

Info from your program Team:

Hello There Friends!

We want you to know first off that WE ARE PRAYING FOR YOU!!! We know what a joy it is to bring kids to camp and have them see Jesus clearly. We also know that joy comes with a lot of hard work. The LORD has big plans for every single student AND leader that will be at Lost Canyon this summer, we can't wait to see it unfold.

We have 3 simple goals for our time with you:

1. **We want to be path clearers**- Our hope is that laughter, fun, adventure, safety, rest and beauty will make it very easy to hear the old and simple message of God's great love for us.
2. **We want to make you truth tellers**- You've promised kids the best week of their lives. We will do everything we can to make that happen.
3. **We want to be memory makers** - Our hope is that something that happens in your week at camp will stick with kids forever: a song, a joke, laughing with you. Our hope is that kids will remember their week at camp, and in that, remember how clearly they saw Jesus when they were with you.

Here are some things you need to be prepared for and bring to camp with you. Please remember that the events are a surprise. So as you're helping kids pack you want them to know what to bring, but you also want to keep the schedule a secret.

O-Course/Messy Games: Have students bring 2 sets of Grubby Clothes and one pair of Closed-toed shoes. They WILL get very wet and very muddy/dirty. Do NOT let your students wear brand new or expensive shoes- they will likely be throwing them away after camp! Consider a thrift store trip if you know kids don't have extra shoes. The messy game will be a rotating station based format, students can get as messy as they'd like.

Cabin Unity Event: Matching Cabin (or Area) Outfits. Either plan ahead with your students or surprise them once they get there! Think Crafty; what can you make out of cardboard and some spray paint? Or a T-shirt and some spray paint, or a cheap cooking tray, some cloth and some spray paint. Please come prepared- you will NOT be allowed to use camp property (i.e. sheets for togas/pillow cases etc). Keep in mind - what creates a "safe" environment? We have a lot of friends coming from different backgrounds, cultures and places. What might be funny for your area might not be funny for other areas at camp. Sometimes it can be distracting or divisive and that can cause harm or distract from a great camp week. (i.e. not dressing up as "Hawaiian" because it devalues our friends from Hawaii when they share camp with us)

Western Night: The Tableau, Square dance and Carnival will all be Western themed. It is certainly not a required outfit but always a fun addition to add a flannel shirt to your packing list, cowboy hat and/or boots.

All-Star Picnic: Sports Team attire- team jerseys/t-shirts/hats/etc. It is usually an individual-favorite team/sport, but matching is always fun - ie, all the same color socks and baseball t's or caps. Keep it simple! Favorite sports team jersey.

Fancy Dinner: For our last night of camp we'll have a nice banquet meal with our students to celebrate the week. They can "dress up" in whatever students consider fancy, especially thrift store gems. This can also be as simple as girls bringing a sundress & guys a shirt with a collar. It will be a great night of celebration & great pictures for your area.

A sign-up sheet will be passed around during our first leader meeting together at camp to sign up kids for the club games each night. Also expect a leader participation entertainment night, Day 2 of camp, more information to follow.

For arrival and departure please arrive between 2-4pm Day 1 and expect to depart at 2pm Day 6.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions regarding this letter. If you have specific ways in which we can serve your area or specific kids you'd like us to lift up in prayer, PLEASE send us an e-mail! We would love to pray for your kids and leaders by name until we have the chance to meet y'all in person. May the Lord keep you and bless you until our time together.

Much love,

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