



## ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF SAN JOAQUIN

# SUMMER CAMP

### Counselors

We are in need of counselors for our Diocesan trips to Hume Lake Christian Camp this summer. Hume Lake is a “youth group style camp” which means that campers come with their church or youth group and churches provide counselors for the students they send. We have the follow counselor needs for summer 2023:

- Elementary “Wagon Train”
  - July 30-August 5
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - Cost: \$300
  - 2 male counselors
  - 2 female counselors
- Middle School “Meadow Ranch”
  - June 4 – June 10
  - 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - Cost: \$300
  - 2 male counselors
  - 2 female counselors
- High School
  - July 30 – August 5
  - 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - Cost: \$300
  - 2 male counselors
  - 2 female counselors

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## Camp Counselor FAQ's

- **1) Do counselors have to pay?**
  - Yes, there is a fee for counselors to attend camp. It is about half the price of camper registration. However, the Diocese does not want cost to be an issue for counselors because if we don't have enough counselors then our campers can't go. Therefore, if you would like to serve as a counselor but cannot afford it, please contact John Iseman, Diocesan Youth Ministry Director, (518) 222-6722.
  
- **2) How old do counselors have to be?**
  - A minimum of 18 years old
  
- **3) What other requirements do counselors have to meet?**
  - A) Complete Anglican Diocese of San Joaquin child safety screening and training protocols
  - B) Complete an interview with John Iseman
  - C) Have a letter of recommendation sent from your Rector to John Iseman (family@spvisalia.com)
  - D) Attend the pre-camp trainings with John Iseman and other counselors.
    - These meetings will be held over Zoom.
  
- **4) What considerations should prospective counselors keep in mind?**
  - *Serving as a counselor is blessing and privilege.*
    - Serving as a summer camp counselor is an incredible blessing. The impact that a week of camp has on a child's spiritual life cannot be overstated. Summer camp is one of the best opportunities to build lasting relationships with youth and invest in their life of faith.
  - *Serving as a counselor is challenging.*
    - During a week of camp, you will be physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually challenged. You will likely have doubts about whether you will make it through the week. That is ok and normal. We will have steps in place to make sure everyone stays fresh and gets breaks as they need them. With that being said, serving at camp does require a certain amount of physical, emotional, and spiritual endurance – please take an honest appraisal of your ability to serve with joy even when you are feeling tired and “down” before you volunteer as a counselor.
    - Though being a counselor is challenging, it is more than worth it!
  
- **5) What is expected of counselors?**
  - More details will be covered in training. In a big picture way – counselors are always with the kids, keeping them safe, building relationships with them, helping facilitate fun, and shepherding them to camp activities. Essentially, counselors are the camp supervision. All the programming is provided by Hume Lake.
  - Counselors will sleep in cabins with the kids.

More questions? – Contact John Iseman, Diocesan Youth Ministry Director

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