



Calvin Crest Outdoor School

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Your school is preparing for a time of outdoor education provided by Calvin Crest Conferences. The administration, teachers and the Calvin Crest staff want your child to have a safe, fun and educational experience while attending Calvin Crest's outdoor education program.

Calvin Crest is located approximately one hour north of Fresno and Madera (20 minutes north of Oakhurst), east of Highway 41 at 5,000 feet elevation. There are housing, dining and recreational facilities on site. Each cabin is heated and equipped with bunk beds and mattresses. Bathrooms have private restroom and shower stalls and plenty of sinks. We have 15 Calvin Crest staff living on site.

The charge for the outdoor education sessions will vary among school districts. The school will notify you of the exact amount prior to the time your child will be participating in the program.

Please note that the student's family insurance plan is the primary source of coverage for an accident occurring while the student is attending the program at Calvin Crest.

Outdoor education is not the only learning that takes place. Social growth and maturing occur as well. As this is a week for the students we do not encourage parent visits. We also discourage phone calls as hearing a parent's voice can bring on feelings of homesickness. We strongly encourage you to write to your child at least once or twice during the week. Not receiving mail can be a contributing factor to homesickness. It takes 2-3 days for mail to reach Calvin Crest. Letters mailed Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday will reach your student while (s)he is at Calvin Crest. Mail sent Wednesday-Thursday may not reach your student by Friday and will be returned to you. Please do not send Express or Priority Mail. It is more expensive to send and takes an extra day to reach your child. Please address mail to your students this way:

Calvin Crest Conferences
(Your student's name), (School name)
45800 Calvin Crest Road
Oakhurst, CA 93644

Oakhurst is equipped with 12-hour/day medical services. In the event your child becomes ill, or is injured and needs medical attention we will make every effort to contract you as soon as possible. If there is an emergency at home and you need to visit or call your child, please notify Calvin Crest, at (559) 683-4450 x221, and the school. We will do what we can to make the necessary arrangements to meet the needs of the situation.

The weather at Calvin Crest is often unpredictable, and nights and mornings are always chilly. There is also occasional rain and/or snow. Therefore, if possible, it is important that your child have sufficient warm clothing and good shoes. Please follow the guidelines on the enclosed equipment/clothing list. We do have an adequate supply of rubber boots available for student use at no cost, and we have a limited number of rain ponchos for sale at our cost in our student store. Please watch weather forecasts on television, or you can check the weather link on our website (www.calvincrest.com) for current forecasts.

Calvin Crest does have a small store where candy, sodas, t-shirts and other items can be purchased. If your child's school decides to have the store open, we suggest looking at our website to see current prices

There are at least five hours of class time each full day of participation. Additional learning experiences are integrated throughout the program. We look forward to serving you and your children. If you have any questions, feel free to contact your school or the following staff at Calvin Crest:

Calvin Crest Outdoor School Staff: (559) 683-4450 x221

Calvin Crest Registrar: (559) 683-4450 x205

Sincerely,

Joel Gist
Outdoor Education Director

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