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Outdoor Education
Parent Resource Guide*



HUME LAKE OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Spring 2024 - Parent Resource Guide

We are so excited to have your child join us for our Outdoor Education week this Spring. In this packet of information, we will equip you, as a parent, with tools to prepare you and your child for his/her week at camp, and ensure he/she has an incredible, life-changing experience at camp.

We cannot truly express how grateful, honored, and blessed we are to get to spend the week with your child, and your child's school. We are excited to see God at work during the week of camp, as He challenges and transforms the hearts and lives of the students. We have been and will continue to pray for you and your child.

Please let your child's teacher or administrator know if you have any questions about the week of camp. We look forward to seeing your child soon.

Russell Halterman
School Ministries Director

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 PMRegistration – Meadow Hume Coffee Co.
2:00 PMFree Time Activities Open
4:30 PMCounselor Meeting - Meadow Hume Coffee Co.
5:30 PM.....Dinner – Cedar Hall
7:30 PMChapel – Meadow Ranch Chapel
8:45 PMFree Time – Ark & Lawn
9:30 PMHead for Bed
10:00 PMLights Out

TUESDAY

7:00 AMRise and Shine
8:00 AMBreakfast – Cedar Hall
8:30 AMCabin Clean-up / Couns. Meeting
9:00 AMChapel – Meadow Ranch Chapel
10:00 AMAdventure Class #1
12:00 PMLunch – Cedar Hall
12:30 PMJAM Time
1:30 PMAdventure Class #2
3:30 PMFree Time
5:30 PMDinner – Cedar Hall
6:10 PM.....All Camp Photo
6:15 PMEvening Recreation
7:00 PMChapel – Meadow Ranch Chapel
8:30 PMNight Game
9:15 PMHead for Bed
10:00 PMLights Out

WEDNESDAY

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 #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

THURSDAY

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
8:00 AMBreakfast – Cedar Hall
9:00 AMChapel – Meadow Ranch Chapel
10:00 AMSchool Breakout Time
11:00 AMPicnic / Sack Lunch – Cedar Hall
12:00 PMHead for 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 relevant 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)

³ Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? ⁴ 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)

¹³ 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. ¹⁴ And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages 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)

³⁴ 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)

³ 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, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefined and unfading, kept in heaven for you.

BONUS THEME PASSAGE

Daniel 3:14-18 (ESV)

¹⁴ 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? ¹⁵ 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?” ¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ 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.



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