

HOUSEBOATS 2018 INFORMATION PACKET



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# GENERAL INFORMATION/

**WHEN:** June 23-28<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**WHO:** Incoming 6th Graders through outgoing 8th Graders

**WHERE:** Bullards Bar Lake in Dobbins, CA

**WHY:** To get away from the normal routine and distractions of everyday life for some Christ centered fun and fellowship as an OVERFLOW family. Ultimately, the hope is that we would deepen our relationship with God and one another.

**COST:** \$625 (Refer to pg. 5 for details)

# THEME/

**THEME:** "LIGHTHOUSE"

**FOCUS SCRIPTURE:** John 1:1-14; Matthew 5:13-16

**DESCRIPTION:** Lighthouses provide a beacon of light to ships at sea, guiding them back home and safely to shore. Lighthouses ultimately serve as a beacon of hope in the midst of uncertainty, storms, and darkness. Jesus is the light(house) of the world, a beacon of hope, and the only one who can bring us back "home" to himself! As followers of Jesus, we now have an opportunity to shine this light by reflecting Jesus' goodness, beauty, and truth to others with the hope of pointing them back to source of this light, Jesus himself!

Come open to ask honest questions, seek understanding and discover who God is and what it means to follow Him!

# FINANCES/

**COST:** \$625

**COST INCLUDES:**

- Transportation (2 Charter Buses)
- All Food (With Help From Our Annual Snack Food Drive)
- Camp Merchandise: OVERFLOW Tank Top
- Houseboats, Ski Boats, and a variety of other water activities.
- Misc. Trip Expenses (program supplies, journals, etc.)
- Trainings for 30+ leaders including a nurse and lifeguard certified boat drivers.
- Guest Speaker: Ryan Zuelner (GFC Missions Pastor)
- 1 FREE FRIEND (Refer to Buy One Give One Program for details)

**HOW TO REGISTER FOR HOUSEBOATS:**

To register for Houseboats, please complete the following steps:

1. Log on to [OVERFLOWTHEYOUTH.COM](http://OVERFLOWTHEYOUTH.COM)
2. Click "Junior High"
3. Click "Houseboats 2018 Registration"
4. Click Register Now and complete all payment requirements

*\*Note: \$100 non-refundable deposit is all that is required to register and balances will be charged on May 9th, 2018*

**DOES THIS COST FEEL OVERWHELMING?**

**1. APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIP:**

Complete an application! Once turned in, we will determine how much we are able to allocate based on your scholarship needs. We can scholarship up to 50% of the trip cost depending on eligibility. Students that receive scholarship money are required to complete 5 hours of work program.

**2. WORK PROGRAM:**

Work for 5 hours at Grace Fellowship Church to earn \$50 trip credit. (\$10 credit for each hour worked)

**3. PAYMENT PLAN:**

Make monthly payments! (\$100 deposit still required to secure spot)

\*All forms attached on the following pages with instructions



# SCHOLARSHIP

## Guidelines

Our desire is to give all students the opportunity to participate in all youth trips & events, and understand there are times when the cost may be out of reach. For this reason, we have created a Scholarship Fund with the purpose of providing financial assistance to those who would not otherwise be able to attend.

The Scholarship Fund is made possible through donations received from many thoughtful individuals who recognize the valuable spiritual impact trips & events can have in a student's life.

## Scholarship Specifics:

1. All Scholarship recipients must complete our [Work Program](#), which you will need to coordinate through our youth office. Work Program finances received will be credited towards your overall camp balance.
2. Assistance is normally granted on a partial basis as need is determined. The maximum amount this program can provide for any individual is up to one half (50%) of the trips total cost. (Consider using our [Payment Plan](#) for the remaining balance if needed. Email us to get that form.)

**Scholarship Process:** Follow the steps below in order to get your scholarship form processed.

- o Register 4 Camp & Pay Deposit
- o Submit Scholarship Application To Youth Pastor
- o Schedule Work Program
- o Complete Work Program Prior To Trip or Event

**If the cost is the only reason for not attending a trip or event, and our scholarship program won't fund enough please let us know so we can problem solve more. We don't want finances to be the reason you can't attend camp.**

**SCHOLARSHIP FORM /**

Trip Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Trip Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicants Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Student

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Trip Cost: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Deposit Required:

\$\_\_\_\_\_

Have you received Scholarship assistance from us in the past? \_\_\_\_\_ If Yes, What Trip: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Received? \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the circumstances surrounding your need for financial assistance: (Use back of sheet if necessary.) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Will a 50% Scholarship meet your financial needs? If not let us know so we can look at other financial options. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Sign this application stating you have a true financial hardship that would prevent your child from attending camp without financial assistance.

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Parent or Guardian (required)



# WORK PROGRAM/

As a student you are eligible to work off a portion of your trip by working here at the church doing miscellaneous, needed tasks. The church will pay you by crediting your trip.

It's our desire that all students be able to participate in our trips without financial need preventing them from attending. Our ministry has set aside funds which students can access through this Work Program. Please read below for specific details.

## **Work Program Details:**

### **How much money can a student earn?**

- o \$10 an hour (credited to your account)
- o \$50 maximum (5 hours of work)

### **How do students complete the Work Program?**

- o Email the youth leader to schedule your five hours of work.
- o Have your leader sign off your hours & credit your account.

### **How often can students participate in the Work Program?**

- o One time per trip.
- o Students must fill out a new form for each trip.

**WORK PROGRAM COMPLETION FORM/**

Please complete the form below and turn in to your OVERFLOW Youth Staff.

**To Be Completed by Student:**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Trip Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of Trip: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**To Be Completed by Church Oversight:**

Give a brief description of the work the student completed:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Hours Student Worked: \_\_\_\_\_ (Time Card Attached)

Total Amount Earned: \_\_\_\_\_

Once this form is completed and signed off by both parties, you will be credited the necessary amount for the trip you are raising money for.

**Youth Staff Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Student:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

# PAYMENT PLAN/

**Description:**

We know that camp can be expensive, especially when you have multiple students attending, and we strongly feel that the lack of finances should not be the reason why your son or daughter cannot attend. We'd love to help in anyway we can to make camp a possibility.

If setting up a payment plan would be helpful then we want to make that possible. Please complete, and return the form below as soon as possible so we can process your monthly payment schedule.

**How does it work?**

Decide how much you'd like to finance, what timeline you'd be able to commit to, and what card you want your monthly payment to be deducted from. Fill out the form next page completely as it will walk you through this information. Once completed, please turn this form into our youth office for approval. All payment plans are held confidential.

**PAYMENT PLAN APPLICATION /**

**Financed Amount:** \$\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_ This is the amount that you'll be paying off

**Payment Length:** You can choose how many months you would like to take to payoff this trip. If you are financing less than 50% of the trip you can choose a 1-4 month payment period, or if you are financing 50% or more of the trip cost then you can choose a 1-6 month payment period.  
 Number of Months I'll be financing: \_\_\_\_\_

**Withdrawal Date:** You may choose what date you'd like your monthly payment to be deducted from your account. Your monthly withdrawal will start the month after this form is turned in. I would like my payments to be deducted on the \_\_\_\_\_ of every month.

**Credit Card Information:** Please give us the information from the credit/debit card you'll be using.

First & Last name of Cardholder: \_\_\_\_\_

Trip Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Type:    *Visa*    *MasterCard*    *American Express*

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

I commit to following through with this payment plan and give Grace Fellowship Church permission to follow through with the following payments.

x: \_\_\_\_\_ x: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Holder Signature

OVERFLOW Staff

# DAILY SCHEDULE/

## Description:

Each morning, we will wake up and spend time with God using daily devotionals with focused Bible passages. After breakfast, we will have various activities to choose from such as: ski boat runs, crafts, games, fishing and other water activities. After lunch, we will compete by boat in our annual 'Olympic Hour' and students will participate in a variety of games to win points for their boat. After Olympic Hour, it will be free time until dinner. Every day will end with a family style dinner, a teaching program, and small groups.

## Example Day:

**7-7:30am-** Wake Up and Devotionals  
**7:30-8am-** Get Ready for the day  
**8-8:30am-** Breakfast  
**8:30-12pm-** Freetime  
**12-1pm-** Lunch  
**1-2pm-** Olympic Hour (Group Recreation)  
**2-5:30pm-** Free Time  
**5:30-6pm-** Prepare for Dinner  
**6-7pm-** Dinner  
**7-8:30pm-** Nightly Program  
**8:30-9:00pm-** Small Groups  
**9-10pm-** Free Time  
**10-10:30pm-** Bed Time  
**10:30pm-** Lights Out

# TRIP FAQ'S /

## **What is the address of Bullards Bar Lake?**

Emerald Cove Marina  
12571 Marysville Road  
P.O. Box 480  
Dobbins, CA 95935

## **How long is the drive and what does transportation look like?**

It is approximately a 8 1/2 hour drive with a 30 min lunch stop and a couple rest stops along the way. We will be taking two 47 passenger charter buses with drivers.

## **What does the trip cost (\$625) cover?**

The trip cost covers all transportation, meals, all things houseboat related, ski boat rentals, trained leaders, the speaker for the week, a HOUSEBOATS 2018 tank top, a trip journal, and all things necessary for a safe and fun week.

## **What are the sleeping arrangements?**

All students will sleep on top of the houseboats in sleeping bags under the stars separated by gender (best part of the trip). 2 Male adult leaders and 2 Female Adult Leaders will be sleeping on top of the boats with the students on the designated sides. *Note: There are guard rails around the entire top of the boat that will prevent anyone from falling off accidentally.*

## **What is the student to leader ratio and who are the leaders?**

We are bringing up one leader for every three students (35 total). Each leader has volunteered their time to support and love your students for this week. They are either currently volunteering with OVERFLOW as small group leaders, have

volunteered in the past, or are currently High School student leaders. These leaders love Jesus and understand and abide by our church values. In addition, each leader has a specific role for this trip and has been trained accordingly:

**Captains:** Boat Drivers (1 per boat)

**First Mates:** Small Group Leader (1 Male/Female per boat)

**Skippers:** Cooking Staff (1 per boat - HS student leaders)

**Leads:** Lead Counselor/Staff Support (1 per boat)

**Life Guard:** Trained Lifeguard for Water Activities (1 total)

**Nurse:** Medication Distribution and Emergency Care (1 total)

### **What safety precautions do you take?**

We have a certified medic (Nurse) as well as multiple CPR certified leaders. We also have a medical protocol, hospital run protocol, and incident report procedures that each leader is aware of and trained to execute.

### **Will my child be on the same boat as his/her friends?**

Only first time visitors and incoming 6th grades will intentionally be on the same boat as a close friend or the friend that brought them. There is a chance students will end up on a boat with their friends but one of our primary goals for this week is to unify our youth group as a whole which may entail not being with all of your friends. During the day, students are all-together and are free to spend time with whoever they would like. The only time that students are separated by boat is for sleeping, meals, "Olympic Hour"(explained below) and daily boat runs to ensure each student gets the same amount of boat runs a day.

### **What time will my child be going to bed and waking up?**

Sleep is very important for a fun and safe week. Bedtime is 10pm with "lights out"/voices off at 10:30. Wake up/devotional time is at 7am with the sunshine! We do have nightly free time from 9-10p and if students are tired they are welcome to go to bed at that time.

### **Is my child allowed to bring their cell phone? Am I allowed to contact my student throughout the week?**

We do not allow students to bring any electronics for any reason. This is a great opportunity for your child to unplug from distractions. When you check your child in the morning we leave, we will give you a list of emergency numbers and contact info. We will also be sending daily text message updates via our text message system. Service is unreliable at times so please be patient with those updates.

**“This is my child’s first time away from home and they are very nervous, how can I encourage them prior to the trip?”**

It is completely normal for Junior Highers to feel anxious about being away for the first time. First, encourage them that they are not the only ones feeling this way. Secondly, remind them that there are leaders available for them for anything that they need. Third, this is an awesome time for them to grow and meet new people. If it appears to be an “emergency” your kid may use our phone to contact you but we will encourage them to wait a day to see how they feel. Lastly, and most importantly, pray with and for your child that God would ease any anxiousness they may have. (Philippians 4:6)

**“This is my child’s first time away from home and I am very nervous about the “influence” of older students, particularly in settings like the bus, bedtime conversations, etc.?”**

This a valid concern. The houseboat trip is open to incoming 6th graders — outgoing 8th graders which has beautiful and intentional value. We have seen fruitful friendships between older students and younger students form on these trips and we want to continue to see that. We recognize that there is a risk for younger students to engage in appropriate or inappropriate conversations beyond their maturity or understanding. We cannot control what students share with each other or what your kids hear, but we can foster a safe and respectful culture and environment where students understand the expectations for our OVERFLOW family. Many of the older students in OVERFLOW have been involved since 6th grade and understand the expectation of respectful and appropriate conversations and the importance of a safe environment. This will be reiterated and enforced by our leadership team during the trip. If we catch wind of any conversations that we feel are important for you to be aware of, we will fill you in when we return. We don't expect this to happen, but in a culture where it is increasingly difficult to filter inappropriate or false ideas we are not



naive to this risk, and value the opportunity you have as parents to address these issues in a constructive way when we get back home.



# BUY 1 GIVE 1/

## READ ME FIRST

To begin the process, grab a commitment card from an OVERFLOW leader to begin praying for the person you would like to bring on the trip. Step number two is the application. This application is 100% confidential.

To give your FREE spot away to your friend please follow the Buy1Give1 Friend Requirements listed below. Thoroughly read through these requirements before filling out the application.

**Buy1Give1 Friend Requirements:** Your friend must meet the following requirements in order to receive a B1G1 spot.

- Must claim to be a non-Christian
- Has never received a B1G1 spot in the past
- Has never attended one of our camps, retreats, or mission trips
- Does not regularly attend our church or any other Christian church

**Buy1Give1 Hints:** Use these helpful hints while filling out your application. This will insure your friend's approval.

- Thoroughly explain all responses with articulate, full sentence answers
- Read through the application before completing
- Have a conversation first in order to appropriately answer all questions
- Do NOT turn in until 100% completed
- Only turn in if your friend meets all B1G1 requirements

The B1G1 program is funded through a grant raising support for non-Christians. We cannot fill spots with students who don't meet **ALL** requirements. If your friend doesn't – that's OKAY – ask us about other ways to get them to camp!

**How to Apply:** Put the completed application in an envelope with your name on it and give it to your youth ministry staff. Spots fill fast and are first come first serve. We will email you on the next steps after receiving your application.

**THE APPLICATION/**

**Your Information:**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

The Camp Your Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoroughly fill out the information below based on the **FRIEND** you want to bring to camp.

**Your Friends Information:**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

**Short Answer Questions:** Answer the following questions in complete sentences - with very thorough, well throughout, and direct explanations.

1) How would you describe the relationship you have with this person?

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2) What religion would your friend specifically say they identify with? For example, Atheist, Mormon, Muslim, Jewish, Agnostic, New Age, etc.

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3) How would you describe the state of your friend's spirituality?

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5) How do you think your friend will react to going to camp and hearing the Gospel?

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6) Have you shared Jesus with your friend? If yes, how did they respond? If no, why not?

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7) What is the spiritual dynamics/background of your friend's household?

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8) Has your friend ever attended one of our youth group trips, camps, retreats, or events? Please explain if needed.

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9) Is your friend a regular attender of our church or any other church? Please explain if needed.

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10) This will take lots of prayer, mental prep and persistence. Are you up to the challenge to invite your friend to join you at camp?

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By signing I confirm that all the information above is 100% accurate and well thought out. I acknowledge that this Buy1Give1 program is setup as a way to introduce non-Christians to God through camp and is not for bringing a friend who does not meet those requirements.

\*Incomplete applications will be given back!

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Your Signature

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Parent Signature

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Today's Date

**All applications are for internal use only in order to fund your friend's camp experience. Everything listed above is 100% confidential and will NOT be shared with your friend unless given permission by you.**