



Hume <u>T</u>ake
Outdoor Education
Teacher / Admin Information Guide



# **HUME LAKE OUTDOOR EDUCATION**

# Spring 2024 - School Administrator/Teacher Information Guide

We are so excited to have you and your students join us for our Outdoor Education camp this Spring. In this packet of information, we will equip you with tools to prepare for your week at camp, communicate to parents, and ensure you and your students have an incredible, life-changing experience at camp.

We've also included a daily breakdown of our Spiritual Theme, which is the foundation for everything we do in camp. We desire for your students to encounter Christ, their Creator, in a new and powerful way, as they learn more from His word and from His creation. Along with the Spiritual Theme for the week, you will also find the devotional and discussion questions, as well as other important details including registration information, arrival & departure procedures, the schedule for the week, ways to send campers mail and email, optional activities, and suggested packing lists.

We cannot truly express how grateful, honored and blessed we are to partner with you as you bring your students to our Outdoor Education camp. We are excited to see how God uses you, your teachers and parents to demonstrate for your students how to live faithfully, each day, in a way that brings Glory to God, and not ourselves. We also look forward to seeing the Spirit of the Lord challenge & transform each of their hearts. We have been and will continue to pray for you.

Please let us know if you have any questions, or need anything from us in the coming weeks.

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### SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

### THEME QUESTION

Who is God?

#### THEME OVERVIEW

We live in a world that is increasingly hostile towards Christianity, meaning that biblical truths are not widely accepted as cultural norms and Christians are seen as narrow minded, ignorant and intolerant. Many things in culture are changing in a direction that is contradictory to the Word of God, and as Christ followers we find ourselves in the midst of this reality asking ourselves questions such as, "how do we live with resilience as followers of Christ?" and "how do we stand firm on our convictions and beliefs while demonstrating care and respect for others at the same time?" These are questions that the Christ follower will wrestle through as we live out our faith resiliently. This week we will look at the life of Daniel, and as we study his life we will see an incredible example of a man who did this well. As we learn from Daniel's life, our prayer is that we would have a better understanding of what it means to live in a hostile culture without compromise and that our faith would be one of resilience, able to withstand and recover quickly from difficult conditions.

#### THEME VERSE

Nebuchadnezzar answered and said to them, "Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the golden image that I have set up? Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, to fall down and worship the image that I have made, well and good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?" Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."

Daniel 3:14-18

#### DAILY DIRECTION

- 1. Monday Evening The Christians home & hope is in Heaven
- 2. Tuesday Morning Unwavering fear of God & not man
- 3. Tuesday Night Persevering through trials
- 4. Wednesday Morning Right understanding of sin
- 5. Wednesday Night Gospel
- 6. Thursday Evening Living with resilience

# **CAMP SCHEDULE**

### **MONDAY**

1:00 PM	Registration – Meadow Hume Coffee Co.
2:00 PM	Free Time Activities Open
4:30 PM	Counselor Meeting - Meadow Hume Coffee Co.
5:30 PM	Dinner – Cedar Hall
7:30 PM	Chapel – Meadow Ranch Chapel
8:45 PM	Free Time – Ark & Lawn
9:30 PM	Head for Bed
10:00 PM	Lights Out

### **TUESDAY**

7:00 AM	Rise and Shine
8:00 AM	Breakfast – Cedar Hall
8:30 AM	Cabin Clean-up / Couns. Meeting
9:00 AM	Chapel – Meadow Ranch Chapel
10:00 AM	Adventure Class #1
12:00 PM	Lunch – Cedar Hall
12:30 PM	JAM Time
1:30 PM	Adventure Class #2
3:30 PM	Free Time
5:30 PM	Dinner – Cedar Hall
6:10 PM	All Camp Photo
6:15 PM	Evening Recreation
7:00 PM	Chapel - Meadow Ranch Chapel
8:30 PM	Night Game
9:15 PM	Head for Bed
10:00 PM	Lights Out
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### **WEDNESDAY**

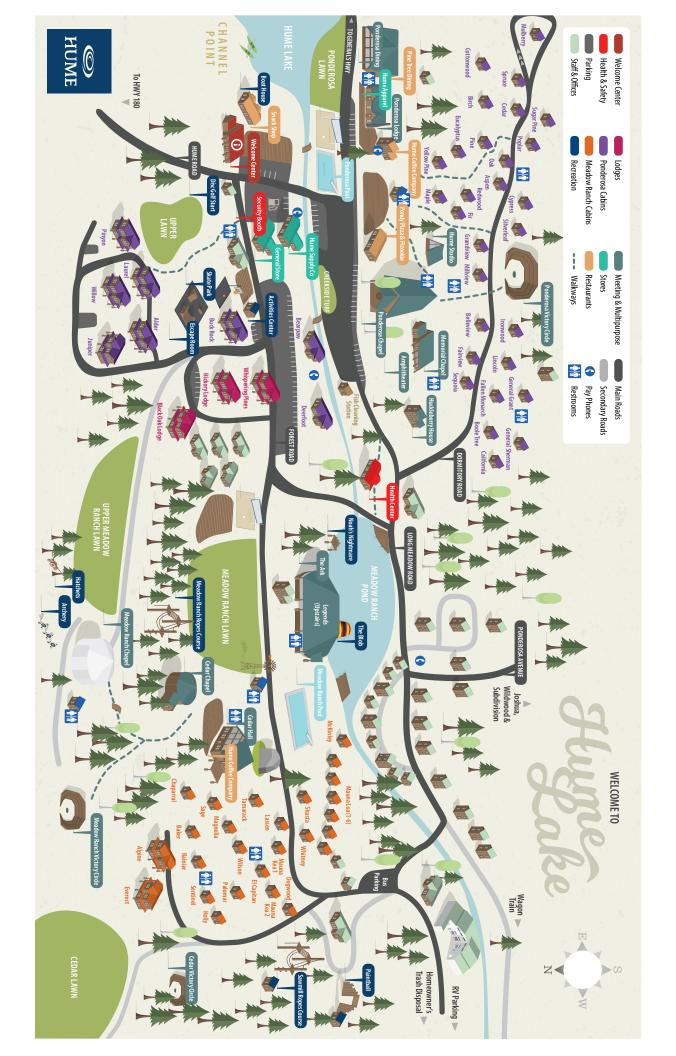
7:00 AMRise and Shine
8:00 AMBreakfast – Cedar Hall
8:30 AMCabin Clean-up / Counselor Meetin
9:30 AMChapel – Meadow Ranch Chapel
10:00 AMAdventure Class #3
12:00 PMLunch – Cedar Hall
12:30 PMJAM Time
1:30 PMAdventure Class #4
3:30 PMFree Time
5:30 PMDinner – Cedar Hall
6:15 PMEvening Recreation
7:00 PMChapel – Meadow Ranch Chapel
8:45 PMArk Recreation Games
9:15 PMHead for Bed
10:00 PMLights Out

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7:00 AMRise and Shine
8:00 AMBreakfast – Cedar Hall
8:30 AMCabin Clean-up / Counselor Meeting
9:30 AMChapel – Meadow Ranch Chapel
10:00 AMAdventure Class #5
12:00 PMLunch – Cedar Hall
12:30 PMJAM Time
1:30 PMAdventure Class #6
3:30 PMFree Time
5:30 PMDinner – BBQ on MR Lawn
6:30 PMEvening Recreation
7:30 PMChapel and Victory Circle
9:30 PMHead for Bed
10:00 PMLights Out

### **FRIDAY**

7:00 AMRise and Shine / Pack for Home	į
8:00 AMBreakfast – Cedar Hall	
9:00 AMChapel – Meadow Ranch Chape	:l
10:00 AMSchool Breakout Time	
11:00 AMPicnic / Sack Lunch - Cedar Ha	ıll
12:00 PMHead for Home	



### **REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

In order to help make the process of getting everyone to camp as smooth as possible, be sure to connect with our Registration Team with any questions you have about the registration process, and so you know what you should be bringing with you to camp as you check in.

You can reach them at (559) 305-7788, or by email at register@hume.org.

### ARRIVAL

When you arrive, you will need to send someone into the Meadow Ranch Coffee Co (the bottom floor of Cedar Hall in Meadow Ranch) to check your group in with our Registration Team. There we will make sure all of your registration items are good to go, final payment is all squared away, give you wristbands for your group and confirm your final cabin assignments.

Registration opens up at 1:00p, and the following free time activities open up at 2:00p on Monday: The Boathouse, the Meadow Ranch Pool, the Climbing Wall and the Ark (basketball, ping pong, foosball).

There will be a counselor meeting at 4:30p in the Meadow Ranch Coffee Co, and we would like to have all the counselors there if possible. Our staff are around camp supervising your students during this meeting.

Dinner will be served in Cedar Hall at 5:30p.

### **DEPARTURE**

On Friday morning, after breakfast you will be given some time to clean and pack up before chapel. You will also have a little time after the school breakout session (which is at the end of chapel) to finish the packing process.

At 11:00a we will serve sack lunches to everyone, which you are more than welcome to eat outside on the deck or on the Meadow Ranch Lawn, or even take them on the road with you if you need to start heading home.

# **CONTACT INFORMATION**

### **PHONE**

The main Hume Lake Christian Camps phone number: (559) 305-7770

### SENDING MAIL TO CAMPERS

Mail is distributed Monday - Thursday nights at dinner. To send a letter or package to your child, please be sure to send the letter/package at least 3 to 4 days prior to the desired delivery date, and use the following mailing address:

Outdoor Education / Camp Date Camper's Name / School Name 64144 Hume Lake Rd. Hume, CA 93628

### **GENERAL INFO**

#### **MEADOW RANCH**

Much of our time in Outdoor Education will be spent within our Meadow Ranch camp boundaries. Whenever students leave the Meadow Ranch camp boundaries, they MUST either be with a staff member, or with a counselor. This would include when heading to their Adventure Classes, as well as during Free Time when they head places such as the General Store, Snack Shop, Apparel Store, Supply Co, or Boathouse.

#### RECREATION

Every cabin will be put on a team with a couple other cabins of students of the same gender. You will go to your adventure classes all week together as a team, and you will also be competing all week against other teams, earning points from our recreation games, cabin clean up, daily memory verses, behavior/participation in adventure classes, and quiz show at the end of the week. The team with the most points at the end of week wins, and each member of the team receives a Championship T-shirt.

### CABIN CLEAN-UP

Every morning at breakfast we will announce the daily cabin clean-up theme. Then after breakfast, during the counselor meeting, students will have time to clean up their cabin and decorate it according to the daily theme that is announced. Feel free to bring any type of general supplies that would be helpful for decorating your cabins each morning. Please keep in mind we want the cabins to remain clean, and ask that the decorations not cause any damage or require extra clean-up after you have left at the end of the week.

### **MEMORY VERSES**

On the next page, you will find the philosophy and guidelines for the memory verses, as well as the daily memory verses themselves. They are to be memorized by the students and counselors, and must be recited by memory during their time at camp to earn points for their team. Feel free to spend time before camp talking through or even studying the passages with your students. You can even start having them memorize the verses before they come to camp. Our hope is that we are teaching students to store the Word of God in their hearts and minds, and have it transform their lives.

### **SWIM TESTS**

Every student who wants to swim in the pool, without a life-jacket, must pass a swim test. It is a short and easy test to determine whether or not a student is able to swim in the deep end of the pool. We will be offering the swim test during the entire afternoon on Monday, and during the first 30 min of the afternoon Free Time on days the pool is open the rest of the week.

### K.P. DUTY

Every student will have at least one opportunity to serve other students and counselors in camp as the K.P. at a meal. The K.P. ("Kitchen Patrol") schedule will be assigned by your Recreation Team. When the students have K.P. duty, they will be responsible for arriving early to the meal to help set up, serving their table during the meal, and staying after the meal to help clean up. Each student on K.P. duty will be assigned a table to sit at and serve for the entire meal. That table will be full of people not from their cabin or team. It is an awesome opportunity to meet new people, and to serve others.

### WEDNESDAY DINNER - COUNSELOR TABLE DECORATING

For dinner on Wednesday evening, we would like to invite the counselors to decorate a table for their cabin. Feel free to bring any decorations and supplies needed for decorating the table, and making your students feel special. This is by no means a requirement, just something that we know is fun, has been done in the past, and counselors have loved being able to do. Once again, this year we have long rectangular tables, 10ft x 2.5ft.

### THURSDAY EVENING GAME SHOW

At the beginning of chapel on Thursday night we will have a Game Show to quiz the students on their knowledge of the information that they learned in the Adventure Classes throughout the week. Each team will need to select 4 students to participate in the Game Show. The contestants will participate in 4 different rounds, 1 student from each team, each round. We would ask you to have the counselors help select the 4 students who will represent their team ahead of time, understanding that their team may also have students from a different school, so be sure to work with the other counselors as well.

### **MEMORY VERSES**

#### PHILOSOPHY

With the understanding of recreation as a tool for bringing students into a living, meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ, please do not limit the use of these memory verses to winning recreation. Memory verses do earn valuable points, but more importantly, they are to assist you in meeting the spiritual needs of your students.

Each day is designed for you to gauge the spiritual temperature of your campers. Challenge and encourage them to understand how these verses are relevance and are meaningful in their lives?

With the above philosophy in mind, please do not "force feed" your students. If they do not desire to memorize Scripture, they do not have to. Encourage them as much as possible to see and understand the eternal value, not just temporal point value, of memorizing God's Word.

#### **GUIDELINES**

- Any translation may be used.
- Each verse must be said word perfect in one "sitting".
- There are no helps, no "gimmies."
- · Verses can be recited any day to a counselor.
- Points awarded according to team percentage/average.
- Counselors are expected to participate in memory verses.
- Score sheets must be turned in by Thursday at dinner.

#### MONDAY'S MEMORY VERSES

PSALMS 24:3-4 (ESV)

<sup>3</sup> Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? <sup>4</sup> He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.

#### TUESDAY'S MEMORY VERSES

DANIEL 7:13-14 (ESV)

<sup>13</sup> I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven, there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. <sup>14</sup> And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and langauges should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

#### WEDNESDAY'S MEMORY VERSES

DANIEL 4:34 (ESV)

<sup>34</sup> At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and praised and honored him who lives forever, for his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation;

#### THURSDAY'S MEMORY VERSES

1 PETER 1:3-4 (ESV)

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefined and unfading, kept in heaven for you.

#### BONUS THEME PASSAGE

Daniel 3:14-18 (ESV)

<sup>14</sup> Nebuchadnezzar answered and said to them, "Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the golden image that I have set up? <sup>15</sup> Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, to fall down and worship the image that I have made, well and good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?" <sup>16</sup> Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. <sup>17</sup> If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. <sup>18</sup> But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."

### AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

### THE BOATHOUSE

The boathouse will be open select afternoons during Free Time. At the boathouse, we have kayaks, canoes, and stand-up paddle boards to take out on the lake, and discs for our disc golf course. Students must have a counselor with them to head over to the boathouse and to take a boat out on the lake.

### MEADOW RANCH POOL

Free - Open select afternoons during Free Time, and heated to a cozy 82°F

### ARK

Free - Basketball, Foosball, Ping Pong and check out other lawn equipment including Ga-Ga Ball!

### HIGH ADVENTURE ROPES COURSE

\$15 - You must sign up to be able to participate. Sign-ups will take place on Monday night after chapel.

### MEADOW RANCH GIANT SWING

Free - Open select afternoons during Free Time. No sign-ups required. First come first serve

### **CLIMBING WALL**

Free - Open select afternoons during Free Time.

### **PAINTBALL**

\$10 - Includes 100 rounds of paint.

You must sign up to be able to participate Sign-ups will take place on Monday night after chapel. Extra rounds can be purchased on the course for \$5.00 per 100 rounds of paint.

### **ESCAPE ROOM**

\$10 per person - Open select afternoons during Free Time.

### SNACK SHOP, GENERAL STORE, & CLOTHING COMPANY

Open daily during Free Time. Swing by the snack shop to pick up a burgers & fries, and don't forget to get one of our famous handmade milkshakes! At the General Store you'll find some snacks, drinks, or even an Icee. And be sure to stop in the Clothing Company or Supply Co for some Hume Apparel from hats & beanies, to shirts, sweatshirts and more.

### PACKING LIST

### WHAT TO BRING

#### BEDDING

- Sleeping bag (or twin sheets & blanket as cabins have twin sized beds)
- Pillow

### CLOTHING (Remember: no bare midriffs or spaghetti straps; no sagging)

- Pants
- · Shorts
- Swim Shorts/Swimsuit (one piece ... no tankinis or speedos)
- Sweatshirt (hooded)
- T-shirts
- · Dark/Camo clothing for night game
- · Close-Toed Shoes for hikes & regular use
- · Shoes to get wet
- Socks bring extra
- · Sandals for pool and shower times only
- Underclothes
- Hat/Beanie

#### **TOILETRIES**

- · Towel/Beach Towel
- · Soap/Shampoo
- · Personal hygiene

#### **MISC**

- Bible
- · Pen/Paper
- Flashlight (don't forget the batteries)
- Sunscreen
- Chapstick
- Bug Spray
- Wrist Watch
- Camera (again, don't forget the batteries)
- · Water bottle
- Decorating supplies for daily cabin clean up themes
- Spending Money for keepsakes and gifts from the gift shop or clothing company, a milkshake & fries at the snack shop, or even an icee from the general store.

### WHAT NOT TO BRING

- drugs (unless prescribed by a doctor, and must be turned into camp nurse)
- alcohol
- tobacco
- · fireworks
- firearms (or weapons of any kind)
- electronic devices ... cell phones, mp3 players, tablets, video game devices, laptops, ... etc.

### ADVENTURE CLASSES

### **BOTANY**

This class has also been referred to as "Sierra Conifers and Logging" as students will learn the basics of tree anatomy as well as help them to identify the various types of cone-bearing trees located here at Hume Lake. Trees provide us with the oxygen that is crucial for our living. God created these living giants for an important reason. Students will learn about how these trees live, and what role they play in the environment as well as the history of logging here at good ole' Hume Lake. Students will be taken on a hike around Hume, where there will be "teaching stops" along the way and also times for the kids to participate in hands on learning.

### **HERPETOLOGY**

There are a variety of reptiles & amphibians that can be found in the forest surrounding Hume Lake. We will take a look at both native and exotic reptiles & amphibians, learning about how they are classified, what makes each of them unique, where they live (taking an up-close look at some of their natural habitats), as well as how they use and help the environment around them. Students will not only learn about them, but they will get to see many of these amazing creatures live in action as we let students see, touch, and interact with them.

#### NATIVE AMERICAN LIFE

For centuries, Native Americans lived in some of the harshest environments in the world without the help of our modern "conveniences". This class focuses on the skills and abilities of Native Americans, whose resourcefulness is often unrivaled. Students step back in time to visit an authentic Indian village and explore the Indian lifestyle and legends that once existed in the Hume basin. Wobonuch Indians once lived in the local area of Hume Lake, and they had to learn to live off the land. We will take a look at their lives through their food, shelters, beliefs and customs. Understanding a culture's past can help us understand our own.

### RAPPELLING

A great faith-building activity as well as a challenge, students will head out to our Rappelling Wall to try out their skills. After a safety and equipment briefing each student will be encouraged by their peers to conquer their fears and rappel all the way down.

### WATERFRONT ECOLOGY

Many organisms and creatures can be found in and around the waters edge. In this class, we will look at the ecology of our local freshwater waterfront here at Hume Lake, and study where the water comes from, how it sustains life, its importance to us and more. While many of us know that water is essential for daily life, students will also learn about some scaly & slimy creatures that call it their home. They will even be able to test their luck and see if they can catch some of their own creatures for themselves.

### WILDERNESS SURVIVAL

Not only is the ability to survive in a wilderness emergency a pre-requisite for back country travel, but you never know when you might find yourself in a situation where survival is all that matters. The keys to sustaining life are found in implementing a proper list of priorities and students will learn basic survival skills and how to adapt to their surroundings to stay alive. This class will be led by trained staff into the surrounding forest to demonstrate the skills of fire building, finding shelter, acquiring food and water, how to get around in the woods, and identifying common useful plants as well as ones to avoid as students attempt to "survive" disaster scenarios.

### MONDAY EVENING CHAPEL

#### MESSAGE 1: THE CHRISTIANS HOME AND HOPE IS IN HEAVEN

Narrative Passage: Daniel 1:1-2

#### SO WHAT?

As students walk out of chapel we want them to understand that:

- 1. We are living as exiles, meaning, the Christians' citizenship is in Heaven
- 2. God is sovereign
- 3. To live with resilience means to to keep our hope set in Heaven as our true home

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR CABIN DISCUSSIONS

[These are the questions that we will be giving your counselors to help guide their discussion in the cabins. Our hope is that the speaker's message sets the students up to answer/process through these questions]

- 1. Why are you here at camp this week? What are you hoping to gain from this week?
- 2. What does it mean to be an exile? What does that look like for you and I today?
- 3. Why is it important to place your hope in Heaven rather than the things of the world?

#### MONDAY'S DAILY VERSES

PSALMS 24:3-4 (ESV)

<sup>3</sup> Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? <sup>4</sup> He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.

### TUESDAY MORNING CHAPEL

# MESSAGE 2: | UNWAVERING FEAR OF GOD AND NOT MAN

Narrative Passage: Daniel 1:3-21

#### SO WHAT?

As students walk out of chapel we want them to understand that:

- 1. The reason for Daniel's resolve
- 2. To live with resilience means to fear God and not man

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR CABIN DISCUSSIONS

- 1. Are there things in your life that make it difficult to have the kind of resolve we see in Daniel? If so, what are those things?
- 2. What decisions can you make here at camp that will strengthen your walk with the Lord?

### TUESDAY'S DAILY VERSES

DANIEL 7:13-14 (ESV)

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# TUESDAY EVENING CHAPEL

# MESSAGE 3: PERSEVERING THROUGH TRIALS

Narrative Passage: Daniel 2 & 3

### SO WHAT?

As students walk out of chapel we want them to understand that:

1. To live with resilience means to expect trials, persecution and opposition, trusting God no matter the circumstance

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR CABIN DISCUSSIONS

- 1. Why is it difficult to trust God, especially when you are faced with difficult circumstances?
- 2. What changes in your life when you trust God with trials, rather than try to handle them on your own?
- 3. How can we practically trust God through our trials?

# WEDNESDAY MORNING CHAPEL

### MESSAGE 4: RIGHT UNDERSTANDING OF SIN

Narrative Passage: Daniel 4:1-33

#### SO WHAT?

As students walk out of chapel we want them to understand that:

1. A resilient follower of Jesus understands the truth of sin: that sin separates us from God, and we are dead in our sin

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR CABIN DISCUSSIONS

- 1. How does the sin of pride affect our culture and how does it affect your life?
- 2. Do you live your life for your own glory or God's glory?
- 3. Why is it so hard to confess our sin?

#### WEDNESDAY DAILY VERSES

DANIEL 4:34 (ESV)

<sup>34</sup> At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and praised and honored him who lives forever, for his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation;

# WEDNESDAY EVENING CHAPEL

MESSAGE 5: THE GOSPEL Narrative Passage: Daniel 4:34 - 6:28

#### SO WHAT?

As students walk out of chapel we want them to understand that:

1. A resilient follower of Jesus knows that they are saved by grace, through faith, and respond to this gift in surrender to God.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR CABIN DISCUSSIONS

- 1. Do you ever have a hard time believing that your sin could be forgiven?
- 2. How often do you remind yourself of the Gospel? Why is this important to do, even as believers?

#### GOSPEL

Tonight, our desire is the Gospel to be preached clearly: who Jesus is, why He had to come (His love and our sin), what He did (lived a perfect, blameless life; death on the cross; resurrection; ascension) and what that means to each of us. Our speaker will then challenge students to ask themselves if they understand their need for a Savior, and have an opportunity to respond, surrendering their life to Jesus. This message is not just for non-believers but for all of us, everyday. Each of us should stop and grasp that we need to acknowledge what Jesus did for us daily, and allow it to dictate the way we live; we should no longer live for sin but leave our old self and strive to live more like Him.

There is nothing at Hume that we take as seriously as the gospel. Our main reason for existing as a camp is so that students would accept Jesus as their personal Savior and grow in their faith. Our prayer is that tonight's gospel message would be a clear invitation to this relationship with their Creator for the first time. And for those who have already placed their faith and trust in Christ, we want to challenge them as well. We'll encourage them to ask themselves if they are fully surrendered to the Lord, and if they are allowing the truth of the Gospel, and God's Love for us demonstrated through Jesus' death on the cross, to truly impact how they live each day.

Our speaker will initially lead this time, and the students will be given an opportunity to demonstrate some type of physical action to display that a commitment has taken place [raising of hand, standing, walking forward, etc]. We do this for a few reasons: 1) it's not easy for a student to stand in front of their peers and hundreds of other strangers and neither is it easy to be a Christian; 2) it makes you (the administrators, teachers & parents) aware of who made a commitment and who to follow up with; 3) it allows the other students to come alongside and cheer them on, as well as welcome them into this family of faith. Students who make a commitment this night, will be encouraged to stay in the chapel so that they can have time to talk with their counselors helping to clarify what commitment they are making. The other students will be dismissed from the chapel in a discipline of silence. Nothing in camp will be open (no activities or things) for about 20 min after chapel so the students aren't missing out on anything by staying in chapel.

Taking time to prepare your counselors for this night is highly recommended. You can provide them with helpful scriptures that talk about salvation and repentance. The "Romans Road", as it is often referred to, is a great place to start: Romans 3:23, 6:23, 10:9,10, 8:1, 8:38,39.

### THURSDAY EVENING CHAPEL

#### MESSAGE 6: LIVING WITH RESILIENCE

Narrative Passage: Daniel 9

#### SO WHAT?

As students walk out of chapel we want them to understand that:

- 1. To have a definition of what resilience means and looks like.
- 2. As a follower of Jesus, we are to live with resilience.

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR CABIN TIME

- 1. How can we prepare our minds for the spiritual battle of living in the world?
- 2. What does it look like for you to love others the way Jesus has loved you?

#### THURSDAY DAILY VERSES

1 PETER 1:3-4 (ESV)

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#### **BONUS VERSES**

Daniel 3:14-18 (ESV)

<sup>14</sup> Nebuchadnezzar answered and said to them, "Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the golden image that I have set up? <sup>15</sup> Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, to fall down and worship the image that I have made, well and good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?" <sup>16</sup> Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. <sup>17</sup> If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. <sup>18</sup> But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."

