



Camp RidgeKids 2025 | Elementary Crafts (Day 1)

Day 1 Birdhouse Build (Part 1)

Description

Campers will build their own wooden birdhouses today—a hands-on project that takes patience, creativity, and care. These homes will become symbols of welcome and belonging, just like God’s invitation to us.

Supplies

- Birdhouse kits (wooden panels and screws or glue)
- Screwdrivers (or glue if using non-screw kits)
- Smocks or old shirts
- Extra adults or youth helpers for guidance
- Optional: Friendship bracelet materials for early finishers

Setup

Lay out kits and tools at each station. Make sure instructions or a demo are ready for the group. Have bracelet supplies in a separate “bonus zone.”

How to Make It

- Guide campers through assembling their birdhouse pieces.
- Encourage teamwork, troubleshooting, and creativity with support as needed.
- Once finished, houses can be set aside to fully dry overnight.
- Early finishers can head to the bracelet zone to start a friendship bracelet using beads and string.

Wrap-Up Connection

This isn’t just about wood and screws—it’s about creating space for someone to belong. When we take time to build something with love, we reflect God’s care for us.

- What was hard about building something today?
- Who could you share your finished birdhouse with?

