



2027 Summer Programs



Summer Camp	Grade: Fall 2027	Dates	Length
Taste of Camp	2nd - 6th	Jun. 13 - 18	1 wk
Session 2*	3rd - 8th	Jun. 20 - Jul. 2	2 wks
Session 3*	6th - 10th	Jul. 4 - 23	3 wks
Session 4	3rd - 10th	Jul. 25 - Aug. 10	2.5 wks

*All gender cabins will be offered **Session 2** for 5th/6th and 7th/8th and **Session 3** for 9th/10th

Adventure Quests	Grade: Fall 2027	Dates	Length
Taste of Quest	6th - 7th	Jun. 13 - 18	1 wk
Surf 'n' Turf	7th - 8th	Jun. 20 - Jul. 2	2 wks
Rock and River	9th - 10th	Jun. 20 - Jul. 2	2 wks
Northwest Canada	9th - 10th	Jul. 4 - 23	3 wks
Quest H2O	9th - 10th	Jul. 4 - 23	3 wks
Sierra Slam	7th - 8th	Jul. 25 - Aug. 6	2 wks
Women of the Wild	7th - 8th	Jul. 25 - Aug. 6	2 wks

Teen Programs	Grade: Fall 2027	Dates	Length
Specialist and Counselor-In-Training	12th	Jun. 13 - Jul. 2	3 wks
Teen Leadership Institute	11th	Jul. 9 - Aug. 1	3.5 wks



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Frequently Asked Questions



Why is Tawonga changing the summer schedule?

Our goal is to create a summer structure that works well for our community. Over the past several years, we've seen changes in school calendars and demand for various program lengths. For example, demand for two-week programs has grown considerably. At the same time, summer is getting shorter. Schools are ending later and starting earlier, which has made the beginning and end of our summer increasingly challenging. Our staff, largely college students, grapple with finals overlapping with the start of summer camp, making their availability limited as they finish their studies.

The 2027 calendar makes this especially noticeable. Because Memorial Day falls on May 31, this pushes our entire schedule a full week later than in 2026. Maintaining our current summer program structure would push the end of camp well into August and would mean many campers would have to choose between camp and their first week or two of school.

How did Tawonga decide on this session structure?

Tawonga used this streamlined session structure for many years prior to COVID. In 2021, we intentionally changed our model to reduce camper turnover and the number of arrivals and departures. Then, beginning in 2022, due to demonstrated demand, we created a structure with shorter sessions embedded within longer sessions. That model was what Tawonga needed at that moment.

However, as campers and staff grapple with shorter summers, we've learned that a more streamlined structure will better serve our campers, families, and staff.

What if my child's school start date overlaps with the end of session 4?

Campers may leave early from Session 4 to accommodate school start dates, and we will coordinate transportation from Camp on the Sunday before the end of the session. We understand how frustrating it can be to navigate many calendars, especially when they overlap. The shortening of summer makes scheduling challenging, and the vast difference in each school district's calendar proves particularly tricky. We are not able to prorate session fees for early departures. Thank you for your understanding.

Why aren't one- and two-week sessions embedded within longer sessions anymore?

Community is one of the most important aspects of a session at Tawonga. With embedded shorter sessions inside a longer session, campers were ending their session before the rest of the community, or starting once the community had already been established. A streamlined structure means that campers in a session start together, experience the session together, and end together.

This structure also helps us recruit, hire, train, and retain excellent staff – which ultimately improves the camper experience.

Will you make exceptions to the listed grades for particular sessions?

Because camp is an immersive social experience, we want to ensure that each camper is set up for success. So, we make grade exceptions rarely, and on a case-by-case basis. Typically, these exceptions are made for children who repeated a grade or started school a year later than their peers, making them the same age as the majority of the other cabins with whom they'd be bunked. Because our cabins often include a combination of campers across two grades, we want to ensure that campers are at similar developmental levels. We understand that the change in program lineup may also mean that there are campers who will request grade exceptions to remain with friends or siblings, and we will try to factor this in when considering specific requests.

Why is the In-Training program only three weeks?

We have returned the In-Training schedule back to its three-week format, overlapping with Taste of Camp and Session 2. This schedule was a successful format for nearly 20 years. By shifting our calendar to overlap two shorter sessions, it enables the In-Training participants to work with campers who are significantly younger than them, which deepens their learning experience.

When can I learn more and register?

We'll share additional details about family camps, adult retreats, and fees in late October. We're sharing the 2027 dates early so that families have plenty of time to dream, plan with friends, coordinate school and family calendars, and get excited for another summer at Tawonga!

Save the Dates and Get Ready to Register!



Priority Registration: Tuesday, Nov. 3

Who's Eligible: 2026 Summer Camp, Teen program, Quest, and B*Mitzvah participants & their siblings; 2026 Jewish Families of Color Weekend registered families.



Early Registration: Tuesday, Nov. 10

Who's Eligible: 2026 Weekend Programs; 2026 waitlisted participants and cancellations.



Open Registration: Tuesday, Nov. 17

Who's Eligible: The entire community – tell your friends and family!

