CarmelKidz Summer Camp for children in grades 3-6 is a one of a kind experience each summer that cannot be summarized in a few sentences. Here is why:

• Each camp is a unique and customized curriculum: CarmelKidz Ministry has created a 4 year cycle of camps to train the next generation and deepen their walk with Jesus. There are foundational and essential truths shared in an hour on Sunday mornings or Wednesday nights. But the time we have on Sundays is not sufficient to share everything we desire to share with kids! We also want our CarmelKidz to learn through an extensive learning environment such as camp. The chart below shares a little of what our camps look like:

Learning Environment	Bible Text	Core Essentials	Terms	Special Features
University of Genesis	Genesis 1-11	Biblical Worldview of Creator God and me, made in God's image	Faculty: Counselors & Professors CarmelKidz: college students: • Freshmen • Sophomores • Juniors • Seniors	 University theme: choosing Electives, Noah's Ark Assembly, Life Skills/Time, Money management course required
Tabernacle	Exodus 24	Tabernacle, God's Dwelling Place - Jesus and Me	Tribes: campers/ counselors become members of the 12 tribes	 Building a replica of the Tabernacle and Tabernacle worship
Covenant	Noah's Covenant, Abraham's Covenant David & Jonathan's Covenant, New Covenant	Covenant God and His everlasting covenant - me as His covenant partner	Tribes: campers/ counselors become members of the 12 tribes	 Experience the Last Supper - New Covenant Wedding covenant(for 5th/6th graders) Roasted Lamb
Boot Camp	Ephesians 6	Spiritual Armor of God	Military personnel CarmelKidz: Boot camp trainees	 Military training- Boot Camp Weapon Training Order of Battle Rally famous obstacle course

- Carmel Away Camp Campus: All counselors are our own CarmelKidz leaders. They are "Another voice" who has been with your kids by serving them on Sunday mornings and/or Wednesday nights. We have a ratio of 3 campers to one counselor. The Look Up Lodge Christian Camp Center is reserved just for us and our leaders run all the programs at our camp. Believe it or not, we take up all of Look Up Lodge, so it's very Carmel friendly. The staff at Look Up Lodge provides meals, lifeguards, and their facility services. Camp is CarmelKidz at Look Up Lodge for a week! Each cabin has 2-3 Carmel counselors and 6-8 kids each sorted by grade and gender. Grades are not mixed within the cabins.
- **Transformational Community:** CarmelKidz need friends who share the same ideals. But since we have upwards of 20 different schools represented at Carmel, an hour on Sundays or Wednesday is not enough time to develop friendships. By spending time together in cabins, walking together along a beautiful lake, eating three meals together, studying the Bible, making things, learning new skills and sharing the experience of camp memories are made! Friendships are

deepened!

- Time Over Time Equals Tribes: Just do the simple math. If your child participates in CarmelKidz camp just one year, they have 16 hours of shared experiences each day. 16x4 (Monday-Thursday) + 8 hours spread out over Sunday & Friday that is 72 hours a year of bonus Friendship/ tribe making! Remember we only have 50 Sundays a year. If you never miss a Sunday that's 50 hours a year! Now think of the multiplication of 4 years of time at camp and you have some serious bonding and friendship making time!! If you don't believe us, just come up to the CarmelKidz Uptown area right before or after camp and see the excitement and listen to the conversations!
- Proven Effectiveness: Ask our own CarmelKidz who are now all grown-up. Just ask them what they remember and cherish most, and they will say CarmelKidz Camp without any hesitation. That is one of the many reasons we have high schoolers who serve in CarmelKidz ministry, so they can <u>come back</u> as youth counselors! They desire to give back to the CarmelKidz and have the experience all over again! When one of our own Carmel college students recently shared what she had learned from Covenant Camp, her professor of religion asked her to stay behind to share how she knew so much about the Bible.

CarmelKidz is not your typical summer enrichment camp. It is intentional and customized **Discipleship Training** where Carmel invests time, money and resources to pour out God's truth to the next generation.

It's up to you parents, to decide whether or not you see the value of CarmelKidz Camp. Won't you carve out the time from your summer schedule, budget the funds necessary, and see the need to send your kids to camp? Because we believe parents are the primary disciple makers at home, we also provide a <u>Parent Connection Resource</u> where parents from home can learn along with the kids. It's planned in such a way that you learn what the kids are learning at camp! A DVD after camp helps you watch and hear your kid's explanation of all they learned and experienced.

Each year, Carmel Women's Ministry offers an In-Depth Bible study corresponding to our camp themes, so moms can learn about our camp curriculum ahead of time. These classes are offered during the Fall and Winter/Spring semesters of Women's Bible Study.

- University of Genesis Camp Covers Genesis 1-11. Through our Women's Bible Study there is a Genesis Precept Study for moms.
- **Tabernacle Camp** Where the kids make and learn all about the tabernacle coincides with Beth Moore's A Woman's Heart, God's Dwelling Place
- **Covenant** with covers the covenants God made with different people, and the signs of a Covenant. This goes perfectly with Covenant God, from Kay Arthur
- **Boot Camp** which teaches children to put on the armor of God every day and what each piece stands for is taught very well to women through Armor of God by Priscilla Shirer

If you still have questions or concerns, ask to preview a past camp DVD and see for yourself the value of camp! Feel free to contact the CarmelKidz staff if you have any further questions.