

Best Weeknd Ever

September 12, 2025

Length
in mins

Audio/
Visual Band Person Vocals

SESSION

5:10 Would You Rather Countdown - Camp Edition

This is a video-driven game of Would You Rather (Summer Edition)

- Have them move from one area of their group to another, OR have them stand up if they identify with one/sit down for the other
- Read out the options on the screen...as younger kids may have a difficult time

2:00 HOST: Welcome

- Warm Welcome: Start with an energetic greeting like "Helloooooooooooooo, everyone! Welcome to BEST. WEEKEND. EVER>"
- Enthusiastic Tone: Maintain a high level of excitement and positivity.
- Introduce Yourself: Clearly state your name.
- Introduce Co-Host: Use an engaging method to introduce your co-host (Chris or Bryce) who will play the comic host role (e.g., "drumroll please...").
- The comic host will always insert humor into every statement, and the host will re-direct. Don't be overly annoying, but funny in the right spots.
- Introduce Best Weekend Ever: Clearly state the weekend's name: BEST WEEKEND EVER
- Engage the Kids: Use call-and-response phrases

5:00 HOST: Rules Breakdown

Establish the Call & Response: Introduce the main call-and-response to reinforce all the rules (e.g., "When I say, 'Best Weekend Ever!' you say, 'Always Safe!'"). Do a practice round.

Present Rule 1: Announce the first rule (Respect the leaders). Briefly explain the why behind the rule in an upbeat way (e.g., "Your leaders are the experts at fun!"). The comic host can offer a weird scenario, "but what if your leader is a weird alien who is an evil genius bent on taking over the world... I don't know that I can respect that kind of leader." The host can clarify that we don't have any alien evil genius leaders.

Present Rule 2: Announce the second rule (Respect your peers). Use a phrase that emphasizes community and kindness (e.g., "We're all one big team here."). Give examples of how we would respect our peers. Comic host can offer another ridiculous scenario where there's a kid who ate 20 bean burritos last night and has obnoxious gas that's stinking up this whole camp... I don't know that I can respect a peer like that. The host assures the comic host that this would be a reason to consult the nurse.

Present Rule 3: Announce the third rule (Respect the camp. Do a second, specific call-and-response for this rule to emphasize its importance (e.g., "When I say, 'Rule # 3!' you say, 'Respect the Camp!'").

Quick Review: Both MCs quickly recap the rules with a final check-in using the main call-and-response.

Final Pep Talk: Briefly summarize that following the rules means more time for fun and games. Deciding not to follow the rules means that you miss out on some really cool stuff... and we might have to call your mommy. Does anyone want me to call your mommy? Comic host - please don't call my mommy.

Build Anticipation: Ask the crowd if they are ready to get started.

2:00 Hype Squad Intro

- Host leaves, the other comic host comes on stage.
- queue Hype squad music - they should chest bump, high five, some ridiculous/elaborate secret handshake greeting. Introduce each other - include a mysterious background (legend says... you may not know this)
- Transition out of the game // have everyone grab a seat

8:00 GAME: Head Shoulders Knees Cup

This is also how we're going to name our groups for camp. We'll have six different types of chips on stage (and slides). The winner will get the first pick, and the second gets the second pick—high stakes for this game.

// Select one kid from each group and two random leaders, so that you have four groups on stage // make sure to introduce contestants

// Explain the rules by putting one plastic cup in between them and call out different motions that they must do or touch, such as "head, shoulders, knees" or "the occasional armpit or jump"

//When you yell "cup," whoever grabs the cup first wins that round!

// regroup the winners of that first round to have a new partner

// winners of this round face off in the championship // best 2 out of 3

Have all participants line up from 1st to 6th so that when the final round happens, each group can grab their chip.

But then offer a surprise prize for the winner - the Crave Box!

Hype Squad welcomes up the worship team - everyone give it up for our Worship team!

3:11 DANCE: Church Clap

WORSHIP/DANCERS:

- on stage // leading the church clap... go right into it!

1:00 WL - Piper Stroemer : Speaking Moment

"You all crushed that! I'm so excited to be here at Best Weekend Ever with you! My name is Piper, and we're going to be singing some awesome songs all weekend...some new and some that you know. I don't know about you, but being here at camp, getting away from home for a few days, maybe it's the fresh air - I feel so ALIVE! Any of you feel the same way? Well, let's kick off tonight with one of my favorite songs, ALIVE!"

3:48 SONG: Alive

1:00 WL - Piper Stroemer : Speaking Moment

Way to go! That was most excellent. Glad that everyone is getting their aerobics tonight at BWE! Okay, we're going to slow it down... just a little. We're going to do a new song for RidgeKids, and I'm excited to introduce it. It's actually the theme song for this weekend, kind of like an anthem. It's called Goodbye Yesterday - and it's about putting your past behind you and looking forward to what's ahead! Let's stand to our feet and sing together!

3:27 SONG: Goodbye Yesterday

1:00 WL - Piper Stroemer: Prayer

Something like this: God, thank you that you are the God of new beginnings, you are the God of new days. As we just sang, I don't want to waste another minute in my old ways. God, we come to you tonight with high expectations. Be with us tonight, speak to us tonight. In Jesus Name, Amen.

10:00 HOST (Kenny This Time): Speaker Intro + Game

We start with a speaker game!

- The MCs have the info: Before the game, the MCs get three short, interesting, and surprising "facts" about the speaker. Two of them are true, one is a lie.
- The MC set the stage: MC introduces the segment by saying they've been doing some research on the speaker and have found some wild and crazy things. MC points to a screen with the statements numbered 1, 2, and 3.
- The "Challenge" begins: The MCs read each statement with dramatic flair, making them all sound equally believable and ridiculous. For example:

Statement 1: [Speaker's Name] once won a competitive donut-eating contest.

Statement 2: As a kid, they tried to ride a wild goat.

Statement 3: They've been a movie extra in a blockbuster film.

The crowd votes: After all three statements are read, the MCs lead a crowd-wide vote. They instruct the campers to cheer as loudly as they can for the number they think is the lie.

The big reveal: After the cheers have subsided, the MCs announce that it's time to bring out the only person who knows the answer. The speaker walks onto the stage. They reveal which statement was the lie, confirming the truths, and laughing with the audience.

The official introduction: With everyone warmed up and on their side, the MCs give the speaker a final, massive introduction.

Quick Question for the Speaker: "This weekend is all about [Carrying Less, Living More]. Without giving too much away, what's one word you would use to describe the feeling you want everyone to walk away with this weekend?"

25:00 Message

0:00 SONG: Gratitude Pad

Start playing the instrumental pad under the speaker as he wraps up.

3:39 SONG: Gratitude

0:00 SONG: Gratitude Pad

Start playing the instrumental pad under the WL as they pray.

0:00 WL - Piper Stroemer: Prayer

Closing Prayer | God, help us look at all the things that have filled our lives and help us to prioritize the things that matter. Please help us to put first things first. Let us not forget you and what you've done in our lives. Amen.

2:00 HOST: Wrap Up / Dismissal

Guys! How amazing was that? What a great way to kick off Best Weekend Ever. (You know, my favorite part of what was said tonight was _____.) You're about to go to your small groups, and you're going to discuss what you heard tonight. You're dismissed, go to your small groups and 9:30, come meet in the center of the quad for Late Night - we've got a special surprise.