

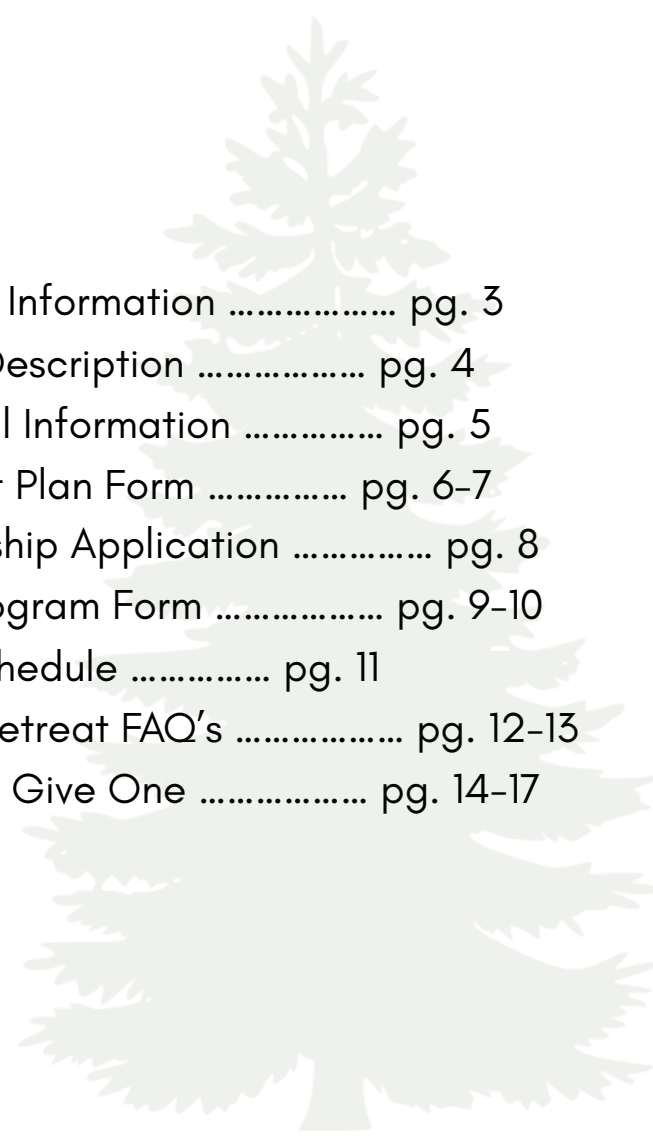


BEYOND THE BRIM

An Overflowing Life

WINTER RETREAT 2019
INFORMATION PACKET

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GENERAL INFO //

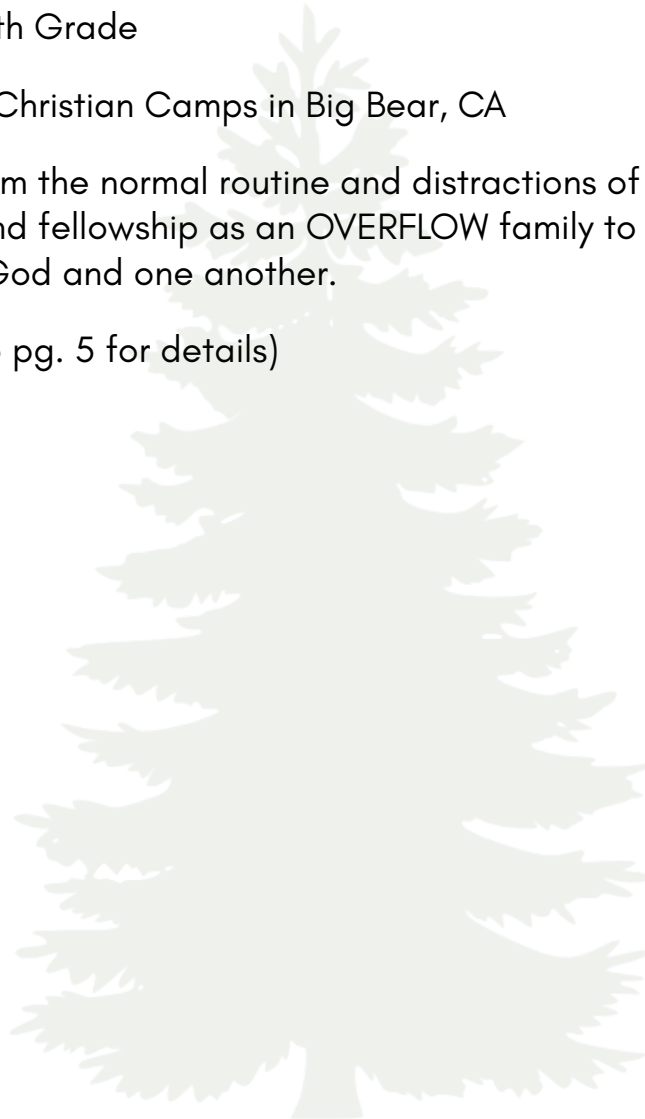
WHEN: January 18th - 21st, 2019

WHO: 6th Grade to 8th Grade

WHERE: Pine Summit Christian Camps in Big Bear, CA

WHY: To get away from the normal routine and distractions of home for some Christ centered fun and fellowship as an OVERFLOW family to focus on deepening our relationship with God and one another.

COST: \$300 (Refer to pg. 5 for details)



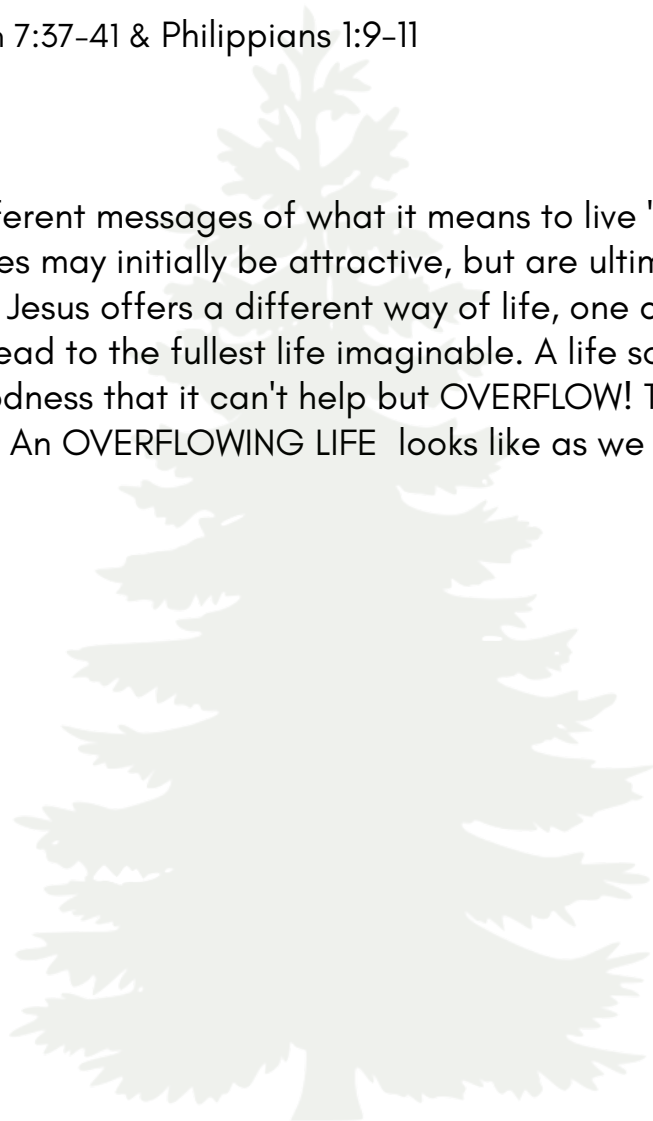
THEME //

Theme: Beyond the Brim: An Overflowing Life

Focus Scripture: John 7:37-41 & Philippians 1:9-11

Description:

The world is full of different messages of what it means to live "the good life." These self-centered messages may initially be attractive, but are ultimately misleading and empty in the end. Jesus offers a different way of life, one centered around Him that he promises will lead to the fullest life imaginable. A life so full of God's love, truth, beauty, and goodness that it can't help but OVERFLOW! This weekend we are going to explore what An OVERFLOWING LIFE looks like as we trust and follow Jesus!



FINANCES //

Cost: \$300 (\$100 non-refundable deposit is all that is required to register)

COST INCLUDES:

- Transportation (1 Charter Bus)
- Camp Merchandise: OVERFLOW Long Sleeve
- Cabin Rentals and Pine Summit Amenities
- Winter Activities (i.e. sledding, games, etc.)
- Misc. Trip Expenses (program supplies, journals, etc.)
- 10+ Trained Leaders
- 1 FREE FRIEND (Refer to Buy One Give One Program for details)

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 instruction

PAYMENT PLAN //

We know that camp can be expensive, especially when you have multiple students attending, and 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.

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: _____
Card Holder Signature

x: _____
OVERFLOW Staff

SCHOLARSHIP FORM //

Application 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.)

How much do you need in scholarship? _____

If you need more than 50% of the trip cost, please 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.

X _____
Signature of Parent or Guardian (required)

WORK PROGRAM //

Thank you for showing an interest in our OVERFLOW Work Program. As an OVERFLOW 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 for your hours worked as a trip credit.

This program was established in order to give another resource, aside from fundraising and scholarships, to gain money towards camp. Use this to show your parents that you are willing to work off a part of camp.

It's the OVERFLOW's desire that all students be able to participate in our functions without "financial need" preventing them from attending. The OVERFLOW Work Program was created because of generous donations made by families in our community and in our church. Our ministry has set aside funds which students can access through this Work Program. Please read below for specific details.

If you are applying for a OVERFLOW Scholarship you must complete the 5 hours of required work. The \$50 you'll earn from the work program will be credited to your balance. You do not have to apply for a scholarship in order to earn money from the work program.

WORK PROGRAM DETAILS:

How much money can a student earn?

\$10 an hour (paid by OVERFLOW)

\$50 (5 hours of work) for trips is the maximum a student can earn.

How do students complete the Work Program?

Email the OVERFLOW office to schedule your five hours of work. Have Grace Fellowship Church sign off on your Work Program form and turn it in.

*Must work during OVERFLOW office hours: Tues. - Fri. 9:00a-5:00p

How often can students participate in the OVERFLOW Work Program?

Students can participate in this program once for every trip/camp. Students must fill out a new form for each trip/camp.

Work Program COMPLETION FORM

Please complete the form below. Have your "BOSS" (whoever hired you) for this job complete the portions of the form that are relevant.

To Be Completed By Student:

Trip/Camp Name: _____

Dates of Trip/Camp: _____

Student Name: _____

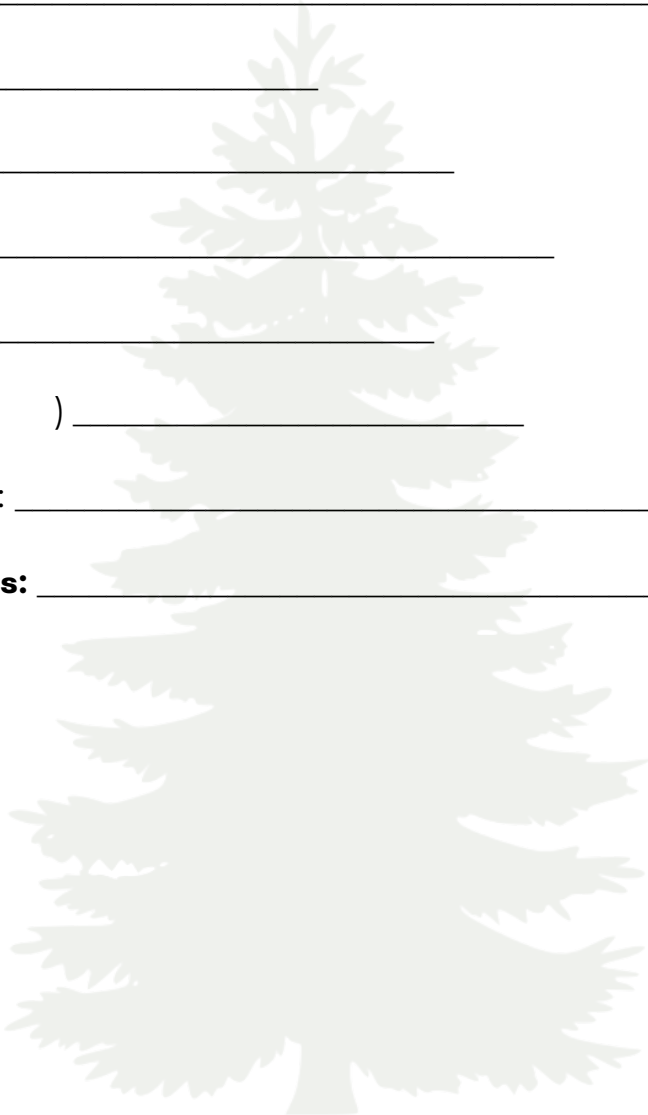
Parent Name: _____

Home Phone: () _____

Student Cell Phone: () _____


Parent Email Address: _____

Student Email Address: _____



DAILY SCHEDULE //

EXAMPLE DAY:

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- 7:00am** - Wake Up
 - 7:15am** - Quiet Time: Guided
 - 8:00am** - Breakfast
 - 9:00am** - Group Activity (i.e. Dodgeball, Kickball, Snowball Fight)
 - 11:00am** - Freetime
 - 12:00pm** - Lunch
 - 1:00pm** - Free Time (i.e. Games, Crafts, Outdoor Activities)
 - 6:00pm** - Dinner
 - 7:00pm** - Nightly Program (Teaching, Worship, Prayer)
 - 8:30pm** - Cabin Time (i.e. Small Group Discussion)
 - 9:30pm** - Free Time (Mellow Games and Hang Out)
 - 10:30pm** - Lights Out

***The schedule will vary each day.**

TRIP FAQ'S //

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Pine Summit Address

700 Wren Dr, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315

What does the \$300 cover?

The trip cost covers all transportation, meals, activities, lodging, the cost of adult leaders, a Winter Retreat long sleeve, a trip journal, and all things necessary for a safe and fun week.

What are the transportation arrangements?

We will be taking one charter bus and the church van. Drop off and pick up will be at Grace Fellowship Church. At time of registering, please notify us if your child is prone to car sickness so we can assign them to the best vehicle option (dramamine recommended).

What are the sleeping arrangements?

All students will be sleeping in separate cabins divided by gender. We will be lodging in Pine Summit Christian Camp cabins. There will be one large boys cabin and two girls cabins directly next to one another.

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

Our typical ratio for this trip is 6 students to one leader. All adult leaders are our current small group leaders and are well trained for these trips.

What safety precautions do you take?

We have multiple CPR certified leaders on our trip in addition to Pine Summit's on

site medical staff. We also have a medical protocol, hospital run protocol, and incident report procedures that each leader is aware of and trained to execute.

Is my student allowed to bring their cell phone? Am I allowed to contact my student throughout the weekend?

We do not allow students to bring any electronics for any reason. When you check your child in on the day of departure, we will give you a list of emergency numbers. If there is an emergency or you need to get ahold of your child, you have permission to call Trevor and Camryn and we will connect you to your child. A weekend away from cell phones is a great way for your student to unplug from distractions.

“My child is nervous about being away from home, how can I encourage them prior to the trip?”

It is completely normal for students to feel anxious about being away from home. 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. Lastly, and most importantly, pray with and for your child that God would ease any anxiety they may have. (Philippians 4:6)

Will my child be in the same cabin as his / her friends?

For this specific trip, all girls will be lodging together with their small group and all boys will be lodging together with their small group. 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 in groups is for cabin time after our nightly program. We do not take requests; however, Buy One Give One students will always be placed with the friend who brought them.

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?

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

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

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

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

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

2) 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.