimum, we recommend \$15-20 per meal.

Pick-up & Family Picnic

Sleepaway camper pick up 11am-Noon. Day camper pick up is 5pm Monday-Friday with the exception of the second Friday, which is 9pm for the Final Showcase.

We warmly invite you to join us for our Amplify Family Picnic on the final day of camp! We encourage families to arrive at the start of pick-up so you can enjoy the full celebration.

Please park in the lower parking lot, where Amplify staff will greet you and walk you up to campus. Bring a favorite dish to share and a blanket to sit on as we gather together to celebrate an amazing session. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet staff, connect with other families, have your camper introduce you to their new friends, and enjoy a special time on campus before heading home.

Frequently Asked Questions

[We provide detailed information about all aspects of camp in our Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\) pages on our website.](#) If you do not find the answers you are looking for or would like additional clarification, please contact a camp director. We are happy to help.

Pre-Camp Checklist

1. Talk to your kid about Amplify.

Review the basics of the program together. Make sure your camper understands their track or schedule, is familiar with the Code of Conduct and the “Leave These at Home” list, and knows what to expect during the session. It’s also helpful to discuss how to handle homesickness, review any anticipated challenges, and remind them of the support systems in place to help them succeed.

2. Complete all the required paperwork on CampBrain.

3. Confirm *how* and *when* you’re getting to camp.

4. Pack the essentials.

Guardian completes a bag check.

5. Prep letters and packages for your camper.

Send them off or bring them to drop off!

6. Encourage your camper!

Hype them up and let them know how proud and excited you are for this adventure. Help them feel supported, confident, and ready to try new things, make new friends, and explore creative opportunities like art and music. A positive send-off makes a big difference in helping campers start strong!