

A Year in the Life of Camp Augusta

“Summer camp, right? So, that means the summer, like June, July, and August, right?
What do you do the rest of the year?”

I get that question a lot – daily during family camps, school groups, and seeing folks around town. Yes, the summer is a huge part of what the staff focus their time on – the vast majority. I ask (or think) similar questions of others all the time . . .

- ✿ flying a plane and not thinking of the tons of people it take to make it fly and put me on it
- ✿ the doctor just sees patients and little else (paperwork, professional development, and background work galore!)
- ✿ grocery shopping and wondering why food costs so much (from earth to shelf, big process!)
- ✿ you get the idea. ☺

So, what happens the rest of the year?

A sample to-do list is on the same page you found this page on. Many items stay the same, yet most change, depending on what Camp Augusta needs to not only operate, but get stronger. Those items are NOT included below, except for a site reference and generally working on camp improvement.

The registration process is just one item on the list, yet the one most folks actually “see” happening. November through March, between 200 and 300 hours of work gets done, each week!

June, July, August

Yup, summer camp! June includes three weeks of staff training, and often more for specialists.

Family camp the first weekend in June.

Family camp at the end of August. Sometimes a school group comes in the final week of August as well.

September

Labor Day family camp

Outdoor education with schools (a whole section of the website dedicated to this)

Teambuilding groups

Retreats and weddings

October

Teambuilding groups

Retreats and weddings

Begin process of closing down camp

November

Retreats

Complete closing down of camp

Begin earnestly working on improving camp processes in literally hundreds of ways (ask us!)

December

Major focus on improving camp processes, which continues in smaller doses Jan – Mar.

January – March

New staff hiring begins, and continues through March.

April

Opening camp back up again, and installing new programs/structures.

Weddings, retreats, and teambuilding groups.

May

Volunteer work weekend to finish camp readiness (want to join us? Really fun!)

Pre-season staff training

Three Gold Rush family camps, and Memorial Day family camp.

Outdoor education school groups

Teambuilding groups

Start summer staff training for highly skilled activities