



Cornerstone Houseboats Summer Camp

June 14-19, 2010

Dear Student & Parent,

As you no doubt already know, this year we're returning once again to Sonshine Specialized Camping Ministries for our Houseboats Summer Camp. Sonshine offers what we consider to be one of the finest camp programs in the country and we're excited to be able to take our Jr. High and High School students to Houseboats again this summer.

Who:

Summer camp is for all students who have completed 6th through 12th grade.

Where:

Our houseboat trip will be on Lake Shasta departing out of Digger Bay Marina.

When:

We'll be leaving the Cornerstone Church Office at **12:30pm** on Monday, June 14 and return around **3:30pm** on Saturday, June 19.

Why:

To get away from the hectic schedule of daily life, the "noise" that surrounds us and spend time focusing on God. Sonshine's program is about fellowship. We go away together to grow closer to God and each other.

How much:

The total cost for the week, including travel and meals will be **\$350.00**. There are only 13 spots available. To help with the cost of camp, we're offering a payment plan this year. To secure your spot, turn in the **\$50 deposit**, along with the **Registration Form**. With **\$70 per month payments** starting in February, camp can be paid for when we leave in June. In addition to the payment plan, we will have at least two fundraisers to help with the cost of camp.

Paying for Camp

After turning in your \$50 non-refundable deposit, your balance (your balance is how much you still owe) will be \$300. Paying the deposit secures your spot and opens your "account." No fund raiser money can be applied to the deposit, but fundraiser money will apply to your balance. If you prefer, you may pay the entire amount at once, and once fundraiser money is applied to your account (up to \$300) any overage that you paid will be refunded to you.

Fund Raiser Overage – If, after the fundraisers, you have extra money in your account, that money can either be refunded, or applied to another student. For

example – if you pay \$350 over several months and then earn \$100 in the Work-A-Thon, and \$100 in other fundraisers, then \$200 will be refunded to you as that is how much over you have paid. You can be refunded up to \$350. Any funds you earn over \$350 will be put in the Scholarship fund.

May 30 – Your entire \$350 must be paid and all forms turned in.

On May 31, any spot not paid in full or with forms not turned in will be released to the waiting list. Cornerstone is contractually required to pay for each spot whether or not someone goes in that spot. All spots must be filled. If you sign up after May 1st, you must pay the entire amount at the time of sign up. If, at any time, you become unable to attend, notify the Cornerstone office immediately. All payments you have made will be non-refundable unless someone is found to take your spot. (If someone is found to take your spot, only the amount you have paid, less the \$50 deposit will be refunded. Any money you have raised through fundraisers will go to the scholarship fund.) The church is financially obligated to pay the entire fee for each spot we reserve and if someone cannot be found to take your spot, Cornerstone Church still has to pay for that spot, even if you don't go. Any money you raise in excess of your camp fee (less the deposit) goes into the scholarship fund.

Fundraisers

There will be at least two official fundraisers available for students. The first is the Work-A-Thon. Students will find people to sponsor them to work for a specified number of hours at a group project to be determined. The second will be an individual products sale. More information will be released later on dates and details of these fundraisers. If a student puts in the effort they can raise their entire way to camp.

***Note:** If a student raises more than their balance for camp, the overage will be put in the scholarship fund. The overage can not carry over to another event or next year's camp. If a student drops out of attending camp, the money they raised will be put in the scholarship fund. They may not designate who their money goes to. A student not attending camp may participate in fundraisers, but the money they raise will be put in the scholarship fund. They may not designate who the money goes to.*

Financial Assistance

There is a very limited amount of "scholarship" money available. The sooner you apply for financial assistance, the more likely we will be able to help you. There are no "full scholarships" available. If you are unable to raise the money you need through the fundraisers and are financially unable to pay your balance, you may apply for financial assistance. Applications are not a guarantee of getting funds. Financial assistance forms are available upon request, are confidential, and must be filled out by the student and parent/legal guardian and turned in **no later than March 1st**. All students requesting financial assistance are required to participate in all fundraisers.

Other information

The Cornerstone and Sonshine medical release forms, packing lists, and other information will be available as we get closer to camp. As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us either by phone, e-mail, or in person.

Camping on a Houseboat

Your student will be living on a houseboat with 16 other people. Each person will be sleeping on the roof under the stars. A sleeping bag is necessary. Guys and girls will be sleeping on opposite sides of the roof with 1 or more adults in between. There is no electricity on the boat so corded beauty and personal care equipment are unnecessary. All students will participate in preparing meals and caring for the boats cleanliness.

If students are not good swimmers they have the option to wear a life jacket or personal floatation device when in the water. All standard boating and safety laws will be upheld during the trip.

To create an atmosphere of modesty, girls will not be allowed to wear 2 piece swimsuits of any kind. All girls are required to wear a **1 piece swimsuit**. Plan ahead so you are not stuck shopping last minute if you need to buy a swimsuit.

Adult Supervision

Due to being stuck on a 45 foot long houseboat, your student will nearly be under direct adult supervision 24 hours a day for the entire week between the Cornerstone sponsors and the Sonshine staff. There is a 1 to 3 ratio of adults to students which is probably the most supervision your student will have all year.

All campers are confined to the houseboat unless specifically allowed to leave. The lake shore is steep and nearly impossible to walk along so students should not be wandering off into the forest.

(Safety is not taken lightly due to the nature of the camp being on the water. In the event that your student chooses to ignore any of the rules, they may, at the discretion of the Cornerstone Sponsors or Sonshine Staff, need to be sent home early. If they have to be sent home early, the parent/guardian of the student will be required to drive to Shasta and is financially liable for any cost incurred in their early return.)

Transportation

We will be traveling to and from Lake Shasta by cars. We will need parents and volunteers to drive students to and from the camp. Please consider helping out especially if you have a larger vehicle. All drivers will be reimbursed for the cost of gas. No student is ever allowed to drive at any Cornerstone Church Youth event.

Required Forms

There will be 4 forms to fill out for your student to attend camp. The forms will be available in May. The first is the blue "Cornerstone Evangelical Free Church PERMISSION SLIP/EMERGENCY RELEASE." This form allows your student to participate in Cornerstone Youth activities at camp. The other 3 are the Sonshine Medical, Liability Release, and Acknowledgment of Risk. Sonshine will not allow your student to be at camp unless these forms are filled out and **signed**. The forms will be mailed out and available on the website.

To Sign up for Camp

Fill out the **Camp Registration Form** completely. The form, along with your \$50 non-refundable deposit, must be turned in to Pastor Mark or the Cornerstone Church office to secure your spot and open your account.

Contact Info

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Cornerstone Houseboat Camp Registration Form

Camp is June 14-19, 2010

Turn in only this sheet – keep the rest for your information

Camper Information

Name: _____ Last Grade Completed (*as of June '09*) _____

Address: _____ City _____

State & Zip Code _____ Birthdate _____

Phone _____ School _____

E-mail _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Name: _____ Relation to camper _____

Address: _____ City _____

State & Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Mobile Phone _____

E-mail _____

Parent/Guardian and Camper sign below:

I have read the Cornerstone Camp Packet and understand all the due dates and financial information:

Camper (student)

Parent/Guardian