

SUMMER CAMP 2026

BE CURIOUS - LEAD WITH PURPOSE!



Welcome to VERBIER

Nestled high in the Swiss Alps, Verbier is one of Europe's most iconic mountain destinations. Renowned worldwide for its breathtaking scenery, pristine environment and international atmosphere, Verbier offers an exceptional setting for young people to learn, explore and grow. At 1,500 metres above sea level and surrounded by majestic peaks, the village combines authentic Alpine charm with modern infrastructure, making it both inspiring and safe for students from all over the world.

While Verbier is famous for its winter sports, summer reveals a different - and equally captivating - side of the region. From June to September, the mountains become a vast natural playground filled with sunshine, green alpine meadows and crystal-clear air. Long days and mild temperatures create ideal conditions for outdoor exploration, sport and adventure, while the tranquil atmosphere encourages focus, wellbeing and connection with nature.

Verbier in summer offers an extraordinary range of activities. More than 500 kilometres of marked hiking and biking trails lead through forests, lakes and mountain pastures, allowing students to explore the Alpine environment at all levels. Rock climbing, mountain biking, tennis, golf, swimming and high-ropes courses are complemented by unique experiences such as glacier visits and scenic cable car rides to panoramic viewpoints. These activities foster independence, teamwork and resilience, while ensuring fun and excitement every day.

Beyond nature and sport, Verbier maintains a vibrant yet relaxed village life throughout the summer months. Cafés, cultural events and international festivals bring together visitors from across the globe, creating a truly cosmopolitan feel. English is widely spoken, and the region is well connected to major European cities, making it easily accessible for international students and agencies alike.

What truly sets Verbier apart is the feeling of space, safety and wellbeing it offers. Switzerland's reputation for security, cleanliness and efficiency is evident everywhere, providing peace of mind for parents and partners. Combined with the inspirational Alpine environment, Verbier becomes a powerful setting for personal development, intercultural exchange and lifelong memories.

In summer, Verbier is more than a destination - it is an experience. A place where young people can challenge themselves, breathe deeply, build friendships and return home with confidence, new skills and unforgettable adventures.



Introduction to VIS Summer Camp

VIS Summer Camps offer a dynamic and inspiring summer experience set in the heart of the Swiss Alps. Designed for children and teenagers aged 7 to 17, our camps combine adventure, personal development and cultural discovery in a safe, international environment. At Verbier International School, we believe summer is not only a time for fun, but also a powerful opportunity for young people to grow in confidence, independence and purpose.

Our programme is built around a carefully balanced structure that blends morning workshops with action-packed afternoons in nature. Each weekday begins with engaging sessions focused on leadership, innovation, communication and personal development. Through age-appropriate workshops, debates and collaborative challenges, campers are encouraged to think critically, express themselves confidently and develop skills they can apply long after the summer ends. These sessions are interactive, practical and designed to be both meaningful and enjoyable.

In the afternoons, learning comes to life through adventure. Making full use of Verbier's exceptional alpine setting, campers participate in a wide range of adrenaline-based outdoor activities. Experiences include tree climbing, mountain leadership challenges, canyoning, banan boat, splash boat mini golf, riding the highest zipline in Europe, and a demanding yet unforgettable overnight expedition in a mountain hut - consistently a highlight for many participants. Adventure at VIS is not only about excitement; it is a tool for building resilience, teamwork and self-belief.

Evenings are an important part of camp life, bringing the international community together through shared experiences. From team-building activities and international nights to relaxed social moments, campers form strong friendships and feel part of a supportive global community.

Weekends shift the focus towards cultural exploration and global awareness. Campers discover Switzerland beyond Verbier, with experiences such as visiting the United Nations in Geneva or exploring a UNESCO World Heritage-listed glacier. These moments broaden perspectives and reinforce the values of curiosity and global citizenship.

Our summer camps are designed as a two-week experience, allowing time for deeper connections, personal growth and immersion. While outdoor activities are naturally weather-dependent, our commitment never changes: every camper leaves VIS with unforgettable memories, new friendships and valuable life skills that will stay with them for years to come.

At VIS Summer Camps, we don't just create great summers - we help young people discover who they can become.

How a day looks like during camp!

Time	Activity
7.30 – 8.30	Wake up and breakfast / phone time
8.30 – 9.00	Leave chalet and walk to main campus
9.00–10.20	Morning leadership, debating and innovation workshops
10.20-10.40	Morning break
10.40–12.00	Morning leadership, debating and innovation workshops
12.00-13.00	Lunch time on campus
13.00-17.30	Afternoon activities off campus
17.30-18.30	Supervised free time on campus /phone time
18.30-19.30	Dinner time
19.30-21.00	Evening activities
21.00-22.00	Cool down and reflection time
22.00-22.30	Lights out and sleep

Weekend programmes typically begin with a relaxed morning on campus, giving students time to rest, socialise with friends and prepare for the day ahead. From there, campers set off on full- or half-day excursions carefully selected to inspire curiosity and global awareness. These experiences may include visiting Geneva to explore international institutions such as the United Nations, or discovering Switzerland’s natural heritage through trips to UNESCO World Heritage sites, including spectacular glaciers and alpine landmarks.

Throughout the weekend, learning continues in an informal and experiential way. Campers are encouraged to ask questions, engage with different cultures and reflect on what they see and experience. These outings foster independence, adaptability and a deeper understanding of the world beyond the mountains of Verbier.

Evenings return to the heart of camp life, with shared meals, relaxed social activities and moments to connect as an international community. Whether enjoying a calm evening together or celebrating the diversity of cultures at camp, weekends at VIS create meaningful memories while preparing campers to begin the new week feeling inspired, energised and connected.

Campus and facilities

Verbier International School (VIS) Summer Camps are hosted on the school's welcoming alpine campus, ideally located in the heart of Verbier, one of Switzerland's most renowned mountain resorts. The campus offers the perfect balance between a safe, structured school environment and immediate access to nature, making it exceptionally well suited for a high-quality summer camp experience.

The VIS campus is compact, secure and purpose-designed to support both learning and residential life. Campers live in comfortable boarding houses, with most rooms being double occupancy and equipped with en-suite bathrooms, creating a warm and homely atmosphere. Separate areas for younger and older campers ensure age-appropriate supervision, routine and independence, while encouraging a strong sense of community. Communal spaces within the boarding houses allow campers to relax, socialise and unwind at the end of each day.

Academic and workshop sessions take place in modern classrooms and shared learning spaces on campus. These facilities are bright, well-equipped and designed to encourage collaboration, discussion and creativity during morning leadership and personal development workshops. Outdoor terrace areas and green spaces are also used for activities whenever possible, reinforcing VIS's philosophy of learning beyond the traditional classroom.

A key strength of the campus is its proximity to Verbier village and the surrounding alpine environment. Within minutes, campers can access sports facilities, hiking paths, forests and mountain lifts, allowing activities to begin smoothly and safely each day. Most afternoon adventures - including mountain challenges, climbing areas and outdoor parks - are located close by, maximising time spent active and minimising travel fatigue. For longer excursions, including weekend cultural trips, professional transport is arranged and carefully supervised by the VIS team.



Activities and adventure programme

The Activities & Adventure Programme at VIS Summer Camps is at the heart of the camp experience, using the Swiss Alps as a natural classroom. The programme blends sports, outdoor education and mountain activities to help campers develop confidence, resilience and teamwork while enjoying unforgettable experiences.

Afternoons are dedicated to adventure, with campers taking part in a wide variety of carefully selected activities that make full use of Verbier's exceptional environment. These include mountain-based experiences such as tree climbing, canyoning and mountain leadership challenges, as well as water and leisure activities like banana boating, mini golf and visits to adventure parks offering surfing simulators and bouncing courses. One of the most memorable highlights is riding the Verbier zipline - the highest in Europe - offering both adrenaline and a powerful sense of achievement. The programme also includes an overnight expedition in a mountain hut, where campers hike, share responsibilities and experience alpine life first-hand, an experience often described as a defining moment of the camp.

Outdoor education at VIS is built around skill progression. Activities are introduced and developed in a way that allows campers to gradually build competence and confidence. Younger or less experienced campers are guided step by step, while older campers are encouraged to take on greater responsibility, problem-solving tasks and leadership roles within group challenges. This ensures that every participant feels both supported and appropriately challenged.

The programme is also tailored to different age groups. Younger campers (approximately 7–10) enjoy activities focused on exploration, fun and teamwork, helping them build confidence and independence in a reassuring setting. Older campers (11–17) experience more demanding physical challenges and leadership-focused tasks, encouraging resilience, initiative and collaboration. Where possible, mixed-age moments allow campers to learn from one another and strengthen the sense of community.

Here's an example of a typical week. As any other programme, in Switzerland we are weather dependant and the programme might change during the camp. VIS reserves the right to adapt and modify the programme as convenient.

WEEK 1							
	Monday 29th	Tuesday 30th	Wednesday 1st	Thursday 2nd	Friday 3rd	Saturday 4th	Sunday 5th
7.45 - 8.45	ARRIVAL DAY - WELCOME TO VIS!	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BRUNCH
9.00 - 10.15		Leadership Club/ Innovation Club	Innovation Club / Leadership Club	Debate Club/innovation Club	Innovation Club / Debate Club		
10.15 - 10.45		Morning Break				Swiss Culture Day	Sports Centre - Pool
10.45 - 12.00		Innovation Club / Leadership Club	Leadership Club/ Innovation Club	Innovation Club / Debate Club	Debate Club/innovation Club		
12.00 - 13.00		LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	PACKED LUNCH	Games on campus
13.00 - 17.00		Verbier City Hunt	Xtream Park	Banana Boat/Spash Boat	Farm visit / cheese workshop	Swiss Culture Day	
17.00 - 18.00		Phone time on campus					
18.15 - 19.30		DINNER	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER
19.30 - 21.00	Welcome ceremony	Team building	Beach Volleyball Tournament	Charlie and the chocolate factory	Holy Festival	International Night	Relaxed Night
21.00 - 22.00	Cool down in house/Reflection in house						
22.00 - 22.30	Lights Out						

WEEK 2							
	Monday 6th	Tuesday 7th	Wednesday 8th	Thursday 9th	Friday 10th	Saturday 11th	Sunday 12th
7.45 - 8.45	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	DEPARTURES/BRUNCH
9.00 - 10.15	Morning Workshop	Leadership Club/ Innovation Club		Debating Club/ Innovation Club	Workshop		
10.15 - 10.45	Morning Break		Overnight Camping	Morning Break		Swiss Culture Day	Departures
10.45 - 12.00	Morning Workshop	Leadership Club/ Innovation Club		Innovation Club / Debate Club	Workshop		
12.00 - 13.00	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	PACKED LUNCH	LUNCH
13.00 - 17.00	Tree climbing SION	Overnight Camping	Mini Golf in Verbier	Verbier Zipline/ Labyrinth	Canyoning / Lés Marecottes Zoo	Swiss Culture Day	Departures
17.00 - 18.00	Phone time on campus		Phone time on campus				
18.15 - 19.30	DINNER		DINNER	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER
19.45 - 21.00	Board Games Night		Quiz Night	Karaoke Night	Games on campus	Gala/Disco Night	Relaxed Night
21.00 - 22.00	Cool down in house/Reflection in house	Cool down in house/Reflection in house					
22.00 - 22.30	Lights Out						

International Community

One of the defining strengths of VIS Summer Camps is its truly international community. Each summer, campers travel to Verbier from different parts of the world, coming together in a unique multicultural environment where diversity is celebrated and global friendships are formed naturally.

VIS currently welcomes a strong and growing presence of campers from **Scandinavia, the United States (particularly Florida and California), Mexico and Australia**. This blend creates a dynamic balance between European and non-European cultures, offering campers exposure to different perspectives, traditions and ways of thinking. English serves as the common language, ensuring smooth communication while creating an immersive language environment for all participants.

Living, learning and adventuring together encourages meaningful cultural exchange on a daily basis. Campers share stories about their home countries and celebrate their differences through organised moments such as International Night. These shared experiences help children and teenagers develop openness, empathy and respect - essential skills in an increasingly globalised world.

Language immersion is a natural outcome of the VIS Summer Camps experience. With English used throughout workshops, activities and social time, campers gain confidence in expressing themselves in an international setting. For many, this immersion extends beyond the classroom, as friendships form across nationalities and continue informally during meals, evening activities and free time. The result is authentic language practice rooted in real communication rather than formal instruction alone.

The friendships built at VIS often extend well beyond the summer. Campers leave with an international network of peers, connected by shared challenges, adventures and memories. At VIS Summer Camps, cultural exchange is not a separate programme element; it is woven into everyday life. By bringing together young people from across the world, VIS creates an environment where campers grow not only as individuals, but also as global citizens ready to engage confidently with the wider world.



Practical Information

This section is designed to provide you with clear, reliable and ready-to-use information.

Camp Dates and Age Ranges

VIS Summer Camps run over four consecutive weeks during the summer, allowing flexibility for families to join us whenever best suits them. Campers may enrol for one or multiple weeks, although the programme is particularly impactful as a two-week experience. The camps welcome children and teenagers aged 7 to 17, with boarding options available for students aged 10 to 17 and a day-camp option for younger campers aged 7 to 9. Activities, accommodation and supervision are carefully adapted to each age group to ensure both safety and age-appropriate independence.

WEEK 1: June 29th to July 5th

WEEK 2: July 6th to July 12th

WEEK 3: July 13th to July 19th

WEEK 4: July 20th to July 26th

Transfer Logistics

Verbier International School is located approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes from Geneva International Airport, making it easily accessible for international travellers. VIS offers organised airport transfers for campers arriving and departing through Geneva, ensuring a smooth and reassuring journey from start to finish. For students travelling as unaccompanied minors, the VIS team coordinates closely with airlines and provides on-site staff support at the airport. All transfers are supervised by trained staff, offering peace of mind to families.

Booking Process and Support

The booking process is clear and structured to facilitate efficient enrolment. Once a family confirms interest, registrations are completed through the VIS admissions team, who provide guidance on documentation, medical forms and practical preparation. Dedicated support is available throughout the process, from initial enquiry to arrival day on campus.

You will benefit from direct communication with the VIS camps team, ensuring fast responses, accurate information and a personalised approach.

VIS Summer Camps aim to be a trusted and straightforward team, turning interest into a successful summer experience for every camper.

For any questions, you can reach out to camps@vischool.ch or you can also drop a message via WhatsApp at +41 78 303 58 65 (Laura – Head of Camps at VIS).