YUBA CITY & GRIDLEY STAKE
AARONIC PRIESTHOOD CAMP
TUESDAY, JUNE 16th – SATURDAY, JUNE 20th
SENIOR STAFF INFORMATION

Dear Senior Staff,

We are thrilled that you are willing and able to attend this year's Aaronic Priesthood Camp in a leadership role. We are again combining the Yuba City & Gridley Stakes for what should be an amazing experience in God's magnificent creation in Zion's Camp. You will be richly blessed as you mentor and befriend other young men with varying degrees of talents, skills, abilities, strength and courage. You will learn a lot about yourself through diligent Christ-like service.

This year's Youth Theme is found in Moses 6:34, "And thou shalt abide in me, and I in you; therefore walk with me." You will use this to build the camp theme, logo & experience.

In addition to the rules in the camp handbook, we wanted to outline your specific responsibilities so that you can not only have the best personal experience but also help the other young men to develop confidence and skills, build friendships with others and deepen their relationship with our Savior. Your ability to be a sterling example, choose the right and demonstrate obedience to camp rules will help you and them feel and recognize the spirit and commune with God in nature.

While the camp takes place from Wednesday, June 17th to Saturday, June 20th at Zion's Camp, we are asking you to carpool or arrive at camp by noon on Tuesday, June 16th. We will provide a sack lunch.

Each one of you will have a responsibility to prayerfully prepare a *Return with Honor* lesson with your mentors to present to the wards on Thursday and Friday mornings. Bro. Staples will train us how to effectively teach on these lessons Tuesday evening.

We will need you to consider what worked well last year and what could be improved. The following were activities we had with varying degrees of success. *Think about those that you enjoyed and what may need to be adjusted or added to the menu of options.* Remember, this is your camp. It will be as good as you decide to make it. You will also need to select activities and workshops with which to assist.

- First Aid training (required)
- Knot tying, lashings (required)
- Auto maintenance (required)
- Missionary Hacks (required)
- Boats & tubing
- Mountain biking
- Jeeps 4x4
- Kayaking, canoeing
- Waterfront activities, Volleyball
- Fishing
- Pellet Guns
- Ax throwing
- Archery
- Board games & chess
- Wood working & carving
- Gold panning
- Dutch oven cooking

To keep every camper safe, all adult leaders will be in two deep leadership while supervising the youth in each ward and at each activity. Accordingly, the Senior Staff will always work in a pair (or a triple combination) with other Senior Staffers during the day minimizing the time that you are alone. There is strength and wisdom in numbers. Your partners and assignments may vary from day to day.

Once you have an assignment, make sure you fulfill it with a happy heart. Follow instructions and be exactly

obedient to keep everyone safe and the activities enjoyable. Please be attentive to the needs of your adult leaders and the young men around you. If the adults ask for assistance in instruction or participation, jump right in. Keep the activity areas clean, safe, orderly and organized and work hard to make them a fun and memorable experience. If there are times when you need to switch activities, please consult with one of the camp leaders.

In addition to free time activities where derby cars, ukeleles, frisbee golf and other recreational events will be available, will also have 3 camp-wide activities. We would like to add in a trebuchet competition on one of the days. Last year we did:

- Skits (Wed)
- Campwide Olympics (Thur)
- Lumberjack Games (Fri)

When you are not supporting a specific activity or workshop, find places to offer your leadership.

A few things to consider during the week:

- You hold the hold priesthood of God. As such, you represent Christ at all times.
- Respect your elders and they will give you many opportunities to grow and enjoy camp.
- Have a positive mental attitude. How you project yourself says much about how you feel inside.
- The young men look up to you. Find ways to compliment them and help them aspire higher.
- "If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things." (see: 13th Article of Faith)
- While good natured ribbing can be fun, never disparage other young men, call them out in front of their peers, ridicule them or take a joke too far. (see: D&C 121:36-46)
- Be kind. If you notice someone alone, hurting, anxious or afraid, find a way to serve them as the Savior would and get them to the place they need to be.
- While you will have personal and free time, you will be magnifying your assignment by always being ready to serve when there is a need and when you're asked.
- Treat everything as an adventure. If you're bored, change your attitude, find something to do & be productive.
- Be safe & don't put yourself or others intentionally in dangerous situations or subject your friends & adult leaders to challenges they are not equipped to handle.
- If there is conflict, de-escalate the situation. Be a peacemaker.
- Leave the world at home. You have several days in God's country. Soak it in. The worldly things can wait.
- Remember: doubt not, fear not!

We love you and look forward to our time with you during Aaronic Priesthood Camp. Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you.

Thank you for being you!

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Lance Christensen – Camp Director
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