

## **Wagon Train Frequently Asked Questions:**

## What grades attend elementary camp?

- Those students entering grades 3-5 in fall of 2022 (Current 2nd - 4th graders)

## What special accommodations will be made for COVID?

- Every child and counselor will need a negative COVID test to join us on the bus for Hume Lake.
- There will be masks for the large group gatherings inside the buildings, but not for outside play. While outside, the kids will enjoy a mask-free experience.

## Who will be watching my child?

- It will be a mix of counselors and Hume Lake staff. Every hour of the day is planned intentionally for your children. Wagon train staff will lead both the Calvary kids and counselors on special adventures.

#### Who are the counselors?

- The counselors are teachers, assistants, and parents from Calvary School and Church who have gone through a background check through Calvary and Hume Lake. We have spots for 32 kids and 8 counselors to join us this summer!

# How many kids are with each counselor?

- There are between 6 and 8 kids and 2 counselors in every wagon and your child will be bunking up with other kids from the Calvary community.

## Where will my child be sleeping?

 Our students get to sleep in covered wagons, open-aired cabins with wagon tops that are raised off the ground. (This is an actual picture of a Wagon train wagon). Every wagon has 10 bunk beds.

## What if my child has dietary restrictions?

- Hume Lake can accommodate most dietary restrictions. They have a special meal plan for those who need a gluten free option. (Note: this meal plan has a small additional fee). The camp is mostly nut-free and can accommodate any nut allergies. If you have a specific dietary concern, please contact apendergraft@calvarypalisades.org for more information.

## What if my child has a medication that he/she takes daily?

- Hume Lake has a full-time nurse on site to ensure that all the children's medical needs are met. If your child has daily medication, the on-site nurse will ensure that it's distributed.

#### Can my child email or call me?

Your child will not be able to contact you during the week. In order to make it a successful experience it's essential that there are *no devices* on campus. However, Amy Pendergraft will be in direct contact with you if your child is having a difficult time. She will also send updates and pictures so you can see the fun your son/daughter is having.

### Do I need to drive my own child to and from Hume Lake?

- No. We will transport your child to and from Hume Lake in a charter bus. We will meet in the Calvary parking lot at 8:15AM on July 31st and will return to Calvary around 3:30 PM on the 6th.

# What is included in the camp cost?

- The Wagon Train fee includes: every meal, the bus rides to and from camp, lunch on the way to Hume and the way home from Hume, a camp photo, a camp t-shirt, and all the activities while at Hume Lake.

### Are there other camp costs that I need to be aware of?

Your child will not need any money as every meal and activity is covered in your camp fees (along with a camp photo and t-shirt). That being said, many kids love the opportunity to spend their own money at the camp store on camp swag, snacks, popsicles and other treats. Most parents add between \$20-40 to their child's account. (Note: you will be able to track their purchases online from home and can add money if you choose to.)

# Are there other students at camp?

- Yes! One of the highlights for our students is the chance to make friends with other campers from all over California. We usually see between 2 and 4 other church groups attending during our week at camp. Though this is a fun part of the week, the Calvary kids will participate in all the games and activities together with other members from the Calvary Community.

#### What if my child is not the most confident swimmer?

- Hume Lake makes safety its foremost concern. Every water area (the small lake and pool) have multiple life guards ensuring that your child is safe. While kayaking on the lake, each child must be with a counselor and be wearing a life jacket. When they enjoy the 4 foot pool, they are under the watchful care of the fabulous lifeguards and counselors.

## What are some of the activities that my child can choose to participate in?

- Some activities that your child can enjoy are: archery, friendship bracelet making, crafting, BB gun target shooting, hiking, swimming, zip-lining, kayaking, swinging on a giant swing, gaga ball, capture the flag, water carnival, Stampede, and exploring Fort Logan (the three-story island fort). They'll also sit around a campfire singing worship songs, watch amazing skits about the Bible performed by the Wagon Train staff and hear morning and evening devotionals. We almost forgot to mention: D&G tag (an amazing game involving frisbees and hiding in bushes), Chipmunk rappelling rock, Trading Post, and a tree house fit for a king: Burnside Manor.

## Why would my child want to attend Wagon Train?

- Because it has been deemed every year as the "best week of my life" by Calvary kids!

## I love it! I'm IN! How do I register?

Go to <u>calvarypalisades.org/hume</u> on January 20th at 9:00 AM to secure your spot!

If you have other questions, please contact Amy Pendergraft at apendergraft@calvarypalisades.org