

Homeschooling Schedule

Adapted from a day at WinShape Camps for Communities

A Memory-Making Homeschooling Schedule

Here's an idea of how you could use the WinShape Camps for Communities schedule to plan the way you school your kids from home when school gets canceled. Use these ideas loosley and fluctuate the times to fit your family, but remember that having a schedule will make your experience at home SPECTACULAR for everyone involved.

7:45 AM - Village Training

8:30 AM - Wake Up

9:10 AM - Recreation Time

10:00 AM - Team Time 1

10:45 AM - Town Square

10:50 AM - Skill 1

11:45 AM - Town Square

11:55 AM - Lunch

12:30 PM - Worship

1:20 PM - Team Time 2

2:00 PM - Town Square

2:10 PM - Skill 2

3:05 PM - Town Square & Snack

3:25 PM - Skill 3

4:30 PM - Power Surge

*Scroll down to see descriptions of each part of the day!

Schedule Descriptions

Check In/Village Training | To get your kids thinking in the right direction, make them a nametag to put on at the start of their school day and then send them to do some simple games in the backyard or playroom. This can be a time for building blocks, trampolines, tic-tac-toe, or Jenga. Let them choose how to spend their time at Village Training!

Wake Up | At camp this is when we bring everyone into the auditorium. We have stage games, music, a drama, and introduce campers to Today's Truth. It's a great time for a devotion that has one simple idea to remind your kids about all day long! This might look different every day for you. You could use this as a time to dance and be silly, or even put on a 30 minute TV show that gets their brains thinking.

Recreation | It might seem strange to start the day out with some high-level competition, but there are some major perks. The biggest perk is that it gets lots of energy out early on. There's a lot of learning ahead of you, so some intense physical activity burns energy while getting their brains going. These can be games you lead them in or games they play on their own so you can get some work done!

Team Time | Time to hit the books! At camp, Team Time is where our small groups dive into the truths we're learning each day. For homeschooling, we'd use this time as a time to get into your school work for the day. One thing we do at camp is create intentional spaces for this time. You can designate an area of your house as the "classroom", but come up with a fun name for it! (Learning Lab, Spectacular Study Station, Epic Engagement Center, etc.) This is a great time for you to get some of your own work done!

Town Square | Town Square is where we get all the campers together to help them get to their next activity. For homeschooling, it could be helpful to have your kids do a physical transition time, even if they end going back to the same space. Use Town Square as a 5 minute break for snacks, dancing, or even a short competition.

Skills | Skills are the number of activities campers get to choose from during a week of camp including Basketball, Soccer, Wacky Science, Fast Food and more! You can use skill time as a transition to another school subject, or for a craft time to give them a break. We have 3 Skill times throughout the day and 2 Team Times. Both of these time slots are great for helping your kids transition subjects or assignments.

Lunch | If you regularly pack lunches for your kids for the school day, one thing that will help is continuing that routine. If your camper has a lunch box with the lunch already packed for them, you're able to feed them immediately at lunch time giving them space to have a little break after they eat. During lunch, talk to your kids about what they've learned so far today and remind them of Today's Truth.

Worship | While planning an entire worship service may not be your wheelhouse or something you have capacity for, use this time as a break from school where your kids listen to some great worship songs. You can even use YouTube videos of kids doing motions to songs to keep them engaged.

Power Surge | Power Surge is the last part of the day in the Auditorium. Use this time to celebrate everything that your kids did that day. Recap the truth they've learned. Throughout the day, you can be giving your kids rewards like we give tokens, and then reveal how many tokens your kids have during this time. This is a great last opportunity to get all of their energy out before the "end of the day". When it's all over, take up their nametags and let them know they are free for the day.