

Saint Sophia Camp Will Host a Session for Children from Underserved Communities

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A group of campers and counselors enjoying late night snacks. (Photo by Rebecca Skaggs)

News Facts

- Saint Sophia Camp will be hosting a three-day camping program for children from underserved communities in California.
- The camp is partnering with SCOPE (Summer Camp Opportunities Promote Education) which provides camp scholarships to children ages 7-16 for resident camps accredited by the American Camp Association.
- Campers will enjoy the program cost-free; all expenses will be covered by Saint Sophia.
- The program take place on July 12-14, 2019 at Saint Sophia Camp.
- Applications for the program will be posted on Saint Sophia's website on May 29.

- Daily activities will include arts and crafts, pool and field games while other typical activities will include summer Olympics, campfires, a basketball tournament, themed dances and free time.
- The goal of this event is to provide an excellent camping program to underserved youths, while also exposing more non-Greek Orthodox individuals to Saint Sophia's program.

Quotations

- "We are so excited to open up our facilities and resources to campers who have a hard time covering the expenses of summer camp. We believe that camps are extremely beneficial to children and everyone should be able to have that experience." – Director Perry Skaggs
- "Partnering with Saint Sophia for this event helps us provide our campers with a new choice of camp to attend along with allowing for some of the money raised for camper scholarships to be used for even more children. It also serves as way for our services to be spread to the west coast, since we aren't currently associated with any camps out there." – SCOPE President Justin Mayer

Multimedia

- 5 Photos: [Campers and Counselors at Campfire](#), [Arts and Crafts](#), [Pool Time](#), [Campers Playing Hockey](#), [Staff Preparing for the Day](#)
- Video about SCOPE: [SCOPE Intro Video](#)
- Facebook Page: [Saint Sophia Camp](#)
- Instagram Page: [Saint Sophia Camp](#)
- SCOPE's Board: [Board Page](#)
- SCOPE's Staff Biographies: [Staff Page](#)
- Chicago Tribune Article: [SCOPE Midwest Annual Benefit](#)

About

- Saint Sophia Camp is the greater southern California Greek Orthodox youth camping program that creates a place for youth to come together in faith, fun and fellowship.
- SCOPE provides children from underserved communities with life changing opportunities through the experience of summer camp. Our campers benefit from a positive, safe, and healthy environment led by excellent role models, who help them develop their full potential and we believe summer camp reinforces what children learn in school and enhances overall academic learning.

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