

# JH Camp 2025 | Campus By The Sea (Catalina) FAQ

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## Campus By The Sea Address

1 Gallagher's Cove, Avalon, CA 90704 (Catalina)

## Camp Dates

June 26-30th (5 Days, 4 Nights)

## Registration Open Date

February 28th

## OVERFLOW Campus by the Sea Cost: **\$745**

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## Why Hume SoCal to Campus By The Sea?

We have always aimed for our Junior High trips to be meaningful, memorable, affordable and conducive for building into community and our relationship with Jesus. While Hume Lake and Hume SoCal have served us in these ways the last few years we have prayerfully considered other options that would be a better fit for our Junior High group. After careful consideration, we decided to make the switch to Campus by the Sea because it is:

1. **Affordable.** The per day cost is comparable to most camps including Hume but with less nights and a lower transportation cost it will overall be significantly more affordable.
2. **Unique and Memorable.** Catalina is such a beautiful and unique place. Campus by the Sea is located in a private cove with a variety of activities and amenities only accessible to the camp. Snorkeling, tubing, fishing, swimming, hiking, pickleball, basketball, beach volleyball, kayaking, outdoor worship spaces and dining, etc. Additionally, there will only be a few other churches there with us providing opportunity for our group to really build memories together.
3. **Simple and Sustainable.** We love youth camps. And yet, the facilities and schedules of most youth camps often leave staff and students feeling drained and exhausted early on in the trip. This pace can take away from the meaningful experiences we hope to share. The general pace, facility, and schedule of Campus by the Sea reflects a conducive environment for young people to learn, grow and have fun.

Our High School group will continue to go to Hume Lake each year so every OVERFLOW student will have four years to enjoy the amazing experience once in High School.

## What's the Cost Breakdown?

The cost of camp covers all transportation, Campus by the Sea (CBS) costs, activities, lodging, an OVERFLOW shirt, a trip journal, and all things necessary for a safe and fun week. CBS charges about \$200 less overall than Hume SoCal mostly because it has fewer days. Also, CBS includes the ferry transportation cost within their per camper cost, making transportation a bit less per person overall. We are grateful we were able to bring the cost down for both Winter & Summer camps this year without compromising value. Below you will find a per person price breakdown of where your money will go.

**Per Person Price Breakdown:** OVERFLOW Price: \$745

Campus by the Sea Camper Cost = \$655

Transportation (Bus Cost, Ferry included in camp cost) = \$50

OVERFLOW T-Shirt = \$20

OVERFLOW Trip Journal = \$5

Leadership Costs = \$147

Misc Costs = \$30

**Actual Total Cost:** \$907

OVERFLOW Grace Fellowship Underwriting Per Camper = **(\$162)**

## Deposit & Final Balance

Registration requires a \$250 deposit initially, and then a remaining balance (\$495) by Tuesday, April 29th or to submit a payment plan form. We understand this cost is significant especially for families with multiple children. We do not want finances to be the reason your child cannot attend camp, so please do not hesitate to apply for Financial Assistance [HERE](#).

## What are the transportation arrangements?

As always, we will meet at Grace for orientation before getting on a charter bus through LuxBus America from the church to the San Pedro port. From there, Campus By The Sea privately charters a ferry for churches to get to camp (just north of Avalon). The boat will only have boat staff, Campus By The Sea Staff, and churches aboard. See the picture below, we're so excited! We will provide adequate resources for anyone who gets seasick.



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

All students will be sleeping in separate cabins by gender as designated by Campus By The Sea. There will be 1-2 leaders for every 6-8 students in a cabin. There are girl-designated and boy-designated cabins intermixed with all grades. Please note, we will be in cabins of just Grace Fellowship students.

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

Maybe, but we do not take requests; however, newer students will always be placed with the friend who brought them and most every student will have someone they are familiar with in their cabin. 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 at the end of the night and sleeping. We love that we get to mix up our cabins so students get to meet and spend time with others who they may not be as close to yet.

### **Can my child invite a friend?**

While we would love for all to join us for camp, the reality is that we have limited spots available. Because of this, we prioritize our camps as being opportunities for those already within OVERFLOW to have space to grow in relationship with one another; we ask that you do not invite friends who are not already a part of our community. For any interested in OVERFLOW, please have parents reach out to us!

### **Do you accommodate my food allergy and/or dietary restriction?**

From Campus By The Sea: "Our food service team is ready to serve those with special dietary needs or food allergies. We can easily accommodate those with allergies to nuts, gluten, dairy, and other common dietary restrictions."

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

Campus By The Sea has an infirmary on the premises which is staffed with one doctor, nurses, and nursing students during the summer. In the event that we need to do a hospital run, Grace Fellowship brings an additional leader (or two) who is our designated hospital runner for all of our camps, however see below for hospital protocol.

### **What if my child needs medical attention off the island?**

In the event that your child needs to go to a hospital or otherwise off the island, we will have a designated hospital runner who can accompany your child. Parents are responsible for making plans and financially covering transportation off the island. There are multiple options available in this case, though we hope and pray this will not be required! Campus by the Sea nursing staff are well equipped for most situations.

### **What type of land recreation is offered by Campus By The Sea?**

From Campus By The Sea: "We offer basketball, volleyball, ping-pong, gaga ball, hiking, and campfires. Skateboards, roller-blades, and mountain bikes are not permitted." As always, OVERFLOW will provide plenty of games and activities as well!

### **What type of water recreation is offered by Campus By The Sea?**

From Campus By the Sea: "Waterfront recreation includes kayaking, paddle boarding, snorkeling, water mat, swim float, fishing, swimming, and tube runs. A swim test will be conducted at the beginning of the first waterfront for all campers. Any campers that do not pass or choose not to participate in the swim test will be required to wear a life jacket while doing any water activities. Life jackets are required for all campers on any water recreation equipment, kayaks, and paddleboards."

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

Our typical ratio for this trip is 7:1 (students to leader). All adult leaders are current small group leaders and OVERFLOW alumni who are well trained for these trips.

### **Is my child allowed to bring their cell phone? Am I allowed to contact my child 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 our OVERFLOW staff and we will connect you with your child. A weekend away from cell phones is a great way to rest from electronics.

### **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. We recommend the following when talking to your child...

1. Encourage them that they are not the only ones feeling this way.
2. Remind them that there are leaders available for anything that they need.
3. This is an awesome time for them to grow and meet new people.
5. Lastly, and most importantly, pray with and for your child that God would ease any anxiety they may have. (Philippians 4:6)

### **What is the Cancellation Policy?**

Great Question! Check out our [Grace Fellowship Church Cancellation Policy Here](#).

Do you have another question that wasn't answered in the FAQ? Email Bre, Luke, or Trevor:

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