



November 1, 2017

Hello churches, youth groups, parents and campers!

It's a pretty exciting time up here at Calvin Crest as we get ready for the upcoming season... and that means WINTER CAMP :) Leaves are falling, the air is getting colder, and our staff is gearing up to have an amazing weekend with YOU!

Winter Camp is a great time for your group/your camper to take a take a break from their ordinary routine, relax and have fun, and most importantly connect with God in new and refreshing ways. These weekends always provide great opportunities for relationships to be made and strengthened, both among campers themselves and between youth workers/mentors and campers. And whether it's a Snow-Go or it's a No-Snow, we have always have plenty to do and everybody has a great time at Winter Camp!

There are some changes in our registration policies this year, and so we are including a very detailed instruction packet from our registrar Alexis. If you have any questions about these new instructions, please feel free to call the office and ask her for more details. We want to make it as easy as possible for you to come and be a part of what God will do at Winter Camp 2018.

Yours for Youth,
David Chumley
Program Director
Calvin Crest



WINTER CAMP INFORMATION

You're invited to Winter Camp at Calvin Crest!

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QUICK FACTS

DATES

Middle School Winter Camp	January 26-28, 2018
High School Winter Camp Session 1	February 9-11, 2018
High School Winter Camp Session 2	February 23-25, 2018
College/Young Adults*	December 30-January 01

RATES

\$105 per person	Church Group Rate <i>(Churches must provide all cabin leaders needed for their youth group to qualify)</i>
\$120 per person	Individual Camper <i>(Cabin Leader provided by Calvin Crest)</i>
\$45 per person	Cabin Leader

Please note the use of the term "Cabin Leader" to replace the term, "Counselor."

A \$50 non-refundable deposit per camper is required and applied toward tuition.

A \$25 non-refundable deposit per cabin leader is required and applied toward tuition.

**The registration process for the college/young adult retreat is different. See details at end of page two.*

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Rates are per person and include 2 nights lodging, 5 meals, 4 chapel times, a Calvin Crest Winter Camp T-shirt, and all recreation activities. Rates also includes free access and download to all Winter Camp photos, including large group photo and church group photos.

NEW FOR 2018--A FREE T-SHIRT!

A Calvin Crest Winter Camp T-Shirt is FREE with registration! Please be sure campers and cabin leaders mark their T-shirt size on the registration form and **return your registration forms at least three weeks before camp start date**. Preferred sizes cannot be guaranteed if registration is submitted past that date.

POLICY CHANGE: REGISTRATION CLOSE

Registration for Middle School and High School camps will close two weeks prior to the event. Registrations will not be accepted past that date. *Please note this is a policy change from previous years.*

CHECK-IN TIME AND LOCATION

Check-in is on Friday between 5:00-6:30 PM at the dining hall located above the main parking lot. **Please check-in before unloading any luggage**. Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM. Let us know if you plan to arrive after our designated check-in time.

CHECK-OUT

Check-out is Sunday at 11:00am after breakfast and morning chapel. Lunch is not provided.

AUTHORIZED PICK-UP

Only parents or guardians and persons listed as authorized pick-ups on a camper's registration form will be permitted to pick-up a camper from Calvin Crest. This will also include the person bringing the camper to Calvin Crest. A camper will not be allowed to leave with any other persons unless the camper is 18 years or older. The same restrictions apply to cabin leaders under the age of 18. Changes to a camper's authorized pick-up can be made by calling our office at 559-683-4450.

CABIN LEADER REQUIREMENTS

Middle School Camp: Cabin leaders must be at least 16 years old or be in their Junior year of high school.

High School Camp: Cabin leaders must be at least 19 years old or have completed one year of college, Cabin leaders should be active members of a church or college ministry and demonstrate spiritual maturity and leadership abilities. Cabin leaders must complete a Registration Form even if they are over the age of 18.

BUNKING ASSIGNMENTS

If your church group will require more than one cabin per gender, please submit camper bunking assignments at least one week before the start of camp. If your church group brings three or fewer campers plus a cabin leader, you may be bunked with another cabin leader and campers from another church group. Campers attending without a cabin leader from their church will be bunked with other campers also attending without a cabin leader from their church.

LODGING DESCRIPTIONS

Mountain View Cabins - Girls' Area: There are 12 cabins in our Mountain View cabin area. Cabins are carpeted and have two full private bathrooms. Cabins are separated into two suits with two bunk beds per suite. Doors between the two suits can be opened to allow 8 campers to bunk together or can be closed for privacy. Two cots can be added to each cabin to allow a total occupancy of ten persons per cabin. Campers provide their own bed and bath linens. Two cabins are disabled access and can be assigned to your church group per request.

Westview Cabins - Boys' Area: There are 11 cabins in our Westview cabin area. Cabins have wood floors and four built-in twin sized bunk beds. One cot can be added to each cabin to allow a total occupancy of nine persons per cabin. Three of our cabins can allow two cots to be added, increasing occupancy to 10 persons. Campers provide their own bed and bath linens and share a centrally located bathroom facility. One cabin is disabled access with a private bath and can be assigned to your church group per request. If camp occupancy allows, both genders will be bunked in our Mountain View cabin area.

***NEW YEAR'S RETREAT: DECEMBER 30-JANUARY 01**

College aged young adults who would like to come to our New Year's Retreat can register individually at: www.calvincrest.com. The rate is \$99 per person and does not include a T-shirt. Registration closes December 23, 2017. Winter Camp T-shirts may be purchased in the store.

MINISTRY PHILOSOPHY

Relational ministry is a core value at Calvin Crest. It is important for church groups to provide cabin leaders who will build a relationship with their campers that can continue throughout the year. However, Calvin Crest recognizes we serve campers who attend camp without a sponsoring church group as well as churches who have difficulty recruiting cabin leaders. For this reason, Calvin Crest will provide a cabin leader for these campers at an increased per person rate.

REGISTRATION HOW-TO

Preferred Method - Paper Registration

Please print, make copies, and distribute the 2018 Winter Camp Registration Form. If you would like an editable document to personalize the dates and rates for your church group, please email the registration department. Collect registration forms from campers and cabin leaders and return them to the Calvin Crest Registrar at least three weeks before camp starts. Please check to be sure forms are complete before sending. All campers **AND** cabin leaders (including youth leaders) must complete and return a registration form.

Three ways to return your forms:

1. Scan and Email (Alexis Boardrow alexis@calvincrest.com)
2. Fax (559-683-7118)
3. Mail (Calvin Crest Attn: Registrar, 45800 Calvin Crest Road, Oakhurst, CA 93644)

Alternative Method - Online Registration

You may also direct your campers and cabin leaders to register online at <https://calvincrest.campmanagement.com/campers>. Parents are able to choose their camper's church group affiliation from a drop-down menu, and are able to pay for all or a portion of their camper's tuition with credit card. Parents are also given the option to select "Church or Third Party Payment" if payment will be coming from the church. If your campers will be registering online, a weekly registration update will be provided to your church group leader.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR CHURCH GROUP RATE (\$105 per person)

To qualify for our \$105 per person church group rate, church groups must provide a same-gender cabin leader for each cabin needed to house your youth group. Cabins can house 8-10 participants. Group size alone is not a qualification for church group rate.

EXPLANATION OF INDIVIDUAL CAMPER RATE (\$120 per person)

For campers attending without a church group or with a church group not able to provide a same gender cabin leader, the rate is \$120 per person. Calvin Crest will provide a cabin leader for those campers, and campers attending without a cabin leader will be bunked together. Please note that registration spots are limited for campers attending without a cabin leader.

PAYMENT PROCEDURE

NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT

A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required with camper registration, and a \$25 non-refundable deposit is required with cabin leader registration. All non-refundable deposits are applied toward total tuition due. Non-refundable deposits are due at least three weeks prior to the start of camp.

Preferred Method - Payment by Check from the Church for your Group

Non-Refundable Deposit

Please plan to submit one check for your campers' and cabin leaders' non-refundable deposits at least three weeks before camp starts. Registrations cannot be accepted within one week prior to camp. Included with the check, indicate the number of campers and cabin leaders the non-refundable deposit is for, and **write the camp name in the check memo line** (e.g. "High School Winter Camp Session 1"). Credit card is also accepted for non-refundable deposits.

Final Payment

Final payment is due at the start of camp. Please plan to submit a check at check-in for your remaining balance. Final invoices will be sent the Monday before camp starts unless otherwise requested.

Alternative Method - Total Payment to come from Camper's Family

If campers will be registering online, you may instruct families to pay for the entire camp tuition online with credit card or by submitting a personal check directly to Calvin Crest. If you choose this method, you must inform us in writing (email is sufficient) that the camper's family is responsible for tuition due, and this must apply to ALL of your campers that plan to attend camp.

Alternative Method #2 - Partial Payment from Camper's Family with remaining payment coming from Church

If campers will be registering online, you may instruct families to pay for a portion of the camp tuition online with credit card or by submitting a personal check directly to Calvin Crest with the remaining balance coming from the church. If you choose this method, you must inform us in writing (email is sufficient) the amount due required by the family. This amount must be the same amount required by ALL of your campers that plan to attend camp. These payments will be reflected on your invoice sent the Monday before camp starts. The remaining balance is due by the church on the day camp starts.

CANCELLATION POLICY

If a camper cancels their registration prior to two weeks before the start of camp, they will be issued a refund for all but their non-refundable deposit. Cancellations made within two weeks of the start of camp cannot be guaranteed a full refund. A church group can transfer a canceled camper's non-refundable deposit to a new camper, but cannot apply that deposit to a current camper's balance. Please call our office with concerns.

REGISTRATION TIMELINE

What	Description	Middle School Winter Camp: January 26-28, 2018	High School Winter Camp Session 1: February 9-11, 2018	High School Winter Camp Session 2: February 23-25, 2018
Intent to Register	<i>Please email or call us with information regarding: Session attending; approximate # of campers and their gender; your intent to provide Cabin Leaders.</i>	FRI, DEC 1, 2017	FRI, DEC 1, 2017	FRI, DEC 1, 2017
Non-Refundable Deposit Due 3 Weeks before Camp or earlier	<i>A \$50 (camper) and \$25 (cabin leader) non-refundable deposit is due to secure your reservation.</i>	FRI, JAN 5 2018 or earlier.	FRI, JAN 19, 2018 or earlier.	FRI, FEB 2, 2018 or earlier.
Registration Forms Due 3 Weeks before Camp. T-shirt and desired size guaranteed!	<i>Completed registration forms are due for each camper and cabin leader. Please fax, scan and email, or mail.</i>	FRI, JAN 5, 2018.	FRI, JAN 19, 2018.	FRI, FEB 2, 2018.
Late Registrations Accepted	<i>Registrations are accepted but t-shirts and desired t-shirt size are not guaranteed.</i>	JAN 6 - JAN 12, 2018	JAN 20 - JAN 26, 2018	FEB 3 - FEB 9, 2018.
Registration Closes 2 Weeks before Camp	<i>We are not able to accept registrations after this date..</i>	FRI, JAN 12, 2018.	FRI, JAN 26, 2018.	FRI, FEB 9, 2018.
Invoices Issued Monday before Camp	<i>Unless requested earlier, invoices will be issued on the Monday before camp begins based on your final camper and cabin leader count.</i>	MON, JAN 22, 2018.	MON, FEB 5, 2018.	MON, FEB 19, 2018.
Final Payment Due Day Camp Begins	<i>Final payment is due. Check or credit card (Visa or MasterCard) accepted.</i>	FRI, JAN 26, 2018.	FRI, FEB 9, 2018.	FRI, FEB 23, 2018.

DETAILS FOR PLANNING AHEAD

ROAD CONDITIONS

Please check the weather forecast for Fish Camp, CA before leaving home as weather predictions made for Fish Camp best match the anticipated weather conditions for Calvin Crest. 4-wheel drive vehicles are recommended. Please also check any possible road closures or restrictions as chains may be required even for 4-wheel drive vehicles. In the event of snow, Calvin Crest Road will remain open and plowed, however, there may be ice on the road. Please use caution when driving.

PACKING LIST

Please check the weather forecast for Fish Camp, CA before packing as weather predictions made for this area best match the anticipated weather conditions for Calvin Crest. Plan to dress in layers and bring waterproof clothing and shoes. Refer to the Winter Camp Packing List (available online) to be sure you have all the items you might need throughout the weekend. Remember to pack your pillow, sleeping bag, and towel for the cabin.

MEDICINE

All prescription and non-prescription medications must be turned into the camp medic at check-in. Prescription medications must be in the original prescription package and clearly labeled with the camper's name and dosage by the pharmacy. Non-prescription medications, including vitamins, must be in their original packaging and must be labeled with the camper's name.

CAMP STORE

Gift items, t-shirts, sweatshirts, souvenirs, snacks, and beverages may be purchased in the Camp Store Saturday afternoon during free time. Please send campers with cash in an envelope or ziplock bag marked with the camper's name. We are unable to accept checks. Credit cards (Visa or Mastercard) are accepted for purchases made by adults age 18 or older. All other activities are included in the camp tuition. Items range in price from \$1 - \$20.

DIETARY NEEDS

Calvin Crest is able to accommodate most food allergies, dietary needs, and food restrictions including but not limited to: peanut/nut allergies, vegetarian diets, lactose intolerance, and gluten intolerances. For vegan diets or dietary needs due to a medical condition, such as Celiac Disease, please contact our Director of Food Services, Tim Simms, by phone at 559-683-4450 ext. 224 or email tim@calvincrest.com. Our Director of Food Services must be notified of your needs no later than two weeks before your arrival in order to make proper adjustments to your menu. Please be sure any dietary needs are noted on the back of the Registration Form.

SPEAKER, THEME, HIGHLIGHTS, AND GENERAL CAMP SCHEDULE

Please see our website www.calvincrest.com for information about camp speaker, theme, highlights, and general camp schedule!

Please let us know if you have any additional questions or concerns by calling our office at 559-683-4450 or emailing us at calvinreg@calvincrest.com. You may also email me directly at alexis@calvincrest.com.

Blessings,
Alexis Boardrow, Registrar