

**OVERFLOW THE YOUTH
JUNIOR HIGH**

HOUSEBOATS 2019 INFORMATION PACKET



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GENERAL INFORMATION

WHEN: June 22-27th, 2019

WHO: Incoming 6th Graders through current 8th Graders

WHERE: Bullards Bar Lake in Dobbins, CA

WHY: To get away from the normal routine, rhythms, and distractions of everyday life for some Christ centered fun and fellowship as an OVERFLOW family. We will have space to deepen our relationship with God and one another.

COST: \$700 (Refer to pg. 5 for details)

THEME

THEME: "The Way"

FOCUS SCRIPTURE: John 14:6

DESCRIPTION:

What is the "good life"? Or in other words, how do we live a "full" life? In our current cultural moment, there are countless visions of what it means to live a "full" life, most of which are centered around our own personal pleasure, comfort, success, and other self-centered pursuits. Jesus offers a different vision for a full life, one that is centered around Him. In John 14, we see Jesus tell his followers that He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life and no one can enter a relationship with God except through Him. Jesus is the only Way to a full life with God now and forever! Join us as we explore what it means to follow Jesus and His Way!

FINANCES

Cost: \$700 (\$100 non-refundable deposit is all that is required to register)

Cost Includes:

- Transportation (2 Charter Buses)
- All Food
- Camp Merchandise: OVERFLOW Tank Top
- Houseboats, Ski Boats, and a variety of other water activities.
- Misc. Trip Expenses (program supplies, journals, etc.)
- 30+ trained leaders including a nurse and lifeguard certified boat drivers.
- Guest Speaker: Austin Payne (High School Pastor at Northcoast Church)

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 for up to 4 months! A \$100 deposit still required to secure your spot.

*all forms attached on the following pages with instruction

DAILY SCHEDULE

Description:

Our days will be full of fun and fellowship. Our mornings will be spent in solo time with God and we will end the day in worship and teaching together with fun-filled free time in between.

Example Day:

7-7:30am- Wake Up and "Solo" Time with God
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 FAQs

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 (\$700) cover?

The trip cost covers all transportation, meals, all things houseboat related, ski boat rentals, trained leaders, the speaker for the week, a HOUSEBOATS 2019 shirt, 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. 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 in case of emergency. We are an hour away from the nearest hospital, so safety precautions are of huge importance to us.

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

Only new students and incoming 6th graders 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 you 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 10:30pm. Wake up/devotional time is at 7am with the sunshine! We do have nightly free time from 9-10pm 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 Higher’s 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 ONE GIVE ONE

Read Me First

Thank you for turning in your Commitment Card. Now, here is step number two – 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?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9) 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?

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!

Your Signature

Parent Signature

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.